

To know Jesus Christ and make Him known

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10TH MAY 2020

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

Saving Lives: The Pandemic and the Vaccine

Bible Readings: John 3:16-17 & 1 John 4:9-10

Preacher: Francis Blight

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.

WHERE IS GOD IN A CORONA VIRUS WORLD?

All Saints Church Family Discussion Evening

Thursday 14th May, 7.15 - 8.50pm

The Coronavirus may be raising many questions for you personally and for those you are seeking to reach with the good news of Jesus Christ. This evening will be an opportunity to discuss our own questions together and to think through how we would answer others.

We will watch an interview with John Lennox and use this to inform our own discussion. Lennox is an adjunct lecturer for The Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics who has recently published a book on this subject. In the interview he addresses a number of questions including like:

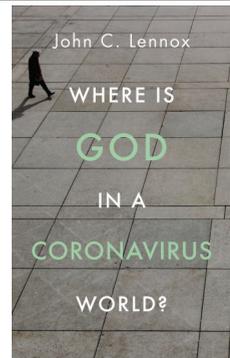
Isn't atheism the easiest and most straightforward response to this situation?

What kind of God would design a world afflicted with viruses?

How do we wrestle with feelings of despair and fear?

In today's service Alireza Ghazi-Torbati will give a short review of the book.

The same topic will also be the focus of the first week of the Christianity Explored.



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe and trust in
God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in
God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in
God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All: We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All: This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

JESUS' SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

‘Hear O, Israel,
the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your
strength.’

The second is this:

‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

There is no other commandment greater
than these. On these two command-
ments hang all the law and the prophets.’

**All: Amen. Lord have mercy
and write these your laws in our hearts.**

CONFESSION

O king enthroned on high,
filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name, Lord God almighty.

In our sinfulness we cry to you
to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips
to speak your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

COLLECT PRAYER

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten
Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death
and opened to us the gate of
everlasting life: grant that,
as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
Amen

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.

PRAISE IS RISING

Eyes are turning to You,
we turn to You. Hope is rising
hearts are yearning for You,
we long for You.

'Cause when we see You,
we find strength to face the day;
in Your presence
all our fears are washed away,
washed away.

*Hosanna, hosanna,
You are the God who saves us,
worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, hosanna,
come have Your way among us,
we welcome You here Lord Jesus.*

Hear the sound of hearts
returning to You, we turn to You.

In Your kingdom
broken lives are made new,
You make us new.

'Cause when we see You,
we find strength to face the day;
in Your presence all our fears are
washed away, washed away.

Paul Baloche & Brenton Brown
2006 Integrity Hosanna! Music/Integrity Music Europe
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=VMBDWG9tseU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VMBDWG9tseU)

THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you
And give you peace

Amen, Amen, Amen

May his favour be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family and your children
And their children and their children

May his presence go before you
And behind you and beside you
All around you and within you
He is with you he is with you

In the morning in the evening
In your coming and your going
In your weeping and rejoicing
He is for you, He is for you
He is for you, He is for you

"The Blessing" words and music by Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari
Jobe and Steven Furtick.
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Watch it sung by members of 65 UK churches during
the lockdown. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=PUtI3mNj5U&list=RDPuTlI3mNj5U&start_radio=1&t=0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUtI3mNj5U&list=RDPuTlI3mNj5U&start_radio=1&t=0)

WHAT A SAVIOUR

Atoning sacrifice
Keeper of this life
Hallelujah, You are Saviour
Beginning and the end
Forgiver of my sin
By Your mercy You have saved us

*Jesus, You are stronger
More than any other
Hallelujah, what a Saviour
Jesus, You are higher
My souls deepest desire
Hallelujah, You are Saviour*

You are the Shepherd King
You lead us by still waters
Hallelujah, You are Saviour
You are my only hope
Your kindness is my friend
In Your presence You restore us
Jesus, You are stronger...

You are the way, the truth and the life
You are my joy and my salvation
Stood in my place, taking my shame
Upon Your shoulders

What A Saviour (Atoning Sacrifice)" Words and Music by Jeremiah
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Solutions. Used By Permission. CCLI Licence No. 287994
3 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azj778Cle0>

PODCAST TEACHING

Saving Lives: The Pandemic and The Vaccine

1. Love During the Pandemic

2. A Pandemic:

John 3.16-17	1 John 4.9-10
<p>¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.</p>	<p>⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.</p>

3. God's Loving is to Save Lives for

4. God's Vaccine for: in as your

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THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAY WISHES go to **Luca Farruggio** this week, who will be 12 on the **16th May**. **Congratulations to you and have a wonderful day!!**



APPOINTING A NEW BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD

A committee has been convened to oversee the process for appointing a new bishop for our diocese. How this process works is explained on the following website [https://](https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/our-next-bishop)

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One of the key roles of the committee is to organise a diocese wide consultation, open to our own church, church groups, the wider church community and individuals. **This consultation will open on the 11 May and run until 4 July.** The website also includes prayer resources, explains how you can have your say through the consultation and what you can do to help prepare for the consultation. Please make use of these resources and pray for wisdom for those on the committee and our own church leaders, that they will be open to discern God's will in this important decision.

