

PLEASE NOTE...

1. 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 ask one of the pastors about them. 7:30pm for food, groups from 8-9:15pm, King William Court, Old Royal Naval College.

2. 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), starting 3rd October, but why not just come once to see if it is for you. Let us know if you are interested. explore@gracechurchgreenwich.org.uk.

3. "How should Christians respond to Islam?" Come and hear Rob Scott address this question at our joint church initiative. 8pm this Thursday 27th September. St Michael's, Blackheath park, SE3 9JL.

4. Isn't Christianity sexually repressive? Join us as Andrew Sach considers this topic at our next Big Questions event next week. 7-8pm 30th Sept. Upstairs at the Greenwich Tavern, SE10 9JH.

5. Welcome lunch: Whether you're a newcomer or an old-timer, all are welcome! 30th Sept 1:30pm at Cutty Sark Nandos. Email: Hangandjanise@gmail.com or just turn up.

6. Giving: Grace Church is funded by the donations of its members. To support our work and give tax efficiently please email treasurer@gracechurchgreenwich.org.uk (40-52-40 / 00027789).

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Sunday, 23 September 2018

Welcome!

Andrew Latimer is leading
Andrew Sach will be preaching

"Why I can't believe: There's not enough evidence"

*"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth,
will draw all people to myself."
(John 12:32)*

SONG: The splendour of the 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 & creche)

VISION OF GRACE CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL READING: 1 Corinthians 1:22-24

SONG: Be Thou my vision

SONG: What grace is mine

READING: John 3:9-15 (p.1070)

SONG: Light of the world

READING: John 8:12-30 (p.1078)

SERMON

PRAYERS

SONG: In Christ alone

BLESSING

Next Sunday 30 September 2018 -

John 8:31-59 "Why I can't believe: I'm alright Jack!"

“Why I can’t believe: there’s not enough evidence”

John 8:12-30

“Jesus spoke to them saying, ‘I am the light of the world’” (v12)

But those in the dark don’t understand the light

I know where I came from and where I am going (v14)	You do not know where I come from or where I am going (v15)
My judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me (v16)	You judge according to the flesh (v15)
I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me (v18)	You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also (v19)
I am from above I am not of this world (v22)	You are from below You are of this world (v22)

Compare also 5:30-47

Not believing in Jesus is serious

““Unless you believe that I am ... you will die in your sins”” (v24)

But there is hope in his death on the cross

““When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am”” (v28)

COFFEE QUESTION

What’s the reason so few people in Greenwich follow Jesus? How serious is that? What hope is there?