

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Ancient Of Days

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)

INTERVIEW WITH ARCHDEACON
(morning service only)

RESPONSES: Philippians 2:6-11

SONG: Speak O Lord

READING: Luke 1:26-38 (p. 855)

SERMON

PRAYERS

SONG: In Christ Alone

COMMUNION

SONG: Let Your Kingdom Come

BLESSING

NOTICES

Christmas Services

All services will be held both at 10:30am at the Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich, and at 4pm at Eltham College, Mottingham.

5th Dec - Jazz Carol Service

12th Dec - Traditional Carol Service

19th Dec - The Greatest Gift Treasure Hunt
(from 9:45am and 3:15pm) followed by
All Age Carol Service

Book discussion

Join us at 8pm on the 17th January 2022 for a book discussion on "Men and Women in the Church" by Kevin DeYoung. Venue tbc.

Grace Groups

Our small group Bible studies meet on Wednesdays at 8pm (7:30pm for food) in the King William building of the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.

Fellowship Fund

The Fellowship Fund offers support for Grace Church members who are facing financial difficulty. This may take the form of a loan and/or a grant, and signposting to debt advice through Christians Against Poverty. Apply at <https://is.gd/fellowshipfund>

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Next Sunday, 5th December: Luke 1:39-56

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**GRACE CHURCH
GREENWICH**

Welcome!

Sunday 28th November 2021

*“He will reign over the house of Jacob forever,
and of his kingdom there will be no end.”*

Luke 1:33

Luke 1:26-38



²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favoured one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Introduction: do I have to believe in the Virgin Birth?

The announcement: the **Son of the Most High** will be born!

- a king (v32)

"I will raise up your offspring after you ... and I will establish his kingdom... I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son."
(2 Samuel 7:12, 14)

- ... a forever king (v33)

"I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever... And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever." (2 Samuel 7:13, 16)

- ... a *holy* forever king (v35)

The response: ~~trust Mary~~ **copy Mary and trust God**

- it's rational to believe this because God's done something similar before (v36)

- it's rational to believe this because God can do anything (v37)

- what a great model Mary is! As one who shows us the right response to God's gift of grace (v38; cf. v28, v30, Ephesians 1:6)

COFFEE QUESTIONS:

What would you say to someone who objected to the Virgin Birth as an obstacle to Christian faith?

How, rightly understood, is it a help to our faith?