

PLEASE NOTE...

1. Grace Groups resume this Wednesday: we encourage all regular members of the church to join a Grace Group, meeting weekly on Wednesdays to get to know God better through his Word, to pray together, and to support one another. If you're new to the church or haven't yet made the step of joining a Grace Group, why not come along on Wednesday to try it out? 7:30pm for food, groups from 8-9:15pm, King William Court, Old Royal Naval College.

2. Lunar New Year: Our traditional Lunar New Year event continues this year. This year it will be over lunchtime on Saturday 2nd February at Kitcho Japanese restaurant, 57 Greenwich High Rd, SE10 8LP, and will include a talk about the Christian faith.

3. Where is God when life hurts? Join us as Andrew Latimer considers this topic at our next Big Questions event. 7-8pm 27 January. Upstairs at the Greenwich Tavern, SE10 9JH

4. Is Christianity hate speech? How should Christians navigate speaking about their faith in a shifting culture? Join us and other local churches as Prof Tom Simpson helps us consider this issue. 7:45pm for 8pm, Thursday 21 March, St John's Blackheath SE3 7TH.

5. Looking further ahead: for the long-term planners amongst us, some dates for your diary:

- Last Grace Group of term: 3 April
- 2019 Weekends Away:
 - 26-28 April 2019
 - 11-13 October 2019

6. Giving: Grace Church is funded by the donations of its members. To support our work and give tax efficiently please email treasurer@gracechurchgreenwich.org.uk (40-52-40 / 00027789).

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Sunday 6 January 2019

Welcome!

Andrew Latimer is leading
Andrew Sach will be preaching

"Don't be nicer than God"

*"Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
...before the Lord, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness"
(Psalm 96:11, 13)*

SONG: Tell out, my soul

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 2:6-8

SONG: When this passing world is done

READING: 1 Kings 20:1-30 (p.302)

SONG: My heart is filled with thankfulness

READING: 1 Kings 20:30-43 (p.303)

SERMON

PRAYERS

SONG: Jesus, thank you

LORD'S SUPPER

SONG: Sing unto the Lord a new song

BLESSING

Next Sunday service 13 January – 1 Kings 21

“Don’t be nicer than God”

1 Kings 20

2. It is wrong to be “nicer than God”

1. God will destroy those who defy him