

PLEASE NOTE...

1. Grace Church Weekend Away: 16-18 November, Ashburnham Place, TN33 9NF. Christopher Ash speaking on "Understanding Jesus". Booking now open

2. Hasn't science disproved the creation story?

Join us as Andrew Sach considers this topic at our next Big Questions event. 7-8pm 30th Sept. Upstairs at the Greenwich Tavern, SE10 9JH

3. Grace Groups meet every 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.

4. Christianity Explored: This is a DVD-based course that we run regularly for sceptics, enquirers or anyone wanting to go over the foundations of Christianity. There is plenty of opportunity to ask questions, or just to listen if you prefer. It usually runs for 7 Wednesday evenings (7:30-9:30), but why not just come once to see if it is for you. Let us know if you are interested.
explore@gracechurchgreenwich.org.uk.

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

- Big Questions this term:
 - 25 November – Can we really trust the Bible?
- Last Grace Group of term: 12 Dec
- 2019 Weekends Away:
 - 26-28 April 2019
 - 11-13 October 2019

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Sunday, 14 October 2018

Welcome!

Andrew Sach is leading
Andrew Latimer will be preaching

**"Why I can't believe:
I follow a different philosophy already"**

*"I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep"
(John 10:11)*

SONG: Come Thou fount of every blessing

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: Psalm 23

SONG: The Lord's my shepherd

SONG: I will wait for you

READING: Ezekiel 34:1-24 (p.722)

SONG: I cannot tell

READING: John 10:1-21 (p.896)

SERMON

PRAYERS

QUESTION TIME: Text questions to 07520 632065

SONG: There is a higher throne

BLESSING

Next Sunday 21 October 2018 -
John 10:22-42 "Why I can't believe:
'The Trinity is nonsensical'"

“Why I can’t believe: I follow a different philosophy”

John 10:1-21

**Chapter 9 recap: Siding with Jesus means
being rejected by the world**

But it’s worth following Jesus because...

**1. Only the true shepherd knows his sheep
(1-6)**

**2. Only the true shepherd gives life to his
sheep (v7-10)**

(and we’ve got to follow someone)

**3. Only the true shepherd lays down his life
for his sheep (v11-21)**

Coffee questions:

The beggar in chapter 9 discovered that siding with Jesus means being rejected by the world: in what ways is it costly to follow Jesus in your situation?

When are we inclined to think that we will be freer by not following Jesus? When are we inclined to think that following Jesus wholeheartedly will spoil our lives? How can we use Jesus’ teaching in this chapter to help us in those moments?

What are the alternative voices which aim to take us away from following Jesus? How does this passage help us to resist them?