

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: All Creatures of Our God and King

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.
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the Church of England, 2000-2006

NOTICES (Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

INTERVIEW

RESPONSES: Isaiah 42:1-4

SONG: Jesus Strong and Kind

SONG: Tell Out My Soul

READING: 2 Chronicles 9:1-12 (p. 365)

READING: 2 Chronicles 9:29-10:19 (p. 365)

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: The Servant King

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.



Christianity Explored

We run a relaxed and informal 7-week course for anyone who would like to go over the foundations of Christianity. Next session: Wednesday 27th May at 7:45pm.

Welcome Course

Join us for 3 weeks of sharing a meal and learning about our core convictions at Grace Church. For anyone who is new to our church. It starts on Sunday 7th June at 1pm. Scan the QR code to sign up.



Baptisms

Next Sunday, we will be having a baptism service across all three congregations. All are welcome!

Eltham Garden Party – 31st May

All are welcome to join us for a bring-and-share party after the Eltham service.

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 15:1-11



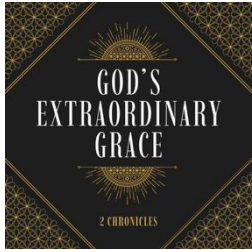
Welcome!

Sunday 24th May 2026

*“A bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick
he will not quench;
he will faithfully
bring forth justice.”*

Isaiah 42:3 (ESV)

2 Chronicles 9:1-12



¹Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to Jerusalem to test him with hard questions, having a very great retinue and camels bearing spices and very much gold and precious stones. And when she came to Solomon, she told him all that was on her mind. ²And Solomon answered all her questions. There was nothing hidden from Solomon that he could not explain to her. ³And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, ⁴the food of his table, the seating of his officials, and the attendance of his servants, and their clothing, his cupbearers, and their clothing, and his burnt offerings that he offered at the house of the Lord, there was no more breath in her.

⁵And she said to the king, “The report was true that I heard in my own land of your words and of your wisdom, ⁶but I did not believe the reports until I came and my own eyes had seen it. And behold, half the greatness of your wisdom was not told me; you surpass the report that I heard. ⁷Happy are your men! Happy are these your servants, who continually stand before you and hear your wisdom! ⁸Blessed be the Lord your God, who has delighted in you and set you on his throne as king for the Lord your God! Because your God loved Israel and would establish them forever, he has made you king over them, that you may execute justice and righteousness.” ⁹Then she gave the king 120 talents of gold, and a very great quantity of spices, and precious stones. There were no spices such as those that the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon. ¹⁰Moreover, the servants of Hiram and the servants of Solomon, who brought gold from Ophir, brought alnum wood and precious stones. ¹¹And the king made from the alnum wood supports for the house of the Lord and for the king's house, lyres also and harps for the singers. There never was seen the like of them before in the land of Judah. ¹²And King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all that she desired, whatever she asked besides what she had brought to the king. So she turned and went back to her own land with her servants.

Hopeless & indifferent about leadership...

Adam

Cyrus's decree

First readers

1. God gives a wise king (2 Chronicles 9:1-12)

A wise king

Why do God's people have such a king?

God has given this king (2 Chronicles 9:8)

2. God ordains a foolish king (2 Chronicles 9:29-10:19)

A foolish king

Why do God's people have such a king?

God has ordained it (2 Chronicles 10:15)

“Happy are those under King Jesus”

DISCUSSION STARTER:

Look at that final statement: “happy are those under King Jesus”. In what ways do you think this is true? Can you think of examples?