

PLEASE NOTE...

1. Newcomers: please stay around after the service for tea and cake (on the ground floor) so we can welcome you properly. If you'd like us to keep in touch with you, fill in your contact details inside one of the Term Cards.

2. Grace Groups: we meet every Wednesday downstairs in this building from 7.45 – 9.15pm (pizza from 7.30pm). We encourage those new to the church to join a year-long study of Mark's gospel, while others of us will look at the Sermon on the Mount and the book of Hebrews. We also spend time in prayer for one another.

3. Christianity Explored: we regularly run this DVD-based course 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 seven Wednesday evenings but why not just come once to see if it is for you? Contact explore@greenwich.church

4. Autumn Weekend Away 11-13th October (bookings close today!):

today is the deadline for signing up to our next church weekend away at Ashburnham Place in Sussex! As usual there will be a full children's programme as well as the main teaching sessions with Jamie Child on the topic of "The Church". Book today through the church website (just scan the code).



5. Identity: Do we really decide who we are? The first in our monthly "Big Questions" series. Andrew Sach will give a short talk followed by Q&A. This year there is also live jazz! Please invite friends and neighbours. Sunday 29th September, 7 - 8pm, upstairs at the Spanish Galleon, SE10 9BL.

6. 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)

7. Looking further ahead:

- 24th October, Pub Quiz (with gospel talk)

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Sunday 22nd September 2019

Welcome!

Andrew Latimer is leading
Andrew Sach will be preaching

"When I'm Gone: Fear No Evil"

*"As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good,
to bring it about that many people should be kept alive,
as they are today."
Genesis 50:20*

SONG: God immortal, invisible

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 (on screen)

SONG: God the uncreated one

SONG: Behold our God

READING: Psalm 41 (page 602)

SONG: Blessed be your name

READING: John 13:18-30 (page 900)

SERMON

PRAYERS

Q&A (text questions to 07520632065)

SONG: Tell out, my soul

BLESSING

Next Sunday 29th September – John 13:31-35

“When I’m Gone: Don’t be a Judas”

John 13:18-30

What betrayal tells us about Judas (a warning)

- 1) He was an insider (v21)
- 2) None of his peers knew of his treachery (v22-26)
- 3) He was already compromising with sin

“But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it.”
(John 12:4-6)

- 4) The devil was at work in him

“During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray him” (John 13:2)

“Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him.” (John 13:27)

- 5) He slipped into to the darkness (v30)

“And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.” (John 3:19-21)

“Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12)

“Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” (John 11:9-10)

“So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.” (John 12:35-36)

BEWARE!

What betrayal tells us about Jesus

- 1) He knew about it (vv18-19)

“Jesus answered them, “Did I not choose you, the twelve? And yet one of you is a devil.” (John 6:70)

“Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.” (John 13:10-11)

- 2) It troubled him (v21)

Psalm 41

- 3) He allowed it (v27)

PRAISE JESUS!

COFFEE QUESTIONS

How does Judas’ betrayal unsettle you? How could God use this warning for your good.

How does Jesus’ willing sacrifice astonish you? How could God use this to grow your love for him?

