

PLEASE NOTE...

1. Grace Church Weekend Away: 16-18 November, Ashburnham Place, TN33 9NF. Christopher Ash speaking on "Understanding Jesus". Booking now open

2. Grace Groups meet every 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.

3. Christianity Explored: This is a DVD-based course that we run regularly 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 7 Wednesday evenings (7:30-9:30), but why not just come once to see if it is for you. Let us know if you are interested.
explore@gracechurchgreenwich.org.uk.

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

- Big Questions this term:
 - 28 October – Hasn't science disproved the creation story?
 - 25 November – Can we really trust the Bible?
- Last Grace Group of term: 12 Dec
- 2019 Weekends Away:
 - 26-28 April 2019
 - 11-13 October 2019

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Sunday, 7 October 2018

Welcome!

Andrew Sach is leading
Andrew Latimer will be preaching

**"Why I can't believe:
I can see the world clearly without religion"**

*"Open my eyes,
that I may behold wondrous things out of your law."
(Psalm 119:18)*

SONG: O for a thousand tongues to sing

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 & creche)

CONGREGATIONAL READING: John 3:19-21

SONG: Show us Christ

READING: Isaiah 35:1-6 (p.595)

SONG: Amazing grace

READING: John 9 (p.895)

SERMON

PRAYERS

SONG: All I have is Christ

LORD'S SUPPER

SONG: Come people of the risen King

BLESSING

Next Sunday 14 October 2018 -
John 10:1-21 "Why I can't believe:
I follow a different philosophy already"

**“Why I can’t believe:
I can see the world clearly
without religion”**

John 9

**Truth is important but how can we identify
and embrace it?**

**1. The physical illustration:
Jesus gives sight to those born blind (1-7)**

But if we refuse him, we remain blind

Have humility

Have courage

**2. The spiritual reality: Jesus gives sight ...
and takes it away (8-41)**

Have confidence

As we respond to Jesus, he gives us increasing
sight

Coffee questions:

In what ways might we be refusing to respond to the Light we have already received? How does this passage help motivate us?

In what ways are we, like the blind man’s parents, tempted to let fear hold us back from testifying about Jesus? How can this passage help us?

When are we tempted to be intimidated by the opinions of those who don’t believe? How does it help to know that Jesus is the One who gives spiritual sight?