

*To know Jesus Christ and make Him known*

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**17TH MAY 2020**

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

*Living the 'If' Centred Life*

**Bible Readings: Acts 17:22-31 & John 14:15-21**

**Preacher: Paul Southern**

**ALL SAINTS CLUB (ASC)**

A YouTube video for children up to 11 years can be accessed, along with activity sheets, through links 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 this Service Sheet.

**CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY**



**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

*Where is God in a  
Coronavirus World?*

In response to the current pandemic, this course will begin with an extra session for the first week entitled '*Where is God in a Coronavirus World?*'.

After listening to Prof. John Lennox on the subject there will be opportunity for discussion and questions on the topic. Participants for this online course (via Zoom) need to be 18+.

*For further details and to register please visit*

<https://feag-christianityexplored.eventbrite.co.uk/>

*Each participant needs to register separately  
with his or her own email address.*

## CELEBRATING JESUS' VICTORY

Death is swallowed up in victory.

**All: Where, O death, is your sting?**

Christ is risen from the dead,  
the first fruits of those  
who have fallen asleep.

**All: Death is swallowed up in victory.**

The trumpet will sound  
and the dead shall be raised.

**All: Where, O death,  
is your sting?**

We shall not all sleep,  
But we shall be changed.

**All: Death is swallowed up in victory.  
Where, O death is your sting?**

*Cf 1 Corinthians 15*

## 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.

## COLLECT PRAYER

The Church of England Collect Prayer for a time of any common Plague or Sickness. (This is a modern language version of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer original).

O Almighty God,  
who in your wrath sent a plague upon  
your own people in the wilderness  
for their obstinate rebellion against  
Moses and Aaron,  
and also in the time of King David,  
sent a plague of pestilence  
which killed seventy thousand,  
but remembering your mercy  
spared the rest:  
have pity upon us miserable sinners,  
who now are visited with great  
sickness and mortality;  
and in the same way that you then  
accepted an atonement  
and commanded the destroying Angel  
to cease from punishing,  
so it may now please you to withdraw  
from us this plague and grievous sickness,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## 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

## WHERE, O GRAVE IS YOUR VICTORY

Through all life's sorrows and despairs  
I will not be moved  
When facing death I need not fear  
I have this hope secured  
Because Christ died at Calvary  
Sin has on me no claim  
Because He overcame the grave  
With Him I will be raised  
*Where O grave is your victory  
Where O death is your sting  
Eternity is won for me  
By heaven's eternal King*  
On that glorious final day  
I will not sleep or fade  
But gazing on His nail pierced hands  
I'll instantly be changed  
Robed with immortality  
Before His throne we'll sing  
At last reflecting perfectly  
The glory of our King

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PaCbDIF8CS0>

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

Do you believe and trust in  
God the Father?  
**All: I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
Do you believe and trust in his  
Son Jesus Christ?  
**All: 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.**  
Do you believe and trust in the  
Holy Spirit?  
**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,**

## OVERWHELMED BY LOVE

Deeper than oceans  
High as the heavens  
Ever living God  
Your love has rescued me  
  
All my sin was laid  
On Your dear Son  
Your precious One  
All my debt He paid  
Great is Your love for me

No one could ever earn Your love  
Your grace and mercy is free  
Lord these words are true  
So is my love for You

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**PODCAST TEACHING**  
**Living the 'If' Centred Life**  
**John 14:15-21**

## 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://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/our-next-bishop>

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 has now opened and will 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

## SUPPORTING THE COLCHESTER FOODBANK

[www.colchester.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.colchester.foodbank.org.uk)

During the current Covid-19 crisis Colchester Foodbank is three times busier than normal. You can help by:

**Volunteering practical help** to keep our food banks running

**Donating Food supplies** to replenish low stock-our website

will list supplies that are currently needed. Food donations can be left in the appropriate basket at most supermarkets or delivered to their site at 33 Moorside Business Park, CO1 2ZF. Donations of money can be made via their website.

**Transport** to deliver food to the doorstep.

**Prayer** for those who require support, those who isolated and afraid.

Pray for strength, wisdom, and health for volunteers and staff

Pray for clarity and insight for government, business, church, charity, and statutory sector leaders as they navigate these decisions together.



## 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 during the current lockdown, please speak to our treasurer Roger Miles on 01206 396477 or email him at [r.j.miles@talktalk.net](mailto:r.j.miles@talktalk.net)

**BENEVOLENT FUND** The All Saints FEAG PCC has opened a Benevolent Fund in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. 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*.

**MINISTER'S ANNUAL LEAVE** Francis will be taking annual leave during the school half term from Monday 25th to Sunday 31st May. If you need assistance during this time please contact the church manager Rachel Gage on 07968 280132 or [office@fordhamchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@fordhamchurch.org.uk)

**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.