

PLEASE NOTE...

1. Newcomers: please stay around after the service for tea and cake (on the ground floor); we'd love to welcome you properly! If you'd like us to keep in touch, fill in your contact details on the relevant page of our Term Card.

2. Suffering: Where is God when life hurts? Our monthly "Big Questions" series continues next Sunday from 7-8pm at the Spanish Galleon, SE10 9BL. Andrew Latimer will give a talk followed by Q&A. Please invite friends and neighbours for whom this would be of interest. Flyers available (they look like beer mats).

3. Link-up Lunches: an opportunity to get to know one another better by hosting or attending a Sunday lunch on 1st March. Sign up at www.greenwich.church/lunch

4. Bitesize Theology: this term, for those who are able to arrive early for Grace Groups (see below), we are offering a 20-minute introduction to key Christian doctrines. This week: *Idolatry*. Come at 7:15pm for a prompt start.

5. Grace Groups/Christianity Explored: we meet every Wednesday in small groups to study the Bible together downstairs in this building from 7.45-9.15pm. There is pizza for those who want it. At the same time we run a Christianity Explored course for anyone wanting to go over the foundations of Christianity. No need to sign up; just turn up and try it for one week.

6. Talks Online: you can catch up or listen again to the Sunday sermons either on the church website, via our iPhone or Android app, or via smart speaker (users on Amazon Echo devices just need to say "Open Grace Church Greenwich" and Google Home/Assistant users "Talk to Grace Church Greenwich")

7. Giving: Grace Church is funded by the donations of its members. To support our work and give tax efficiently please contact treasurer@greenwich.church (40-52-40/00027789)

8. Looking ahead:

- Book Discussion: "The 10 Commandments" (30th March)
- Spring Weekend Away (24th-26th April)
- Book Discussion: "Dominion" (4th May)

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Sunday 16th February 2020

Welcome!

Andrew Latimer is leading
Andrew Sach will be preaching

"God's Top Ten: Don't Commit Adultery"

*"As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you."*
Isaiah 62:5 (ESV)

SONG: Love divine, all loves excelling

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

SONG: Great is your faithfulness

SONG: Alas! And did my Saviour bleed

READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 (page 987)

SONG: O great God of highest heaven

READING: Exodus 20:1-17 (page 61)

SERMON

PRAYERS

Q&A (text questions to 07520632065)

SONG: All I have is Christ

BLESSING

Next Sunday 23rd February – God's Top Ten: Don't Steal

“God's Top Ten: Don't Commit Adultery”

Exodus 20:14

**Just as St Nicholas didn't invent Christmas, so
St Valentine didn't invent romance**

(Genesis 2:18-24 cf. Matthew 19:4-6)

- God intended it between one man and one women
- God intended it to be powerful and permanent
- God intended it as the foundation of family

**Marriage is a God-given picture of our
relationship with God**

(Isaiah 62:5; Hosea 2:14-20; Ephesians 5:52-33;
2 Corinthians 11:2; Revelation 19:6-9)

**God forbids whatever undermines or threatens
his beautiful pattern for sex only within marriage**

- Adultery (e.g. Exodus 20:14)
- Divorce (Deuteronomy 24:1-4
cf. Matthew 5:31-32; 19:3-9)
- Fornication (e.g. Deuteronomy 22:13-21;
1 Corinthians 6:18-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8)
- Homosexuality (e.g. Leviticus 18:22; Romans
1:26-37)
- Prostitution (e.g. Deuteronomy 22:20-21)
- Polygamy (e.g. 1 Timothy 3:2)
- Incest (e.g. Leviticus 18:8-19)
- Bestiality (e.g. Exodus 22:19; Leviticus 18:23;
20:15-16)
- Pornography (e.g. Matthew 5:27-30)

**Jesus calls us to turn from sexual sin; if we do, we
can be cleansed, sanctified, justified.**

(1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

A postscript on St Valentine

COFFEE QUESTIONS

How can you uphold marriage? (Hebrews 13:4)

How can you “flee from sexual immorality?”
(1 Corinthians 6:18)

If you are repenting of past wrongs, how can you apply to
yourself the comfort of 1 Corinthians 6:11?