

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Jerusalem

CHILDREN'S TALK

CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you
And against our fellow men,
In thought and word and deed,
In the evil we have done
And in the good we have not done,
Through ignorance, 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 leave for Sunday School
& Crèche)

READING: Isaiah 53:1-6

SONG: Consider Christ

SONG: Nothing But The Blood

SERMON: John 12:36b-43

PRAYERS

SONG: Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

BLESSING

Next Sunday: 22nd August, John 12:44-50

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NOTICES

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP: C.S. LEWIS

This series on 20th century Christian leaders is happening every Wednesday in August and continues this Wednesday, where we'll be learning about C.S. Lewis.

Please *arrive at 7:45pm* for some cake and a chat. We will start promptly at 8pm.

It will be in a classroom in the Queen Anne building of the Old Royal Naval College (SE10 9NN). Find all the details in the weekly email. (Email jono.pick@greenwich.church if you don't receive that.)



GRACE CHURCH GREENWICH

Welcome!

Sunday 15th August 2021

*“For judgment I came into this world,
that those who do not see may see,
and those who see may become blind.”*

John 9:39 (ESV)

John 12:36b-43

^{36b} When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷ Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸ so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

³⁹ Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

⁴⁰ “He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their heart,
lest they see with their eyes,
and understand with their heart, and turn,
and I would heal them.”

⁴¹ Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. ⁴² Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³ for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

The Darkest Hour (2)

Q: *What stops the world from believing?*

1. Don't be thrown: Unbelief is not a surprise to God

a) Isaiah 52/3 – unbelief was described in advance

b) And in fact in their case, unbelief was planned in advance

2. Be warned: 'belief' is not always a good thing

COFFEE QUESTIONS

How does this passage help us understand why people reject Jesus?

How do you respond to Jesus' warning? How might you be in danger of loving the wrong kind of glory (v43)?