

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. TONIGHT: Does God care about my happiness? Our monthly "Big Questions" series continues tonight from 7-8pm at the Spanish Galleon, SE10 9BL. Andrew Latimer will give a talk followed by Q&A. Do bring along friends and neighbours for whom this would be of interest.

3. Link-up Lunches: an opportunity to get to know one another better by hosting or attending a Sunday lunch on 12th January. Sign up via the laptop downstairs after the service, through the weekly email or here: <http://bit.ly/2rms2wT>

4. Flying for Carol Services: we will be singing carols and handing out flyers to commuters at 7.20-8.20am on 4th December at Maze Hill station and 6th December at Greenwich station. There will also be a group inviting through door-knocking in Greenwich from 10am on 30th November. RSVP for this to nathan.killen@greenwich.church

5. Greenwich Park Christmas Walk: 22nd December, meeting at 2pm by the Ship-in-a-bottle at the Park side of the Maritime Museum. We will aim to finish at the Latimers' for some mince pies from 3.30-5pm. So we know roughly how many to expect, RSVP to andrew.latimer@greenwich.church

6. 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 (pizza from 7.30pm). This includes a Christianity Explored course for sceptics, enquirers or anyone wanting to go over the foundations of Christianity. No need to sign up, just turn up and try it for one week.

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. Christmas at Grace Church Greenwich:

- Adult Carol Service (4pm, 8th December)
- All-age Carol Service (4pm, 15th December)
- No Sunday Service (22nd December)
- Christmas Day (The Village Church, SE10 8LA, 10.30am)
- Joint Service at St. Peter's Barge, E14 4AL (11am, 29th December)

9. Looking ahead:

- Student Weekend Away (31st January-2nd February)
- Spring Weekend Away (24th-26th April)

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Sunday 24th November 2019

Welcome!

Andrew Sach is leading
Andrew Latimer will be preaching

"When I'm Gone: You Will Have Invincible Joy"

*"And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."
John 17:3*

SONG: Come, people of the risen 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 & crèche)

CONGREGATIONAL READING

SONG: 10,000 reasons

SONG: There is a day

READING: John 20:19-23 (page 906)

SONG: Christ is mine forevermore

READING: John 16:16-28 (page 902)

SERMON

PRAYERS

Q&A (text questions to 07520632065)

SONG: There is a hope

BLESSING

Next Sunday 1st December – John 16:28-33

“When I’m Gone: You Will Have Invincible Joy”

John 16:16-28

Introduction: the pursuit of happiness

1) Jesus wins us invincible joy... (vv16-22)

**2)...by bringing us into relationship with God.
(vv23-28)**

-Knowing God

-Enjoying access to God...

...on Jesus’ authority

...with Jesus’ aims

COFFEE QUESTIONS

-What things do you look to in life to bring you happiness? Why do you think so many experiences of happiness are partial and short-lived?

-Are there times when you feel God is more likely to answer your prayers than at other times? What difference should it make knowing that we’re praying on Jesus’ authority?

-Do we tend to think of salvation as a thing? What difference should it make to the way we pray knowing that salvation is the relationship?

-What kinds of things hold us back from praying? What truths from this passage can help us knock-down those obstacles?