

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: A Mighty Fortress

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)

RESPONSES: Joshua 24:14-15

SONG: Psalm 23

SONG: Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

READING: Judges 7:9-18 (p. 207)

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: O Church Arise

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.



Eltham Summer Break in August

There will be no Sunday Services in Eltham in
August. Please join the Canada Water Service at
10am or Greenwich at 11am instead. Our 4pm
Eltham service resumes on September 6th.

Summer Fellowship

Our Grace Groups will take a break for the
remainder of the month. We look forward to
gathering again as we begin our Summer
Fellowship on Wednesday, 5th August.

Ministry Trainees

We are delighted to hopefully have 5 Ministry
Trainees joining next year! We are currently still
looking for accommodation for 2 of them – if
you are able to help, please let Michaela know!

Dates for your Diary

Our next **Welcome Course** will start on
September 27th after the service.

Our next **Weekend Away** will be from October
15th to 17th.

Sign up: www.greenwich.church/weekendaway

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@](mailto:treasurer@greenwich.church)
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Next Sunday: No Service!



Welcome!

Sunday 26th July 2026

*“Even though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me.”*

Psalm 23:4a (ESV)



Judges 7:9-18



⁹That same night the LORD said to him, “Arise, go down against the camp, for I have given it into your hand. ¹⁰But if you are afraid to go down, go down to the camp with Purah your servant. ¹¹And you shall hear what they say, and afterward your hands shall be strengthened to go down against the camp.” Then he went down with Purah his servant to the outposts of the armed men who were in the camp. ¹²And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the people of the East lay along the valley like locusts in abundance, and their camels were without number, as the sand that is on the seashore in abundance. ¹³When Gideon came, behold, a man was telling a dream to his comrade. And he said, “Behold, I dreamed a dream, and behold, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian and came to the tent and struck it so that it fell and turned it upside down, so that the tent lay flat.” ¹⁴And his comrade answered, “This is no other than the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel; God has given into his hand Midian and all the camp.”

¹⁵As soon as Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, he worshiped. And he returned to the camp of Israel and said, “Arise, for the LORD has given the host of Midian into your hand.” ¹⁶And he divided the 300 men into three companies and put trumpets into the hands of all of them and empty jars, with torches inside the jars. ¹⁷And he said to them, “Look at me, and do likewise. When I come to the outskirts of the camp, do as I do. ¹⁸When I blow the trumpet, I and all who are with me, then blow the trumpets also on every side of all the camp and shout, ‘For the LORD and for Gideon.’”

How can we be courageous?

Prologue (6:1-10)

‘I delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians...’ (6:9)

1) **Honour** the LORD with **courage** (6:11-32)

‘Gideon built an altar there to the LORD...’ (6:24)

‘Gideon...broke down [Baal's] altar’ (6:32)

2) **We’re victorious** when we **boast in the LORD** (6:33-7:8)

‘lest Israel boast over me, saying “My own hand has saved me”’ (7:2)

3) **The LORD wins our victory** (7:9-18)

‘For the LORD and for Gideon’ (7:18)

4) **We suffer chaos** when we **boast in ourselves** (7:23-8:21)

‘as the man is, so is his strength’ (8:21)

5) **Don't dishonour** the LORD with **pride** (8:22-28)

‘Rule over us...for you have saved us from the hand of Midian’ (8:22)

‘Gideon made an ephod...and all Israel whored after it’ (8:27)

Epilogue (8:29-35)

‘And the people of Israel did not remember the LORD their God, who had delivered them...’ (8:34)

Coffee question:

How does the LORD's victory give you courage?

How does the LORD's victory prevent your fearfulness and pride?