

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Blessed Be Your Name

CHILDREN'S TALK

CONFESSION

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.
Common Worship, © The Archbishops' Council of
the Church of England, 2000-2006

NOTICES (Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

SONG: Be Still Be Still My Soul

SONG: How Firm a Foundation

READING: Genesis 37:12-24 (p. 31)

READING: Genesis 37:25-36 (p. 31)

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: By Gracious Powers

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.



Next Welcome Course: 7th June

more to life - upcoming events:

“more to life than safety?”

10th May, 4pm, Eltham

17th May, 11am, Greenwich

“more to life than existing?”

10th May, 11am, Greenwich

17th May, 4pm Eltham

From 20th May – Christianity explored course

Ideal to invite curious family members, friends and neighbours!

Next Sunday: **No services!**

We will be going to our **Spring Weekend Away** in Ashburnham Place, Sussex. Sign up deadline has passed, but you can enquire with info@greenwich.church for last minute spaces.

Grace Groups

...resume this week with an Overview of Hebrews 1-7. Ideal to consolidate what we have already seen, and also perfect opportunity to join for anyone who is new to Grace Groups.

Tuesdays or Wednesdays, 7.45pm, the Hub, 14 Feathers Place, SE10 9NE or Tuesday, 7.45pm at the Chantry, Eltham

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.



Welcome!

Sunday 19th April 2026

*“You meant evil against me,
but God meant it for good,
to bring it about
that many people
should be kept alive,
as they are today.”*

Genesis 50:20 (ESV)

Genesis 37:12-36



¹²Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." And he said to him, "Here I am." ¹⁴So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring me word." So he sent him from the Valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. ¹⁵And a man found him wandering in the fields. And the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" ¹⁶"I am seeking my brothers," he said. "Tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." ¹⁷And the man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸They saw him from afar, and before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him. ¹⁹They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. Then we will say that a fierce animal has devoured him, and we will see what will become of his dreams." ²¹But when Reuben heard it, he rescued him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." ²²And Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand to restore him to his father. ²³So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the robe of many colours that he wore. ²⁴And they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁵Then they sat down to eat. And looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing gum, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers listened to him. ²⁸Then Midianite traders passed by. And they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt. ²⁹When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes ³⁰and returned to his brothers and said, "The boy is gone, and I, where shall I go?" ³¹Then they took Joseph's robe and slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. ³²And they sent the robe of many colours and brought it to their father and said, "This we have found; please identify whether it is your son's robe or not." ³³And he identified it and said, "It is my son's robe. A fierce animal has devoured him. Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces." ³⁴Then Jacob tore his garments and put sackcloth on his loins and mourned for his son many days. ³⁵All his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted and said, "No, I shall go down to Sheol to my son, mourning." Thus his father wept for him. ³⁶Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard.

Where is God...in a brutal crime?

"As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today."
(Genesis 50:20)

1. The seemingly random mess of life...

the "chance" events

the human evil

2. ...is all planned by God for our blessing

DISCUSSION STARTER:

What things in life make it hard for you to trust God's power and goodness?
How do the accounts of Joseph and Jesus enable us to trust God "even in the middle of the story"?