

*To know Jesus Christ and make Him known*

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**24TH MAY 2020**

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

***What is the Message of Jesus' Ascension to Heaven?***

**Bible Readings: Acts 1:1-11 & Ephesians 1:15-23**

**Preacher: Francis Blight**

**ALL SAINTS CLUB (ASC)**

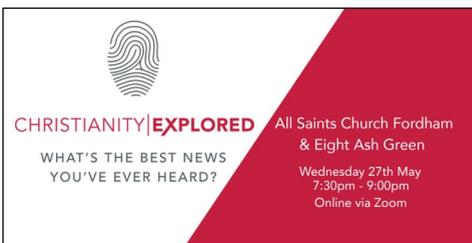
A YouTube video for children up to 11 years can be accessed, along with activity sheets, through links on the church website site.

**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**

**WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY 7.30 - 9.00pm**



After last week's additional session on 'Where is God in a Coronavirus World?' we move to the first session of the regular Christianity Explored course material. So there is still the opportunity to invites friends.

The course explores three questions which cut to the heart of Christianity:

Who is Jesus? What did he achieve? How should we respond? Each session is an opportunity to ask questions, no matter how simple or difficult you think they are. The course is online via Zoom and participants need to be aged 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.*

## COLLECT PRAYER

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son  
Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your  
kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you,  
leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to  
strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place  
where our Saviour Christ  
is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
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.

## 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,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## CONFESSION

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

## HE IS EXALTED

He is exalted  
The King is exalted on high  
I will praise Him  
He is exalted forever exalted  
And I will praise His name

He is the Lord  
Forever His truth shall reign  
Heaven and earth  
Rejoice in His holy name  
He is exalted  
The King is exalted on high

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8XobOB5liDo>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ZRrRPQbPmC&list=RDJmlVM-MrGNM&index=2>



## ACROSS THE LAND

You're the Word of God the Father  
From before the world began  
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet  
Has been fashioned by Your hand  
All creation holds together  
By the power of Your voice  
Let the skies declare Your glory  
Let the land and seas rejoice

*You're the author of creation  
You're the Lord of every man  
And Your cry of love rings out  
Across the lands*

Yet You left the gaze of angels  
Came to seek and save the lost  
And exchanged the joy of heaven  
For the anguish of a cross  
With a prayer You fed the hungry  
With a word You stilled the sea  
Yet how silently You suffered  
That the guilty may go free

With a shout You rose victorious  
Wresting victory from the grave  
And ascended into heaven  
Leading captives in Your wake  
Now You stand before the Father  
Interceding for Your own  
From each tribe and tongue  
and nation  
You are leading sinners home

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**PODCAST TEACHING**

**What is the Message of Jesus' Ascension to Heaven?  
Acts 1:1-11 & Ephesians 1:15-23**

1. .... Now

2. Jesus is the .....

3. Jesus is ..... His .....

## CHOOSING THE NEXT BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD



Consultation for the appointment of Bishop Stephen's successor has now begun, and continues until **Saturday 4th July**. Details of how the whole Church can be involved are outlined on the Diocesan website [here](#).

The Vacancy in See Committee want the consultation to reflect the views of as many as possible so that the *Statement of Need* which will help find the next Bishop of Chelmsford describes the Diocese as accurately as possible and offers a faithful reflection of the church and the communities we serve.

The invitation to contribute is for both individuals (from members of the congregation to church leaders, youth workers and family leaders) and for the many organisations and communities within, or connected to, our churches (such as our church schools).

The appointment of a new bishop also gives an opportunity to reach out beyond our traditional audiences - to a public beyond our church communities, to speak of the mission and ministry of our church, our love for Jesus and our love for our communities.

The six questions of the consultation is not an exercise in asking people what they would like to see done differently, or what they would like to change: the questions also consider the positives of the current situation. There is a danger with any consultation that the focus is purely on change so that people lose sight of what we already have and perhaps take for granted.

The consultations invite you to comment on the personal attributes, skills and qualities of vision and strategy that you think the next Bishop of Chelmsford will need to steer a diocese of this size and diversity - from the largely rural north to the predominantly urban fringes of London, each with its own needs and challenges.

Please do pray about your response, and how it may play a part in strengthening the life of the diocese. Please also encourage others to make their voice heard.

The Diocesan website gives an email address or postal address for people to submit their responses to, if that is preferred. For those who cannot access electronic media, we can send you a paper survey which you can then return by mail.

**Help Identify the Next  
Bishop of Chelmsford**

[See how you can help](#)

The Church Office can be contacted for further help, or get in touch with Mary Durlacher by telephoning 01206 240627 or emailing [marydurlacher@hotmail.com](mailto:marydurlacher@hotmail.com). Thank you to all who have already sent in submissions.



**DAPHNE HARVEY** Daphne's funeral is planned for Wednesday 27th May 12.30pm. Because of social distancing regulations, a maximum of 10 people can attend at the Colchester crematorium. The 30 minute service will be webcast live on the day through [www.obitus.com](http://www.obitus.com) . Friends in the church family are welcome to join in online. The user name is *colchester2911* and the password *827717*. You can log into the website at any time to test the connection (and it is recommended that you do this). There may be a problem if the previous funeral overruns so anyone wishing to view may need to keep trying. The hearse bearing Daphne's coffin is due to be outside her house on Ponders Road at 11:50am and will travel down Church Road, past Fordham Church towards Colchester. Daphne died on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April aged 95. She moved to Ponders Road in Fordham village in 1998 and lived in the village for 20 years before moving to Cheviot nursing home. When all restrictions have been lifted it is hoped to have a celebration service and interment of her ashes at Fordham Church.

**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, donating Food supplies, transport to deliver food to the doorstep and prayer—for those who require support, those who isolated and afraid, for strength, wisdom, and health for volunteers and staff, 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 o 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*.

## SHARING

BY RUTH REYNOLDS

**Consider**, we are living in a unique time! It seems like the church has been closed down: but NO, the Christian message is still alive.

**Consequently**, Francis asked me to try and do something for the ASC and the schools.

**Challenge:** the idea of using a YouTube video was developed, but I try to use Biblical content which adults can also appreciate because mums and dads will be watching over their shoulder.

**Clearly** people are influenced by ideas SHARED on the internet.

**Could** you use these videos, or other videos, to influence others? There are numerous social media platforms, so why not SHARE the videos on WhatsApp or Facebook or email?

**Church** videos can be found by searching in YouTube for “Fordham and Eight Ash Green Church”; the videos are on our church YouTube channel.

**Click SHARE.**

**Copy** and paste a video onto your Facebook and post it.

**Children** and grandchildren are your best technical support providers. Ask them how to share a video, then watch it together.

**Connect** with all your friends, family and work colleagues. Just say “ One of my friends at church has made a video you might like to see it”

**Content:** is there something in the video which might resonate with your friend? “How are you coping with Lockdown?” “Did you know that once there was Lockdown in Bible times? I’m sending you a video about it.”

**Create** a talking point- chat about the video, engage in debate. Are these Bible stories relevant today?

**MINISTER’S ANNUAL LEAVE** Francis will be taking annual leave during the school half term from tomorrow Monday 25th retring to work on Monday 1st June. 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)

**BIRTHDAY WISHES** to **Sofie Lacey** who will be 12 on the 25th May. Congratulations to you and have a wonderful day!



**SAVE THE DATE**.....we will be holding a Virtual Quiz Evening on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> June more details to follow next week.

**ALL SAINTS CARE TEAM** . If you need any help, 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.