

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Come People Of The Risen King

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 and Crèche)

INTERVIEW

RESPONSES

SONG: The Church's One Foundation

SONG: King Of Kings, Majesty

READING: Acts 6:1-7 (pg. 914)

SERMON

PRAYERS

Q&A: Text questions to 07520632065

SONG: The Servant King

BLESSING

NOTICES

International Student Meals – 6th March

In partnership with Friends International, we hope to offer "a Sunday lunch at home" to international students after the 10:30am service on 6th March. Please email Naomi (naomi.pick@greenwich.church) if you think you could host a lunch.

Grace Groups

Our small group Bible studies meet on Wednesdays at 8pm (7.10pm for food) in the King William building, Greenwich. This week we will be looking at Exodus 7:8-10:29.

Bitesize Theology

This Wednesday we will start a new series on the Holy Spirit with a short talk and Q&A on the "Person and Work of the Spirit". This will happen before Grace Groups, starting at 7:15pm in the King William Building.

Giving

Grace Church is funded wholly by the donations of its members. To support our work and give tax efficiently please email treasurer@greenwich.church (40-52-40 / 00027789) or give through our website at www.greenwich.church/give

Serving Form

For those looking for new ways to serve the church, scan the QR code below to access a form. There is a role for everyone!



Next Sunday, 20th February: Acts 6:8-7:1



Welcome!

Sunday 13th February 2022

“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.”

Ephesians 4:11-12 (ESV)

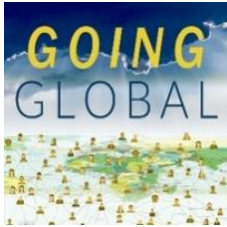
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Acts 6:1-7



6 Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.² And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables.”³ Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty.⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”⁵ And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch.⁶ These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷ And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Introduction: Gardeners’ Question Time

Q. What causes the church to grow?

A. The word of God (v7)

Q. What will hinder the growth of Grace Church Greenwich?

A. Disunity (v1)

The problem: some people don’t feel cared for (v1)

The church had had an amazing track record in caring for the poor (Acts 2:44-45; 4:34-37)

But now there is division on ethnic lines (v1)

The wrong solution: the apostles neglect preaching to meet the need (v2)

The right solution: others are appointed to serve (v3)

Some give themselves to “prayer and the ministry of the word” (v4)

Others give themselves to “ministering tables” (v2)

- Both roles involve serving
- Both require godly, wise, spirit-filled people (v3, v5)
- Both are necessary for the growth of the church...

The outcome: the church continued to increase (v7)

COFFEE QUESTIONS:

How can we ensure that the word of God and practical care are both priorities at Grace Church?

How can we ensure that the same people don’t bear all the burden?

How can I be involved?