

PLEASE NOTE...

1. Grace Groups meet this Wednesday: we encourage all regular members of the church to join a Grace Group, meeting weekly on Wednesdays to get to know God better through his Word, to pray together, and to support one another. If you're new to the church or haven't yet made the step of joining a Grace Group, why not come along on Wednesday to try it out? 7:30pm for food, groups from 8-9:15pm, King William Court, Old Royal Naval College.

2. Where is God when life hurts? Join us as Andrew Latimer considers this topic at our next Big Questions event. 7-8pm 27 January. Upstairs at the Greenwich Tavern, SE10 9JH

3. Lunar New Year: Our traditional Lunar New Year event continues this year. This year it will be over lunchtime on Saturday 2nd February at Kitcho Japanese restaurant, 57 Greenwich High Rd, SE10 8LP, and will include a talk about the Christian faith.

4. Is Christianity hate speech? How should Christians navigate speaking about their faith in a shifting culture? Join us and other local churches as Prof Tom Simpson helps us consider this issue. 7:45pm for 8pm, Thursday 21 March, St John's Blackheath SE3 7TH.

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

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

Welcome!

Andrew Latimer is leading
Andrew Sach will be preaching

"Nothing escapes God's notice"

*"The eyes of the Lord are towards the righteous
and his ears towards their cry."*
(Psalm 34:15)

SONG: Indescribable

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 12:2-3

SONG: God of grace, amazing wonder

SONG: O great God

READING: 1 Kings 21:1-16 (p.303)

SONG: God the uncreated one

READING: 1 Kings 21:17-29 (p.304)

SERMON

PRAYERS

QUESTION TIME: Text questions to 07520 632065

SONG: To God be the glory

BLESSING

Next Sunday service 13 January – 1 Kings 22:1-50
"The prophet who refused to scratch where we itch"

“Nothing escapes God’s notice”

1 Kings 21

1. The tyranny of king Ahab (and his wife Jezebel)

He broke the 10th commandment

He wants to un-rescue Israel (vineyards and vegetable gardens!)

She uses religion as a political weapon

APPLICATION: Many will suffer at the hands of the powerful, and even at the hands of the religious

2. The justice and the mercy of God

God sees the exploitation of the vulnerable

Ahab and Jezebel will go to the dogs, literally (v19, v23; cf. 14:11; 16:4)

But God is delighted at Ahab’s repentance and shows some mercy (v27-29)

APPLICATION: The oppressor must watch out; the oppressed can take comfort

3. The glory of King Jesus

He can sympathise with Naboth (Matthew 26:59-60)

He is nothing like Ahab

APPLICATION: No-one will suffer under this king