

PLEASE NOTE...

1. No Sunday Service next week: there will be no meeting in this building on 13th October because of the Church Weekend Away, please let others know. It's not too late to sign up for the Weekend Away as a day visitor.

2. 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.

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: a few remaining copies of *Can we Trust the Gospels* by Peter Williams are on sale downstairs for £5.99 (RRP £11.99). Make sure you pick up your copy if you have reserved one. There will be a get together on the evening of 6th January 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 be giving a short talk about the Christian faith, so spread the word to those who might be glad to come.

6. Hope: What is the future for the human race? Our monthly "Big Questions" series continues on 27th October from 7-8pm at the Spanish Galleon, SE10 9BL. Andrew Sach will give a talk followed by Q&A. Do bring along friends and neighbours for whom this would be of interest.

7. 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

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Sunday 6th October 2019

Welcome!

Andrew Latimer is leading
Andrew Sach will be preaching

"When I'm Gone: Don't Be a Hero"

*"I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me."
John 14:6*

SONG: To God be the glory

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: God the uncreated one

READING: John 18:12-27 (page 904)

SONG: Show us Christ

READING: John 13:36-14:7 (page 900)

SERMON

PRAYERS

SONG: Yet not I but through Christ in me

LORD'S SUPPER

SONG: Behold our God

BLESSING

Next Sunday 13th October – No Sunday Service



“When I’m Gone: Don’t be a Hero”

John 13:36 – 14:7

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me”
(John 14:6).

1) Jesus was on a journey to heaven via the cross

“Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father.... [He knew] that he had come from God and was going back to God”

(John 13:1, 3)

Jesus was on a journey to ~~heaven~~ the Father via the cross (cf. 17:3).

2) Those who reject Jesus cannot follow him

“Just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going **you cannot come**’” (13:33).

FLASHBACK

“[The Pharisees asked him] ‘Where is your Father?’ Jesus answered, ‘You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.’ These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come. So he said to them again, ‘I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. *Where I am going, you cannot come....* I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins’” (John 8:19-22, 24).

They reject the way

They don’t know the destination

3) Those who love Jesus cannot follow him in their own strength

“Where I am going **you cannot follow me now** the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times” (13:36, 38)

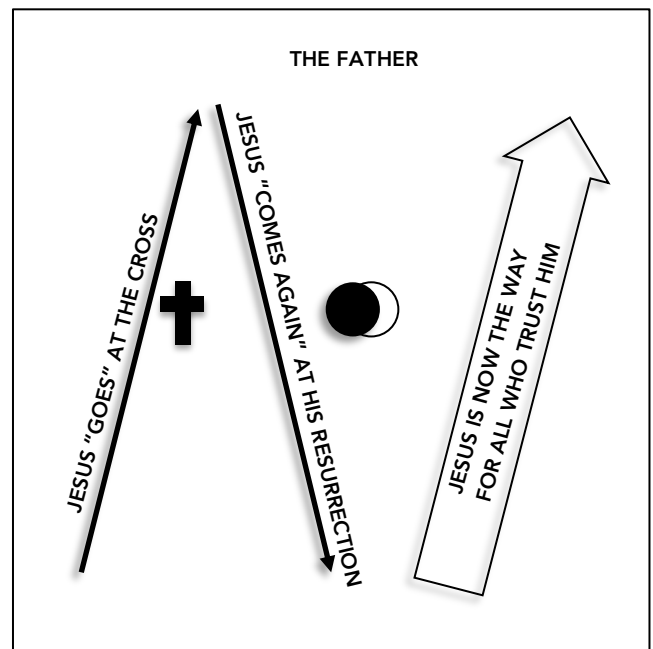
FLASHFORWARD

“Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, ‘You also are not one of his disciples, are you?’ He denied it and said, ‘I am not.’ One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, ‘Did I not see you in the garden with him?’ Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.” (John 18:25-27)

Like Peter, we overestimate our loyalty to Jesus and underestimate our sin

4) Those who love Jesus can follow him because of his death; he is the Way!

“Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but **you will follow afterward**” (John 13:36).



Jesus “going” by the way of the cross is the means by which he “prepares a place” for us (14:2)

Jesus “comes again” at the resurrection (14:3, cf. 16:16-22)

(Elsewhere the bible speaks about a *Second Coming* of Jesus, when he will return from heaven to bring in a New Heaven and a New Earth, but that’s not the idea here)

We know the way

We know the destination

There is no other way

We cannot by ourselves find the way

Jesus is the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through him

COFFEE QUESTIONS

How does John 14:6 humble you? How does it comfort you? How does it motivate you to tell others of Jesus?