

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Holy, Holy, Holy

CHILDREN'S TALK

CONFESION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you
And against our neighbour,
In thought and word and deed,
In the evil we have done
And in the good we have not done,
Through negligence, 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 go to Sunday School and Crèche)

RESPONSES: Isaiah 44:6-8

SONG: Only a Holy God

READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (p. 956)

SERMON

PRAYERS

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen

SONG: Before the Throne of God Above

COMMUNION

SONG: Be Thou My Vision

BLESSING

NOTICES

Connect with us

If you're new at Grace Church or have been coming for a while, we'd love to connect. Sign up to our Newsletter or WhatsApp Group by scanning the QR code or emailing info@greenwich.church.



Investing in Marriage Morning including parenting seminar

In partnership with St. Helen's Bishopsgate – for anyone who is married or engaged.

Saturday, 24th January, 9:30am – 1pm
Please sign up via the QR code.



Christianity Explored

We run a relaxed and informal 4-week course for anyone who would like to go over the foundations of Christianity.

First session: Wednesday 14th January, 7:45-9pm at the Hub, 14 Feathers Place, SE10 9NE. Sign up here bit.ly/GCGExplored.

Giving

Grace Church is fully funded by the donations of its members. See www.greenwich.church/give or set up a bank transfer (40-52-40/00027789) or to give tax efficiently contact treasurer@greenwich.church.

Next Sunday: 1 Corinthians 9:1-14



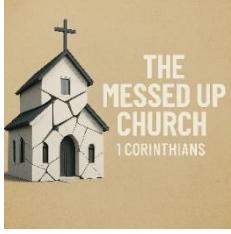
Welcome!

Sunday 4th January 2026

***“Hear, O Israel:
The LORD our God,
the LORD is one.***

Deuteronomy 6:4 (ESV)

1 Corinthians 8



¹ Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge”. This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ² If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³ But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴ Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence”, and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵ For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”— ⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷ However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸ Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹ But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹ And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹² Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

Clang!

1) There's more to being Christian than being “right” (vv1-3)

2) It's good to think rightly eg. about the doctrine of the Trinity (vv4-6)

- only one God (v4, cf. Deuteronomy 6:4, the Jewish “Shema”)
- things aren't God (v5)
- the Father is God, the Creator (v6a)
- and so is the Son (v6b)
- and so is the *Holy Spirit*
(elsewhere in Scripture eg. Acts 5:4-5)

3) But without love, right doctrine can hurt other Christians (vv7-13)

DISCUSSION STARTER:

Would you rather be right or be loving?