

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: This Is Amazing Grace

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 and Crèche)

RESPONSIVE READING: Romans 4:3-5

SONG: In Christ Alone

SONG: Before The Throne Of God Above

READING: Romans 4:18-25

SERMON: Genesis 15:1-21

PRAYERS

QUESTION TIME

(Text questions anonymously to 07520632065)

SONG: By Faith

BLESSING

NOTICES

Christmas Services

Please be thinking about who you could invite to our Christmas Services this year. All services will be held both at 10:30am at the Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich, and at 4pm at Eltham College, Mottingham.

5th Dec - Jazz Carol Service

12th Dec - Traditional Carol Service

19th Dec - The Greatest Gift Treasure Hunt
(from 9:45am and 3:15pm) followed by
All Age Carol Service

Letter From the Treasurer

If you consider yourself to be a member of the church and you missed this letter last week, please pick one up at the back.

New Book Available for Pre-order

“Are you 100% sure you want to be an agnostic?” by Andrew Sach and Jonathan Gemmell is coming out early next year. Pre-order at <https://is.gd/100percentsure>

Grace Groups

Our small group Bible studies meet this Wednesday at 8pm (7:30pm for food) in the King William building of the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.

Giving

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Next Sunday, 14th November: Luke 1:1-4

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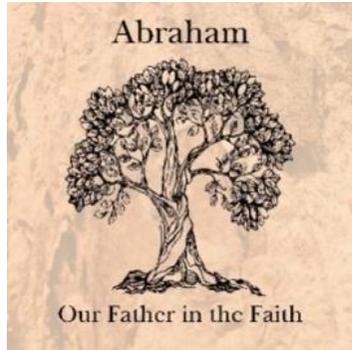
Welcome!

Sunday 7th November 2021

“[Abraham] was fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was ‘counted to him as righteousness.’”

Romans 4:21-22

Genesis 15:1-21



15 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue^[a] childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴ And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son^[b] shall be your heir.” ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶ And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

⁷ And he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.” ⁸ But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” ⁹ He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰ And he brought him all these,

cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. ¹³ Then the Lord said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. ¹⁴ But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. ¹⁵ As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. ¹⁶ And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give^[c] this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, ¹⁹ the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, ²⁰ the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, ²¹ the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites.”

“But what about when trusting God is hard?”

1. As Creator He can guarantee our hope

we only need to trust him

2. As Lord of history He can guarantee our hope

even if it's going to be a difficult wait

3. As Saviour He will guarantee our hope

even if it costs him everything

COFFEE QUESTIONS

What situations in your life make it hard to trust God?

What difference does it make seeing in this chapter what kind of a God He is?