

To know Jesus Christ and make Him known

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**ALL SAINTS FORDHAM & EIGHT ASH GREEN
LOCKDOWN PODCAST SERVICE**

Title: Church Life: Back to Basics (Acts 2:41-47)

Bible Readings: John 10:1-11 & Acts 2:41-47

Preacher: Francis Blight

Leading: Nick Durlacher

ALL SAINTS CLUB (ASC)

A YouTube video for children up to 11 years can be accessed, along with activity sheets, through a link on the church website site.

LET'S CONNECT ON ZOOM! Coffee Time 11.30am – 12.15pm

The web link and password has been emailed to the church family along with the Service Sheet.

A FESTIVAL OF HOPE - VIRTUAL PROM PRAISE Saturday 2nd May 7.00 - 9.00pm. All Souls, Langham Place and The Royal Albert Hall come together in a joint venture to present this major musical event. For further information and the link for the concert, please go to: <https://www.allsoulsmusic.org/events/a-festival-of-hope-virtual-prom-praise/>



THIS WEEK

PRAYING FOR THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH DURING LOCKDOWN

The **Prayer Diary** for May has been emailed out and is also available electronically through the **Prayermate App** and also on the Church website.



PRAYER FOCUS Thursday 7th May, 19.15 for chat, 19.30 - 21.00 prayer

time. Join in via ZOOM online to pray for one another, for Colchester, Eight Ash Green & Fordham. We look forward to Director, Peter Dale joining us from **Open Door** in Colchester to share about their ministry. We will pray for God's leading in making the most of every opportunity to serve the building of his kingdom at this time. (Kenneth Harrod who was due to lead us in prayer for the work of Release International has been furloughed for the month of May. We hope he can join us in June).

CONFESSION

Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
We have done evil in your sight
we are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us
according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and
cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us
to the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only son, our Lord,
who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand
of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen

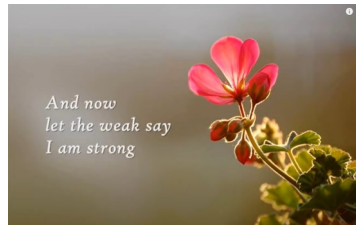
GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given,
Jesus Christ, His Son.
Give thanks.....

And now let the weak say, 'I am strong',
Let the poor say, 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us;
and now let the weak say, 'I am strong',
let the poor say, 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us,
Give thanks....
And now.....

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bk_7wUR2Wdg



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours
now and forever. Amen.

I WILL OFFER UP MY LIFE

in spirit and truth
pouring out the oil of love
as my worship to You.
In surrender I must give
my every part;
Lord, receive the sacrifice
of a broken heart.

*Jesus, what can I give,
what can I bring
to so faithful a friend,
to so loving a king?
Saviour, what can be said?
What can be sung
as a praise of Your name
for the things You have done?
Oh, my words could not tell,
not even in part,
of the debt of love that is owed
by this thankful heart.*

You deserve my very breath,
for You've paid the great cost;
giving up Your life to death,
even death on a cross.
You took all my shame away,
there defeated my sin,
opened up the gates of heaven
and have beckoned me in.

Jesus, what can I give....

Matt Redman 1993 Thankyou Music

[www.youtube.com/watch?
v=kQkzHwz2eLE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQkzHwz2eLE)



GIVING TO ALL SAINTS FORDHAM AND EIGHT ASH GREEN

If you would like details of how to support the ministry of our church financially, or you have any questions about giving, please speak to our treasurer Roger Miles on 01206 396477 or email him at r.j.miles@talktalk.net

For those of you who currently make their giving by cheque or cash it would be really helpful if you could switch to giving electronically. Our Bank details are: Sort Code 20-22-67 Account No. 20369047 Account name: Fordham and Eight Ash Green Parochial Church Councils. For those who are unable to do this could I ask that you send your cheque by post to me at 10 Anchor End Mistley Manningtree CO11 1UB instead of the church office made payable to FEAGPCC and I will arrange to bank it locally. Thank you for continuing to give to the work of the Gospel here as part of your discipleship in these difficult days.

BENEVOLENT FUND The All Saints FEAG PCC has opened a Benevolent Fund in response to the Covid-19 lockdown. The purpose is to help if someone within the church family is severely financially impacted during lockdown and is unable to obtain support from the State or their biological family (Acts 2.45, Acts 4:34-35). If you would like to contribute, please make payments to the above bank account marking your payment *Benevolent Fund*.

PODCAST TEACHING

**Church Life: Back to Basics
Acts 2:41-47**

The First Jerusalem Church Devoted Themselves to
Four Things (Acts 2:42):

The A Teaching

The F.....

The B

P.....

1. A Community

2. A and Community

3. A Community

4. A & Filled Community

5. A Community



A photo of the 1,950 representatives from 50 countries at the third Global Anglican Fellowship Conference (GAFCON) in Jerusalem 2018. The location is the ancient steps into the Jerusalem temple where it is believed that Peter preached his famous Acts 2 Pentecost sermon. On that day 3,000 Jewish people repented and believed, putting their faith in the resurrected Jesus as the true Messiah. In today's sermon we will go back to basics, considering the practise of the church that formed briefly in Jerusalem after that event.

COMING SOON...

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED begins (via ZOOM)
on **Wednesday evening 20th May**
7.30-9.00pm.

Contact the church office if you would
like to join in.

Please pray for Francis, Roy & Janette Miller
as they prepare to lead.

You can begin to explore at

www.christianityexplored.org



CHRISTIANITY|EXPLORED

WHAT'S THE BEST NEWS
YOU'VE EVER HEARD?

FAMILY NEWS

DAPHNE HARVEY It is with sadness that we announce the death of church member **Daphne Harvey** last Friday 24th April aged 95. She moved to Ponders Road in Fordham village in 1988 and lived in the village for 20 years before moving to Cheviot nursing home. Francis has been asked by her daughter Rosie to take the funeral service at the Colchester crematorium on 27th May. Only close family may attend due to social distancing and it is anticipated that the service will be livestreamed. When all restrictions have been lifted it is hoped to have a celebration service after which her ashes will be interred at Fordham Church. Further details to follow."

ALL SAINTS CARE TEAM We encourage everyone who can help others to let their family, friends and neighbours know they are available whilst following government advice. If you need any help with shopping, collecting medication or would value pastoral support and prayer, please contact a member of the church care team: Lynda Grote (co-ordinator) 07969 688710 or 01206 211384, Georgina Blight (co-ordinator) 01206 621576, Bill Roberts 01206 826927, Janette Miller 01206 421039, Shirley Hodges 01206 512381 or 07517 878782, Grace Kerr 07881 822432 & Lesley Southern 07895 074049.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING During these imposed days of isolation when we *may* have a little more spare time on our hands can I suggest that this would be a good opportunity to allocate an hour or two to complete your safeguarding training! This training is a mandatory requirement if you are working with children or vulnerable adults. The Basic Awareness (C0) and Foundation Safeguarding Training (C1) is available on line and can be accessed through the following link [tp://www.cofelearning.org/index.html](http://www.cofelearning.org/index.html) . You will be required to register and will need the Parish Code which is: 20.13

ARTICLE 38 OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLANDS 39 ARTICLES Of Christian Men's Goods, which are not common.

The Riches and Goods of Christians are not common, as touching the right, title, and possession of the same as certain Anabaptists do falsely boast. Notwithstanding, every man ought, of such things as he possesseth, liberally to give alms to the poor, according to his ability.

COLLECT PRAYER

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit
one God, now and forever. Amen