

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: King of Kings

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

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 16:8-11

SONG: When I Was Lost

SONG: Jesus

READING: Acts 17:1-15 (pg. 926)

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: Yes and Amen

BLESSING

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.

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 Tuesdays at 8pm in Canada Water Library. 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 revisit some of the basics. The course will run over 4 weeks, on Tuesdays, 6.45 – 7.45pm, starting from May 27th. Sign up via www.greenwich.church/christianityexplored

Summer Weekend Away

Booking is open 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: Acts 17:16-34



Welcome!

Sunday 25th May 2025

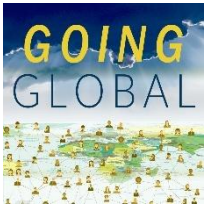
*It was necessary...
"[that] this Jesus, whom I proclaim
to you, is the Christ."
Acts 17:3b (ESV)*

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Acts 17 :1-15



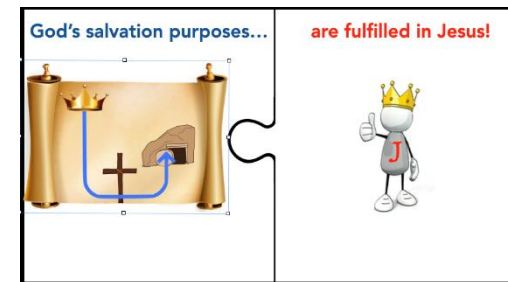
Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. ²And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, “This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ.” ⁴And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. ⁵But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. ⁶And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, “These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, ⁷and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus.” ⁸And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things. ⁹And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

¹⁰The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. ¹¹Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. ¹²Many of them therefore believed, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men. ¹³But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was proclaimed by Paul at Berea also, they came there too, agitating and stirring up the crowds. ¹⁴Then the brothers immediately sent Paul off on his way to the sea, but Silas and Timothy remained there. ¹⁵Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens, and after receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him as soon as possible, they departed.

Why do some people believe and others don't?

1. Trusting Jesus is reasonable and invites investigation

The argument: God's salvation purposes...are fulfilled in Jesus



2. So we must be careful how we listen

Teachable

Hungry

Diligent

Discussion Starters:

Paul wants us to understand Jesus as the fulfilment of all that's gone before. How should this impact how we relate to the Old Testament? How should this impact how we present Jesus to others?

What might it look like in your situation to be more “Berean”?