

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Behold 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 go to Sunday School and crèche)

RESPONSIVE READING: James 4:7-10

SONG: Come Thou Fount

SONG: Holy Spirit

READING: James 4:1-10 (pg. 1012)

SERMON

PRAYERS

Q&A: Text questions to 07520 632 065

SONG: Purify My Heart

BLESSING

NOTICES

Baptisms At Eltham

This afternoon, 8 members of our congregation will be baptised at 4pm at Eltham College Chapel, Mottingham. All welcome!

Grace Groups

Our midweek Bible study groups meet on Wednesdays at 7.45pm in the King William Building, Greenwich. This week we will be looking at Exodus 25:1-31:18.

Christianity Explored

This is a seven-part course for anyone who wants to go over the foundations of the Christian faith. It's not too late to join the course that is currently running. Email explore@greenwich.church if you or someone you know is interested.

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Next Sunday 29th May: Exodus 16



Welcome!

Sunday 22nd May 2022

Morning Service

*“God opposes the proud
but gives grace to the humble.”*

James 4:6 (ESV)

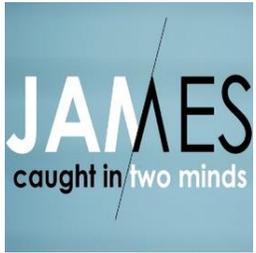
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James 4:1-10 (ESV)



4 What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? **2** You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. **3** You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. **4** You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. **5** Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? **6** But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” **7** Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **8** Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. **9** Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. **10** Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

The background issue is doublemindedness (James 1:8; 4:8)

1. Double mindedness is adultery (v1-6)

... trying to be friends with the world and friends with God

But you can't serve both God ... and something else
(as Jesus says in Matthew 6:24)

2. Humble yourself before the Lord (v6-10)

- come back (v7b-8a)
- be clean (v8)
- cry about it (v9)

COFFEE QUESTIONS:

Try this line to start a conversation: ‘I think I’m double minded; do you think you are too?’

Why is it so hard to humble ourselves before the Lord?