

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### WELCOME

**SONG:** How Great Is Our God

### 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)

**RESPONSES:** Acts 14:15b-17

**SONG:** We Plough The Fields And Scatter

**SONG:** Creation Sings The Father's Song

**READING:** Genesis 16 (pg. 11)

### SERMON

### PRAYERS

**SONG:** Across The Lands

### BLESSING

## NOTICES

### Bitesize Theology

This Wednesday, we will kick off a new Bitesize Theology series with a session on The Sovereign Creator. This will happen before Grace Groups, starting at 7:15pm in the King William Building, Greenwich.

### Grace Groups

Our small group Bible studies meet on Wednesdays at 8pm (7.10pm for food) in the King William building, Greenwich. This week we will be studying Ephesians 6:10-24.

### Book discussion

Join us at 8pm on the 17th January in the Spanish Galleon, 48 Greenwich Church Street, SE10 9BL, as we discuss our book of the term, "Men and Women in the Church" by Kevin DeYoung.

### Investing In Marriage Morning

One of our sending churches is hosting a morning for married couples to spend time listening to God's word and building their marriages on the gospel. It will be at St Helen's Bishopsgate on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 9:30am-1pm. Email [marriage@st-helens.org.uk](mailto:marriage@st-helens.org.uk) or speak to Fiona for more details.

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*Next Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> January: Genesis 17:1-14*



**GRACE CHURCH  
GREENWICH**

**Welcome!**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022

*"The LORD is good to all,  
and his mercy is over all that he has made."*

*Psalm 145:9 (ESV)*

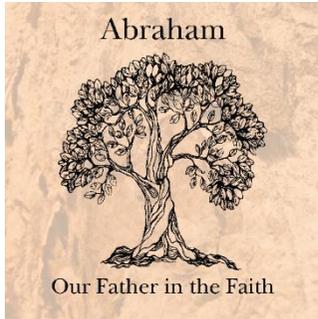
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# Genesis 16



**16** Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. <sup>2</sup> And Sarai said to Abram, "Behold now, the Lord has prevented me from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. <sup>3</sup> So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her servant, and gave her to Abram her husband as a wife. <sup>4</sup> And he went

in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. <sup>5</sup> And Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my servant to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the Lord judge between you and me!" <sup>6</sup> But Abram said to Sarai, "Behold, your servant is in your power; do to her as you please." Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from her.

<sup>7</sup> The angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. <sup>8</sup> And he said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from my mistress Sarai." <sup>9</sup> The angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to your mistress and submit to her." <sup>10</sup> The angel of the Lord also said to her, "I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude." <sup>11</sup> And the angel of the Lord said to her,

"Behold, you are pregnant  
and shall bear a son.

You shall call his name Ishmael,  
because the Lord has listened to your affliction.

<sup>12</sup> He shall be a wild donkey of a man,  
his hand against everyone  
and everyone's hand against him,  
and he shall dwell over against all his kinsmen."

<sup>13</sup> So she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, "You are a God of seeing," for she said, "Truly here I have seen him who looks after me." <sup>14</sup> Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between Kadesh and Bered.

<sup>15</sup> And Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. <sup>16</sup> Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

What about when waiting seems too hard?

1. Impatient distrust spirals down into a chaotic mess (vv1-6)
2. The Lord works in the mess to reveal his kindness (vv7-16)

## COFFEE QUESTIONS:

In what situations are you finding it difficult waiting for God to act?  
What kinds of "grubby short-cuts" are we tempted towards?

In what ways is it a comfort to you that the Lord is a specialist at working in our mess to reveal his kindness?

How can we develop habits of thankfulness and joy in the Lord?