

*To know Jesus Christ and make Him known*

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**GAFCON SUNDAY PODCAST SERVICE**



**Find out more about the GAFCON movement at  
[www.gafcon.org](http://www.gafcon.org)**

***Joy: Purpose and Blessing Through Difficult Times***  
***(Psalm 67 & Philippians 1:12-18)***

**Preacher: Paul Southern**

**ALL SAINTS CLUB (ASC)**

A weekly 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.

**ALL SAINTS PHILIPPIANS SUMMER FOCUS**

**SUNDAY PODCASTS PERSONAL BIBLE & PRAYER GROWTH GROUPS**

Our summer focus is on *Paul's Letter to the Philippians* from the New Testament. This part of God's Word is full of encouragement:

- to make knowing Christ your top personal priority,
- to strive as partners together, united in the advance of his gospel.

See inside for further details about resources for Growth Groups

## **THE NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only begotten Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our Salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand  
of the Father.

He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from  
the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son  
he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection  
of the dead, and the life  
of the world to come. Amen

## **THE GAFCON COLLECT PRAYER**

Eternal God and gracious Father,  
whose blessed Son Jesus Christ  
died for our redemption;  
commissioned His disciples  
to preach the good news;  
and sent the indwelling Holy Spirit  
in every generation to embrace and pro-  
claim salvation in Christ alone:

Arise and defend your Church,  
the pillar and bulwark of the truth.

Shine the light of your Holy Word  
upon hearts darkened by error  
and strengthen the work of Gafcon  
so that the Anglican Communion through-  
out the world proclaims  
Christ faithfully to the nations,  
that captives may be set free,  
the straying rescued,  
and the confused restored.

Bind your children together in  
truth, love, unity and courage,  
that we, with all your saints,  
may inherit your eternal kingdom, through  
our Lord and Saviour  
Jesus Christ, 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.

## BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
a great High Priest whose name is Love,  
who ever lives and pleads for me,  
My name is graven on His hands,  
my name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heaven He stands  
no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see Him there  
who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died,  
my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God the just is satisfied  
to look on Him and pardon me,  
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen lamb,  
my perfect, spotless righteousness;  
the great unchangeable I AM,  
the King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die,  
my soul is purchased with His blood;  
my life is hid with Christ on high,  
with Christ my Saviour and my God,  
with Christ my Saviour and my God.

Charitie L Bancroft (1841-92)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=50pFs0hRpg>

## 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 you  
salvation; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen

## CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH (O SING HALLELUJAH!)

What is our hope in life and death?  
Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence?  
That our souls to him belong.  
Who holds our days within his hand?  
What comes apart from his command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah!*

*Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?  
God is good, God is good.  
Where is his grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

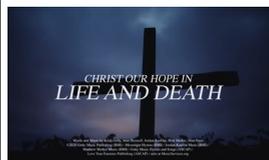
Unto the grave, what shall we sing?  
"Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord,  
Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy,  
When Christ is ours forevermore.

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Kauflin, Matt Merker, Matt Papa.

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## **PODCAST TEACHING**

*Joy: Purpose and Blessing Through Difficult Times*  
*Philippians 1:12-18*

## All Saints Summer Focus



### SUNDAY PODCASTS   PERSONAL BIBLE & PRAYER   GROWTH GROUPS

**GROWTH GROUPS** are really useful for fellowship and studying together. They are continuing to meet via ZOOM where possible and will be studying Philippians alongside the podcasts over the summer. Groups usually meet midweek evenings but also during the daytime if that suits you better. Interested in joining a group?

Contact the church office or Keith Hodges (Growth Groups Co-ordinator) at keith\_hodges@ntlworld.com or phone 07982 660357 (text during working hours).

### STUDY RESOURCES FOR GROWTH GROUPS AND PERSONAL BIBLE & PRAYER TIMES

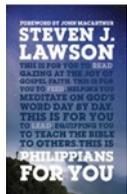
**Explore Philippians by Tim Thornborough** This divides the letter into 21 short studies. Growth Group leaders are using this material to lead their groups and it will help you to study the letter on your own or with your family if you have older children.



The Good Book Company's **Explore Bible Devotional App** is the simplest way to access the material via your smartphone or tablet. It is well designed and available to download from the Apple App store or Google Play. Once downloaded you can buy the Philippians material through the app. <https://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/explore-app>

If a digital version won't work for you, contact the church office [office@fordhamchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@fordhamchurch.org.uk) and they can email you a **pdf version to printout**.

Explore Philippians costs £1.99 in either format.



**Going Deeper** If you would like to spend more time studying the letter each week, then I recommend **Philippians For You by Steven J Lawson**. This is a readable commentary which will help you to understand and apply the letter more deeply.

