ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Lovingkindness

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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NOTICES (Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

INTERVIEW

SONG: Be Still, Be Still, My Soul

SONG: Be Thou My Vision

READING: 1 Corinthians 7:1-24 (pg. 955)

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: Jesus, Thank You

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.

Summer Fellowship

Our last Summer Fellowship meeting will be this Wednesday, 8pm in the King William Building to look at the life of Augustine.

Grace Group Survey

Grace Groups (our small group Bible studies) will resume mid-September. **Please could you fill out this short survey** about your availabilities and preferences to help us plan for the coming year? Groups will resume from September 23rd!

Theatre Move & 10-year Anniversary

We will be moving our Greenwich Sunday Service to **Greenwich Theatre** from **14th September.**

We'll also be celebrating **10 years** of Grace Church on **September 28th**!

Weekend Away

Save the date for our next Weekend Away – October 10th to 12th. Sign ups opening soon!

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 7:24-40

Grace Church takes the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults seriously. If you have any concerns, please e-mail Sarah Wilde at safeguarding@greenwich.church, or contact the Diocese of Southwark Safeguarding Team (020 7939 9423). www.greenwich.church/safeguarding.

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GRACE CHURCH GREENWICH

Welcome!

Sunday 24th August 2025

"Everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving"

1 Timothy 4:4 (ESV)

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

1 Corinthians 7:1-24

1 Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: “It is
good for a man not to have sexual relations with a
woman.” 2 But because of the temptation to sexual immorality,
each man should have his own wife and each woman her own
husband. 3 The husband should give to his wife her conjugal
rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. 4 For the wife does
not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the
husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. 5 Do not
deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may
devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not
tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

6 Now as a concession, not a command, I say this. 7 I wish that all were as I myself
am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another.

8 To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single as
I am. 9 But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better
to marry than to burn with passion.

10 To the married I give this charge (not I, but the Lord): the wife should not
separate from her husband 11 (but if she does, she should remain unmarried or else
be reconciled to her husband), and the husband should not divorce his wife.

12 To the rest I say (I, not the Lord) that if any brother has a wife who is an
unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her. 13 If any
woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she
should not divorce him. 14 For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of
his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise
your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy. 15 But if the unbelieving
partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved.
God has called you to peace. 16 For how do you know, wife, whether you will save
your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?

17 Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which
God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches. 18 Was anyone at the time
of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of
circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek
circumcision. 19 For neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision,
but keeping the commandments of God. 20 Each one should remain in the
condition in which he was called. 21 Were you a slave when called? Do not be
concerned about it. (But if you can gain your freedom, avail yourself of the
opportunity.) 22 For he who was called in the Lord as a slave is a freedman of the
Lord. Likewise he who was free when called is a slave of Christ. 23 You were
bought with a price; do not become slaves of men. 24 So, brothers, in whatever
condition each was called, there let him remain with God.

Do I need to run away & become a monk?

1. **Being a Christian does not mean fleeing marriage (v1-16)**

   For those who are married

   For those who are single

   For those married to an unbeliever

2. **Being a Christian means remembering who you are (v17-24)**

   You were called

1 Corinthians 1:2 ‘those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints’
1 Corinthians 1:9 ‘you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord’
1 Corinthians 1:26 ‘For consider your calling brothers’

   You were bought with a price

   And so, you’re free to remain where you are, with God!

DISCUSSION STARTER:

Do you ever think “I can’t be a real Christian with the life that I’m in”?

How does remembering that you were called and that you were bought with a price help?