Help Identify the Next Bishop of Chelmsford

See how you can help

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING If you would like to take advantage of this imposed isolation and allocate an hour or two to complete your safeguarding training! Then you can access the Basic Awareness (C0) and Foundation Safeguarding Training (C1) through the following link <http://www.cofelearning.org/index.html> . You will be required to register and will need the Parish Code which is: 20.13



CHRISTIANITY|EXPLORED

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

All Saints Church Fordham
& Eight Ash Green

Begins Wednesday 20th May
7:30pm - 9:00pm
Online via Zoom

For further details and to register for the course visit
<https://feag-christianityexplored.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Please pray: For Roy & Janette Miller, Francis Blight and Irene Bale
as they prepare to lead the group.

Asking God to show you who he would like you to invite to join the course.

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.

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 Council.

For those who are unable to do this could please send your cheque by post to Roger Miles at 10 Anchor End, Mistley, Manningtree, CO11 1UB (instead of the church office). Please make cheques payable to FEAGPCC.

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*.

SUPPORTING THE COLCHESTER FOODBANK

Part of the Trussell Trust Foodbank Network

www.colchester.foodbank.org.uk



During the current Covid-19 crisis Colchester Foodbank is three times busier than normal (their busiest time ever). Colchester Foodbank is a charity that provides emergency food parcels to individuals and families who find themselves in sudden crisis. To qualify for help people must be referred by a professional from a partner organisation (Social Services, One Support, Community Mental Health Team, Citizens Advice Bureau and Age UK). They also work with Churches, Schools and GP surgeries.

You can support the foodbank to help local families by donating **food, toiletries, or gifts of money however small or big the donation**. Food donations can be left in the appropriate basket at most supermarkets or delivered to their site at 33 Moor-side Business Park, CO1 2ZF. Donations of money can be made via their website.

Current Food Bank Priorities:

Tinned potatoes, Tinned tomatoes, Tea bags (box of 80s), Long life milk or fruit juice cartons, Tins of soup/fish/fruit, Jars of jam/pasta sauce, Tinned Custard or Rice pudding, Small bags of rice or pasta, Baby food, Packets of biscuits.

Other items needed:

Toilet Rolls, Deodorant (masculine/feminine/unisex), Small washing capsules/tablets/pods/liquid/powder, Shaving gel/cream/foam, Nappies (especially size 3-6), Washing up liquid, Razors, Shampoo, Shower gel, Bars of soap/liquid soap, Box of tissues.

Churches throughout the UK play a crucial role in the Trussell Trust Foodbank Network, and we are hugely grateful for the generous support they provide – providing venues, volunteers, food, and financial donations that make this vital work possible. We celebrate the way in which Christians from different churches come together with people of all faiths and none to make a difference in their communities through food banks.

We know that, like us, churches will be concerned to protect the health of their communities by taking steps to reduce the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). At the same time, we know they will share our belief that those who have the least resources to cope with this crisis must not be forgotten at this time.

The latest government advice explains that food banks can legally continue operating, provided we follow social distancing rules, because our work qualifies us as key workers 'caring for the vulnerable.'

Challenges

Some of the specific challenges we face as a result of the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

A significant proportion of our 28,000+ volunteers are older people, many of

whom are now not able to volunteer because they are in higher risk groups. Many of the people who need to use the food banks in our network have health issues and so may be needing to self-isolate or comply most strictly with social distancing guidelines.

Maintaining food stocks at a time when many people are going out less or are more urgently focused on providing for their own households.

Potential for increased demand where workers are being laid off or shifts reduced due to impact on businesses.

Ways to help

We're asking for additional urgent help from churches – along with other partners as we respond to these challenges, including:

Volunteering: We urgently need people – especially of working age – to give time to keep our food banks running. This could include sorting donations, packing boxes in the warehouse, or making deliveries to people's doorsteps by car. We make this appeal particularly to churches with younger congregations, who may have members who find themselves more available to volunteer during the week than usual. In order to coordinate volunteering offers, we have also set up an online portal where people can register to help here.

Food supplies: Some food banks are already facing shortages, and others will begin to run low as social distancing measures take effect. Please encourage people in your congregation and wider community to continue donating non-perishable food and money to food banks at this time and over the coming months. Before donating, please check your local food bank's website and social media channels to see what supplies they are currently in need of.

Transport: We want to be able to deliver food to the doorstep for people experiencing poverty who are self-isolating at home and in need of support from a food bank. This is not a service we usually offer, so we need volunteer drivers and assistants to make this possible.

Prayer: We know there are many people who want to help practically but cannot because they are rightly taking measures to protect themselves and other people. If people would like to get involved in a different way by praying, we would really welcome that. Some suggested prayer points in addition to the topics above: Many people who need to use food banks have exhausted support from family and friends and have nowhere else to turn. Pray for those who are isolated and afraid, that they would experience comfort and connection and be able to access the material provision they need. Food banks will be adapting to different ways of working in order to operate safely and will be welcoming new volunteers at this time. Pray for strength, wisdom, and health for volunteers and staff providing food banks and other essential services in our communities. Leaders of all kinds are making difficult decisions in a fast-changing environment about how to protect and provide for people, including regarding food and money. Pray for clarity and insight for government, business, church, charity, and statutory sector leaders as they navigate these decisions together.