

PLEASE NOTE...

1. Newcomers: please do 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 with you, fill in your contact details on the relevant page of our Term Cards.

2. Identity: Do we really decide who we are? Tonight from 7-8pm is the first in our monthly "Big Questions" series. Andrew Sach will give a short talk followed by Q&A. This year there is also some live jazz! Do bring along friends and neighbours for whom this would be useful. The event will take place upstairs at the Spanish Galleon pub, SE10 9BL.

3. Grace Groups: we meet every Wednesday downstairs in this building from 7.45 – 9.15pm (pizza from 7.30pm). We encourage those new to the church to join a year-long study of Mark's gospel, while others of us will look at the Sermon on the Mount and the book of Hebrews. We also spend time in prayer for one another. No need to sign up, just turn up and try it for one week.

4. Book of the Term: *Can we Trust the Gospels* by Peter Williams is on sale downstairs for £5.99 (RRP £11.99). Towards the end of term, we will organise a get together for those who would like to discuss the book.

5. Pub Quiz: 7:30pm 24th October at the Spanish Galleon, SE10 9BL. If you'd like to register your interest or confirm numbers for a team at this event, please contact hollysarahr@gmail.com to reserve a table. Jon Gemmell will also be giving a short talk about the Christian faith, so do spread the word to those who might be glad to come.

6. Christianity Explored: we regularly run this DVD-based course for sceptics, enquirers or anyone wanting to go over the foundations of Christianity. There is plenty of opportunity to ask questions, or just to listen if you prefer. It usually runs for seven Wednesday evenings but why not just come once to see if it is for you? Contact explore@greenwich.church

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)

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Sunday 29th September 2019

Welcome!

Andrew Latimer is leading
Andrew Sach will be preaching

"When I'm Gone: Love One Another"

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."
John 3:16*

SONG: Forever (give thanks to the Lord)

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 (on screen)

SONG: Oh how good it is

SONG: My Saviour's love (what tongue could tell)

READING: Acts 2:42-47 (page 911)

SONG: Beneath the cross of Jesus

READING: John 13:31-35 (page 900)

SERMON

PRAYERS

Q&A (text questions to 07520632065)

SONG: Church of God, elect and glorious

BLESSING

Next Sunday 6th October – John 13:36-14:7

“When I’m Gone: Love One Another”

John 13:31-35

“Love one another”

Universal

Easy

“Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another” (v34)

Much harder.



“Love your neighbour as yourself”
(Leviticus 19:18)

“Love [the stranger] as yourself”
(Leviticus 19:34)

“Love your enemies”
(Matthew 5:44)

“As I have loved you, you also are to love one another” (John 13:34)

“one another”

“as I have loved you”

humbly

sacrificially

for your good

Uniquely, recognisably Christian (v35)

A command in the context of glory (vv31-32)

The Father wants to glory the Son

“Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it” (John 8:50)

“If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me” (John 8:54)

The Son wants to glorify the Father

“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name” (John 12:27-28)

The Father and Son want to glorify each other

““Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you” (John 17:1)

“I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed” (John 17:4-5)

Love one another because of the glory of the love of the Trinity, shown at the cross!

COFFEE QUESTIONS

How can you love the members of Grace Church Greenwich, and other Christians around the world, in a self-giving, sacrificial, humble, cross-like way?

As well as spontaneous acts of love, can you think of any ways you could plan to love more? Changes to your diary? New patterns of life?

What opportunities do you have to invite unbelievers among us, so they can witness this unique love?