

PLEASE NOTE...

1. Weekend Away: our Spring Weekend Away takes place 26th-28th April @ Ashburnham Place, with Glen Scrivener. Glen is a speaker, writer and filmmaker who directs the charity Speak Life. He has written several books including "321: The Story of God, the World and You" and "Long Story Short: The Bible in 12 Phrases". He lives in Eastbourne with his wife, Emma, and daughter, Ruby, and spends most of his time fusing his two favourite activities: being creative and sharing Jesus.

Glen is going to be speaking on the topic of "3-2-1-Go", helping us understand the Good News of Jesus more deeply, and how we can share it more effectively.

Head to the registration desk after the service and make your booking!

2. Easter Sunday: join us on Easter Sunday (21st April) for a special all-age service at 4pm. There is no Sunday school that week, but there will be crèche

3. What's the evidence for Jesus' resurrection?

Join us as Andrew Sach considers this topic at our next Big Questions event. 7 - 8pm, 31st March
Upstairs @ Greenwich Tavern, SE10 9JH.

4. Grace Groups meet this Wednesday: we encourage all members of the church to join a Grace Group to get to know each other, to pray, and to hear from God's word. Why not come this week to try it out? 7.30pm for food, groups from 8 - 9.15pm, King William Court, Old Royal Naval College.

5. Looking further ahead: for the long-term planners amongst us, some dates for your diary:

- Last Grace Group of term: 3rd April
- 2019 Weekends Away:
 - 26th - 28th April 2019
 - 11th - 13th October 2019

6. Giving: Grace Church is funded by the donations of its members. To support our work and give tax efficiently please email treasurer@gracechurchgreenwich.org.uk (40-52-40 / 00027789).

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Sunday 10th March 2019

Welcome!

Andrew Latimer is leading
Andrew Sach will be preaching

"Swing low, sweet chariot"

"And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus"
Acts 13:32-33

SONG: Creation sings the Father's song

CHILDREN'S TALK

CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you
And against our fellow men,
In thought and word and deed,
In the evil we have done
And in the good we have not done,
Through ignorance, through weakness,
Through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may serve you in newness of life
To the glory of your name. Amen.

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NOTICES (children leave for Sunday School & Crèche)

CONGREGATIONAL READING: Luke 24:44-47

SONG: Every promise of our God

SONG: Tell all the world of Jesus

READING: Mark 1:1-11 (p.836)

SONG: Come behold the wondrous mystery

READING: 2 Kings 2 (p.307)

SERMON

PRAYERS

SONG: All hail the power of Jesus' name

BLESSING

Next Sunday service 17th March
2 Kings 3 - The Bible in the British Museum

“Swing low, sweet chariot”

2 Kings 2

How do we know that Jesus is the Saviour-Judge?

- Christian experience?
- Eye-witness evidence of Jesus’ resurrection
- Fulfilment

1. Elisha is Elijah’s true successor

STRUCTURE

- vv1-7 Elijah tries to shake off his successor
- vv8-15 Elisha succeeds Elijah
- vv16-18 Ongoing doubts: a futile search for Elijah
- vv19-22 Elisha can save, just as Elijah did
- vv23-25 Elisha can judge, just as Elijah did

Elijah seems reluctant to hand over the mantle to Elisha, perhaps because of the terrible judgment that is about to fall? (cf. 1 Kings 19:15-19)?

But there is no doubt that God has appointed Elisha as his successor

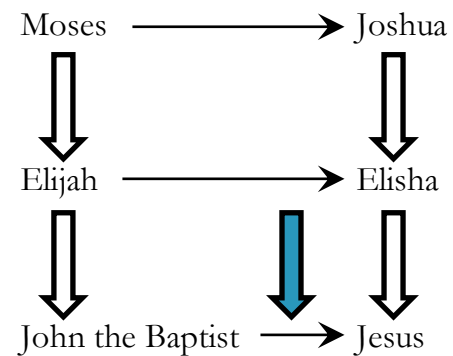
- He parts the water, just as Elijah had done (v8, v14)
- And we are meant to laugh at the fifty sceptics (vv16-18, cf. 2 Kings 1)

2. Elisha is unmistakably the Saviour-Judge

He brings salvation at *Jericho* (vv18-22; cf. 1 Kings 16:34)

He brings judgment at *Bethel* (vv23-25; cf. 1 Kings 12:28-30)

3. All of this foreshadows the coming of Jesus



4. Jesus is unmistakably the Saviour-Judge

Coffee questions

If you are not a Christian: what do you make of the way that Jesus fulfils the Old Testament? Does this persuade you of his identity as Saviour and Judge?

If you are a Christian: how might you point sceptical friends to the extraordinary way that Jesus fulfils prophecy?

Everyone: have we forgotten that Jesus, the Saviour, is also coming to judge?