<https://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/philippians-for-you-ebook> £6.39

<https://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/philippians-for-you> £ 10.19 plus p+p

## NOTICES

### **PRAYER FOCUS Thursday 2nd July 19.30 - 21.15**

(ZOOM channel open from 7.20pm for chat) Join us to pray for the life and needs of our church and ministries during July. Francis has been surprised how well praying together works on Zoom . We look forward to Sandy and Kirsten Russell joining us on ZOOM for the meeting. We have supported them for some 20 years as they seek to bring gospel hope, Bible translation and relief to areas of Kurdistan. They are now based at their London home having spent most of their time living in Erbil but maintain their mission work both overseas and in the UK. You can find out more on our church website; <https://fordhamchurch.org.uk/> The Zoom link will be emailed out by Wednesday 1st July.



**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, Janette Miller 01206 421039, Shirley Hodges 01206 512381 or 07517 878782, Grace Lee 07881 822432, Lesley Southern 07895 074049

**CONTACTING THE MINISTER** If you would like to speak to Francis you are welcome to give him a call on 01206 243266. If you get the answer phone please leave a message and he will get back to you.

### **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, If you would like to contribute, please make payments to FEAGPCC bank account 20369047 Sort Code 20-22-67 marking your payment *Benevolent Fund*.

**NEXT SUNDAY 5TH JULY**  
**PODCAST AVAILABLE FROM 10.00AM**

*Christ Centred Choices*  
*Philippians 1:12-26*  
Preacher: Francis Blight



**CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED WEEK 6 - GRACE**  
**WEDNESDAY 1st JULY 7.30 - 9.00pm**

Please continue to pray that God will bless and use this course so that participants can discover who Jesus is, what he achieved and how they should respond to him.

**ONLINE PUBLIC MEETING TO HELP IDENTIFY**  
**THE NEXT BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD**  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 19:30 – 21:00**



As part of the process to identify the next Bishop of Chelmsford, there will be a public meeting on Zoom with the Appointments Secretaries for the Prime Minister and the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. The Appointments Secretaries are working on behalf of the Crown Nominations Commission which is the national body that nominates the name of the next Bishop to the Prime Minister who in turn advises Her Majesty the Queen who makes the appointment. This public meeting is an important opportunity for people from across the communities of East London and Essex, from within the Church of England and beyond, to share their views on what our next Bishop of Chelmsford will need to bring to the role.

**Register through Eventbrite:** [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/help-identify-the-next-bishop-of-chelmsford-public-meeting-tickets-109980693214?ref=enivtefor001&utm\\_source=eb\\_email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=in\\_viteformalv2&utm\\_term=attend](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/help-identify-the-next-bishop-of-chelmsford-public-meeting-tickets-109980693214?ref=enivtefor001&utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=in_viteformalv2&utm_term=attend)

## NEXT DIOCESAN BISHOP CONSULTATION

Help Identify the Next  
Bishop of Chelmsford  
See how you can help

Do not forget to have your say on the kind of person you believe should lead the church as our next diocesan bishop. Every voice needs to be heard, especially those that know the power of the word of God to transform lives, calm the storm, and equip to contend for the apostolic faith that has been passed down the generations so that we too play our part in passing on the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. **The deadline for the questionnaire is the 4<sup>th</sup> July.** You can complete it online by going to [https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/uploads-new/pages/VISC-questionnaire\\_final.pdf](https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/uploads-new/pages/VISC-questionnaire_final.pdf) or we can print a downloaded copy of the consultation for you to complete, which can be posted to: 'The Vacancy in See Committee, Diocese of Chelmsford, 53 New Street, Chelmsford, CM1 1AT. The responses will shape the **Statement of Needs** that will give potential candidates a sense of the breadth of witness which has been the characteristic of our diverse diocese, as well as the issues that come from seeking to be distinctive in a culture imbued with secular values.

The six questions open on a positive note, inviting you to begin by stating,

- 1. What you value most about the church in your community as well as across Essex and East London.** This is followed by an invitation to identify...
- 2. What challenges does the Church face in East London and Essex as we seek to share the Good News of Jesus?** Then a more personal view ...
- 3. What wider issues would you like our next Bishop of Chelmsford to be passionate about?** The next question considers the skills needed for the post...
- 4. What qualities, skills or leadership characteristics will our next Bishop of Chelmsford require?** The focus then shifts to the impact of Covid 19 on ministry ...
- 5. What kind of person will our next Bishop of Chelmsford need to be (particularly as we emerge from the coronavirus pandemic)?** Finally ...
- 6. What else would you like to tell us? -**

