

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: He Is Our God

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: All Creatures of Our God & King

SONG: Let Your Kingdom Come

READING: Matthew 25:1-13 (pg. 830)

SERMON: 2 Peter 3:1-13 (pg. 1019)

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: 10,000 Reasons

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 Weekend Away

Booking is now open for our Summer Weekend Away from 20th-22nd June at Ashburnham Place. Richard Coekin will be speaking on the book of Jonah. Scan the QR code to book your place. All are welcome, whether you are new to Grace Church or not!



Dates for your Diary

7:30pm, 2nd May, **Women's Book Club**

11th-18th May, **Sceptics Week**

+ various opportunities to serve in outreach & Christian camps over the next months and the summer. Please check our newsletter or email info@greenwich.church.

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: 2 Peter 3:11-18



Welcome!

Sunday 27th April 2025

“The Lord is not slow to fulfil his promise as some count slowness, but is patient towards you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.”

2 Peter 3:9 (ESV)

2 Peter 3:1-13



This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder,² that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Saviour through your apostles,³ knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires.⁴ They will say, “Where is the

promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.”⁵ For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God,⁶ and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished.⁷ But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgement and destruction of the ungodly.

⁸ But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfil his promise as some count slowness, but is patient towards you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³ But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

“Where is Jesus? Why hasn’t He come back yet?”

When we may doubt Jesus’s return...

1. Remember the promises of your Creator & Judge

Peter’s reminder

Scoffers scoff at God’s end-time promises – they’re not neutral

These promises are from our Creator & Judge – they are reliable

2. Remember Jesus’s patience

‘With the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day’

Jesus is not slow; He is patient

But His patience won’t go on forever

Discussion Questions:

Can you ever doubt that Jesus will return? How does remembering our Creator & Judge’s promises and remembering Jesus’s patience help as we wait for Jesus?