

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### WELCOME

**SONG:** All Creatures of our God and King

### 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)

**SONG:** All People That On Earth Do Dwell

**READING:** Genesis 34:1-12 (p. 28)

**READING:** Genesis 34:13-35:7

### 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:** May the Peoples Praise You

### 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](mailto:info@greenwich.church).



### Welcome Course

3-week course for newcomers

11<sup>th</sup> Feb (Wednesday), 7pm, Hub, 14 Feathers Place, SE10 9NE.

Sign up via contact form above.

### Lunar New Year Celebration

Bring friends and join for food & a short Bible talk, £18 pp.

21<sup>st</sup> Feb (Saturday), 12.30pm, South & North Restaurant, SE10 8NB



### Vision Evening

25<sup>th</sup> February, 8pm, Stockwell Street Building, Greenwich

### Giving

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*Next Sunday: Genesis 35:1-28*



## Welcome!

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026

*[The LORD said]  
“I will bless those who bless you,  
and him who dishonours you  
I will curse,  
and in you  
all the families of the earth  
shall be blessed.”*  
Genesis 12:3 (ESV)

## Genesis 34:1-35:7

<sup>1</sup> Now Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to see the women of the land. <sup>2</sup> And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, the prince of the land, saw her, he seized her and lay with her and humiliated her. <sup>3</sup> And his soul was drawn to Dinah the daughter of Jacob. He loved the young woman and spoke tenderly to her. <sup>4</sup> So Shechem spoke to his father Hamor, saying, “Get me this girl for my wife.”

<sup>5</sup> Now Jacob heard that he had defiled his daughter Dinah. But his sons were with his livestock in the field, so Jacob held his peace until they came. <sup>6</sup> And Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him. <sup>7</sup> The sons of Jacob had come in from the field as soon as they heard of it, and the men were indignant and very angry, because he had done an outrageous thing in Israel by lying with Jacob's daughter, for such a thing must not be done.

<sup>8</sup> But Hamor spoke with them, saying, “The soul of my son Shechem longs for your daughter. Please give her to him to be his wife. <sup>9</sup> Make marriages with us. Give your daughters to us, and take our daughters for yourselves. <sup>10</sup> You shall dwell with us, and the land shall be open to you. Dwell and trade in it, and get property in it.” <sup>11</sup> Shechem also said to her father and to her brothers, “Let me find favour in your eyes, and whatever you say to me I will give. <sup>12</sup> Ask me for as great a bride price and gift as you will, and I will give whatever you say to me. Only give me the young woman to be my wife.”

<sup>13</sup> The sons of Jacob answered Shechem and his father Hamor deceitfully, because he had defiled their sister Dinah. <sup>14</sup> They said to them, “We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one who is uncircumcised, for that would be a disgrace to us. <sup>15</sup> Only on this condition will we agree with you—that you will become as we are by every male among you being circumcised. <sup>16</sup> Then we will give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters to ourselves, and we will dwell with you and become one people. <sup>17</sup> But if you will not listen to us and be circumcised, then we will take our daughter, and we will be gone.”

<sup>18</sup> Their words pleased Hamor and Hamor's son Shechem. <sup>19</sup> And the young man did not delay to do the thing, because he delighted in Jacob's daughter. Now he was the most honoured of all his father's house. <sup>20</sup> So Hamor and his son Shechem came to the gate of their city and spoke to the men of their city, saying, <sup>21</sup> “These men are at peace with us; let them dwell in the land and trade in it, for behold, the land is large enough for them. Let us take their daughters as wives, and let us give them our daughters. <sup>22</sup> Only on this condition will the men agree to dwell with us to become one people—when every male among us is circumcised as they are circumcised. <sup>23</sup> Will not their livestock, their property and all their beasts be ours? Only let us agree with them, and they will dwell with us.” <sup>24</sup> And all who went out of the gate of his city listened to Hamor and his son Shechem, and every male was circumcised, all who went out of the gate of his city.

<sup>25</sup> On the third day, when they were sore, two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, took their swords and came against the city while it felt secure and killed all the males.

<sup>26</sup> They killed Hamor and his son Shechem with the sword and took Dinah out of Shechem's house and went away. <sup>27</sup> The sons of Jacob came upon the slain and plundered the city, because they had defiled their sister. <sup>28</sup> They took their flocks and their herds, their donkeys, and whatever was in the city and in the field. <sup>29</sup> All their wealth, all their little ones and their wives, all that was in the houses, they captured and plundered.

<sup>30</sup> Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, “You have brought trouble on me by making me stink to the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites and the Perizzites. My numbers are few, and if they gather themselves against me and attack me, I shall be destroyed, both I and my household.” <sup>31</sup> But they said, “Should he treat our sister like a prostitute?”

**35** God said to Jacob, “Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there. Make an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau.” <sup>2</sup> So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, “Put away the foreign gods that are among you and purify yourselves and change your garments. <sup>3</sup> Then let us arise and go up to Bethel, so that I may make there an altar to the God who answers me in the day of my distress and has been with me wherever I have gone.” <sup>4</sup> So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods that they had, and the rings that were in their ears. Jacob hid them under the terebinth tree that was near Shechem.

<sup>5</sup> And as they journeyed, a terror from God fell upon the cities that were around them, so that they did not pursue the sons of Jacob. <sup>6</sup> And Jacob came to Luz (that is, Bethel), which is in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him, <sup>7</sup> and there he built an altar and called the place El-bethel, because there God had revealed himself to him when he fled from his brother.

### What's the biggest obstacle to God's plans in your life?

1. When God's people are in danger of blending in...

either by “going with the flow” or by “fighting with worldly weapons”

2. ...the Lord calls us back to Himself

3. ...and fulfils his promise of protection

### DISCUSSION STARTER:

In what ways might we be in danger of blending in? How does turning to the Lord and knowing His protection help to strengthen us?