

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Ancient of Days

CHILDREN'S TALK

CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you
And against our neighbour,
In thought and word and deed,
In the evil we have done
And in the good we have not done,
Through negligence, 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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the Church of England, 2000-2006

NOTICES (Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

INTERVIEW

RESPONSIVE READING: Jeremiah 9:23-24

SONG: How Deep the Father's Love for Us

SONG: Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

READING: 1 Corinthians 1:17-2:5 (pg. 952)

SERMON

PRAYERS

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen

SONG: Christ Our Wisdom

BLESSING

NOTICES

Connect with us

If you're new at Grace Church or have been coming for a while, we'd love to connect. Sign up to our Newsletter or WhatsApp Group by scanning the QR code or emailing info@greenwich.church.



Grace Groups

We meet on Wednesday nights at 8pm at the King William Building. Join us as we study God's word together in small groups, get to know each other and pray for one another.

Christianity Explored

We are offering a **Christianity Explored** course for anyone wishing to learn more about the Christian faith or brush up on some of the basics. It's not too late to join on Wednesdays at 8pm in Greenwich. Sign up via www.greenwich.church/christianityexplored

Summer Weekend Away – **Deadline today!**

Booking closes today for our Summer Weekend Away from 20th-22nd June at Ashburnham Place, Kent. Richard Coekin will be speaking on the book of Jonah. Everyone is welcome, bursaries are available.



Giving

Grace Church is fully funded by the donations of its members. See www.greenwich.church/give or set up a bank transfer (40-52-40/00027789) or to give tax efficiently contact treasurer@greenwich.church.

Next Sunday: 1 Corinthians 2:6-3:4

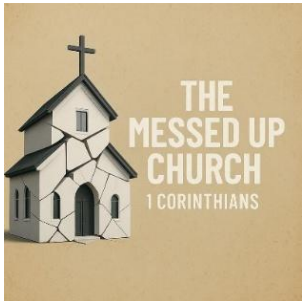


Welcome!

Sunday 1st June 2025

*“Christ Jesus [...] became to us wisdom
from God, righteousness and
sanctification and redemption”
1 Corinthians 1:30 (ESV)*

1 Corinthians 1:17-2:5



For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe?

Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴ and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

The cross is ...		
They are...		

Why can't the gospel be more impressive?

1) Gospel preachers ~~need not~~ must not rely on human wisdom

“lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power” (1:17)

“that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God” (2:5)

APPLICATION: Do we put too much faith in the best preachers?

2) Because cross is an offence to human wisdom

“to shame the wise / the strong / to bring to nothing” (v27-28)

“so that no human being might boast in the presence of God” (v29)

“so that, as it is written, ‘Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.’” (v31)

APPLICATION: Where is our boasting?

Question for reflection: Do you wish Grace Church Greenwich was more impressive?