

In Touch

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WELCOME TO WIGMORE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Let's continue to join together in prayer , in our homes, at 8pm each day.

Pastor's Message

Dear Friends,

Two great words frequently used in the Christian vocabulary are "grace" and "mercy". Very often Paul would begin his letters this way, for example, 1 Tim 1 v 2, "Grace and mercy from God the Father..". These two very wonderful words carry the meaning of our salvation. Is there any difference between the two of them? Yes, there is.

The word translated "*grace*" in the NT carries the thought of a gift. When used in connection with salvation it means an undeserved, free gift of God, without any possibility of ever earning it or of paying it back. This is clearly stated in Ephesians 2 v 8-9.

"*Mercy*", on the other hand, is the expression of God's pity upon people steeped in the misery of sin. Far from being harsh and hard, God is the God of all mercy. It was because of His

mercy that He planned man's salvation. So, at this stage of redemption, mercy preceded grace.

Now there is no way of determining which act or word is the greater of the two. Rather it is a case of marvelling at these two great meanings in our salvation; of God bestowing His wonderful gift of salvation upon us, because He was moved by our helpless inability to receive salvation by our own means. As Paul puts it in Titus 3v5, we are saved according to the mercy of God, and justified by the grace of God.

As Christians, let us continue to marvel at the meaning of these two words, that our God is a God of grace and a God of mercy.

Yours in Christ
Pastor Tim



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Programme for October

Sunday 6th October

11.00am Pastor Tim Wood - Acts 16:22-30
6.30pm Pastor Tim Wood - Daniel 3
Overcoming Temptation

Sunday 13th October

11.00am Pastor Tim Wood - Acts 16:30-40
6.30pm Pastor Tim Wood - Daniel 3

Sunday 20th October

11.00am Pastor Tim Wood - Acts 17:1-8
6.30pm Pastor Tim Wood - Daniel 6

Sunday 27th October

11.00am Pastor Tim Wood - Acts 10:10-15
6.30pm Pastor Tim Wood - Daniel 6

The Kent Women's Conference

.... is on Saturday 5th October. This will be an excellent opportunity for female fellowship and growth in the Word.

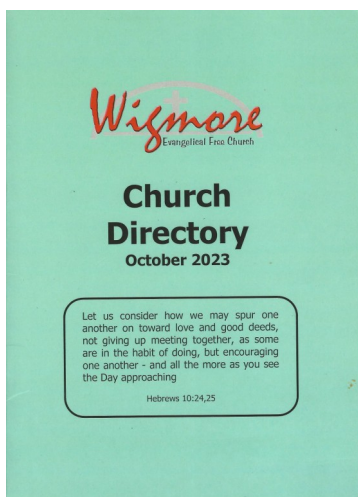
Please contact Athie if you would like her to book you a space and/or organise you a lift.

Church Directory

An updated version of the Church Directory will very shortly be produced.

Please let Dave Chalkley know if there are any alterations that need to be made to your entry.

Thank you



Diary Dates

Sunday October 13th Fellowship Lunch

As usual, this is a 'bring and share' meal so please bring along either a main course or a dessert so that we can share and eat it together.



Saturday October 26th The Marriage of Tom & Letitia

Wednesday 30th October The funeral service of Walter Pollyn

For your Prayers

Please continue to pray for our very dear sister **Mary** who, as you know, is extremely poorly. Pray that the Lord will make His presence very real to her at this difficult time.

Pray for **Samuel Squire**. Sam has been admitted to Dartford Hospital and is likely to be there for some time.

Do pray for **Tom and Letitia** as they set out on their journey as husband and wife. Pray that their marriage day will be a real blessing.

Please have **Edna Pollyn** and the family in your prayers. May God be particularly close to them during the funeral of our brother Walter.

Prayers are really needed for this war torn world, that many will turn to Christ in these desperate times.