

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. Book of the Term: tomorrow evening at 8pm upstairs in the Spanish Galleon (SE10 9BL), we will be discussing *Can We Trust the Gospels* by Peter Williams. Please feel free to come along even if you haven't finished the book.

3. Bitesize Theology: this term, for those who are able to arrive early for Grace Groups (see below), we are offering a 20-minute introduction to key Christian doctrines. This week: *Introduction to Theology*. Come at 7:15pm for a prompt start.

4. Link-up Lunches: an opportunity to get to know one another better by hosting or attending a lunch next Sunday. Today is your last chance to sign up via the laptop downstairs.

5. Lunar New Year Event: 12 noon, 25th January at Kitcho restaurant (SE10 8LP). An opportunity to invite friends, neighbours and colleagues to enjoy a Chinese hotpot dinner with a short talk about the Christian faith. To book places, please email janise777-ny@yahoo.com

6. Science: Has evolution disproved God? Our monthly "Big Questions" series continues 26th January from 7-8pm at the Spanish Galleon, SE10 9BL. Professor of evolutionary biology, Richard Buggs, will give a talk followed by Q&A. Please invite friends and neighbours for whom this would be of interest. Flyers available (they look like beer mats).

7. Is the Bible good news for women? 7.45pm, 28th January at St Michael and All Angels, SE3 9JL. Please join to hear Karen Soole address this question, in an event organised in partnership with other local churches. Flyers available.

8. 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. There is pizza for those who want it. At the same time we run a Christianity Explored course for anyone wanting to go over the foundations of Christianity. No need to sign up; just turn up and try it for one week.

9. 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)

10. Looking ahead:

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

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Sunday 5th January 2020

Welcome!

Andrew Latimer is leading
Andrew Sach will be preaching

"God's Top Ten: No Other Gods"

*And God spoke all these words, saying,
"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery."
Exodus 20:1-2*

SONG: Rescuer

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: Romans 12:1-2

SONG: Speak, O Lord

READING: Titus 3:1-8

SONG: You alone can rescue

READING: Exodus 20:1-17

SERMON

PRAYERS

SONG: Come, behold the wondrous mystery

LORD'S SUPPER

SONG: All I have is Christ

BLESSING

Next Sunday 12th January – God's Top Ten: Don't Make Idols

“God's Top Ten: No Other Gods”

Exodus 20:3

1) Why study the Ten Commandments?

4) To serve other gods is like cheating on your spouse or disowning your spouse

- Hosea 1:1-2

- Hosea 11:1-3

2) The Ten Commandments are given to an already-rescued people

- The “zeroth” commandment (Exodus 20:2)

5) Jesus, who upholds the first commandment, wants us to serve *him* above all else.

- Luke 4:8; 14:26

- 1 Corinthians 8:4-6 cf. Deuteronomy 6:4

3) We are to have no other gods “before” God

- He is supreme among the gods?
(Exodus 12:12; 15:11; 18:10-11)

- He is the only God?
(2 Kings 19:18; Genesis 1; 1 Corinthians 8:4-5
cf. Deuteronomy 6:4)

COFFEE QUESTIONS

(with thanks to Kevin DeYoung)

- Whom do you praise?

- Whom do you count on when in need?

- Whom do you thank?