There are a few additional questions that relate to you, mostly at the end, which are there to help assess the coverage of responses. Answers should not exceed 250 words per question (other than the last 'empty page' one). You do not need to answer every question. The diocesan website has a number of resources which can be accessed from the [Help Identify the Next Bishop of Chelmsford Hub Page](#). This includes prayer resources, 'the process explained', and the implications of the coronavirus pandemic (which sets the context for Question 5). There are also some good resources for children and young people, which will allow them to participate in the consultation, accessible from the hub page above or more directly from:

[https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/uploads-new/publications/facilitation\\_script\\_young\\_people.pdf](https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/uploads-new/publications/facilitation_script_young_people.pdf)

<https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/uploads-new/pages/childrens-woksheet-v3.pdf>

If you need any further help, please contact Rachel at the Church Office on 07968 280132 or [office@fordhamchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@fordhamchurch.org.uk) or Mary Durlacher on 01206 240 627 [marydurlacher@hotmail.com](mailto:marydurlacher@hotmail.com)

## GAFCON SUNDAY 2020

Gafcon is a movement of bible believing Anglicans committed to guarding the truth of the gospel so that it is faithfully preached throughout the world. Gafcon stands for Global Anglican Fellowship Conference. <https://www.gafcon.org/>

The Gafcon movement is rooted in the Jerusalem Declaration (full text below) which was produced at the first GAFCON in 2008. The Jerusalem Declaration is part of the All Saints FEAG Ministry Declaration which we ask those who serve in our church to sign (wardens, PCC, youth & children's ministry etc). We encourage you to personally join the movement by assenting to the Jerusalem Declaration. You can join both the global movement and the UK branch: <https://www.gafcon.org/join>  
<http://www.gafconuk.org/>

**JOIN THE GAFCON PRAYER NETWORK** You can receive daily prayer points using the Prayermate app on your smart phone. Once you have downloaded the app click *Add Subject*, scroll down and click *World Mission & Bible Translation*, scroll down and click *Gafcon Prayer Network*

**ANGLICAN REALITY CHECK** What has happened in the Anglican Communion since the 1998 Lambeth Conference? <https://www.anglicanrealitycheck.org/>

### THE JERUSALEM DELCLARATION [29TH JUNE 2008]

In the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit:

We, the participants in the Global Anglican Future Conference, have met in the land of Jesus' birth. We express our loyalty as disciples to the King of kings, the Lord Jesus. We joyfully embrace his command to proclaim the reality of his kingdom which he first announced in this land. The gospel of the kingdom is the good news of salvation, liberation and transformation for all. In light of the above, we agree to chart a way forward together that promotes and protects the biblical gospel and mission to the world, solemnly declaring the following tenets of orthodoxy which underpin our Anglican identity.



1. We rejoice in the gospel of God through which we have been saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Because God first loved us, we love him and as believers bring forth fruits of love, ongoing repentance, lively hope and thanksgiving to God in all things.
2. We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God written and to contain all things necessary for salvation. The Bible is to be translated, read, preached, taught and obeyed in its plain and canonical sense, respectful of the church's historic and consensual reading.
3. We uphold the four Ecumenical Councils and the three historic Creeds as expressing the rule of faith of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

4. We uphold the Thirty-nine Articles as containing the true doctrine of the Church agreeing with God's Word and as authoritative for Anglicans today.
5. We gladly proclaim and submit to the unique and universal Lordship of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, humanity's only Saviour from sin, judgement and hell, who Lived the life we could not live and died the death that we deserve. By his atoning death and glorious resurrection, he secured the redemption of all who come to him in repentance and faith.
6. We rejoice in our Anglican sacramental and liturgical heritage as an expression of the gospel, and we uphold the 1662 Book of Common Prayer as a true and authoritative standard of worship and prayer, to be translated and locally adapted for each culture.
7. We recognise that God has called and gifted bishops, priests and deacons in historic succession to equip all the people of God for their ministry in the world. We uphold the classic Anglican Ordinal as an authoritative standard of clerical orders.
8. We acknowledge God's creation of humankind as male and female and the unchangeable standard of Christian marriage between one man and one woman as the proper place for sexual intimacy and the basis of the family. We repent of our failures to maintain this standard and call for a renewed commitment to lifelong fidelity in marriage and abstinence for those who are not married.
9. We gladly accept the Great Commission of the risen Lord to make disciples of all nations, to seek those who do not know Christ and to baptise, teach and bring new believers to maturity.
10. We are mindful of our responsibility to be good stewards of God's creation, to uphold and advocate justice in society, and to seek relief and empowerment of the poor and needy.
11. We are committed to the unity of all those who know and love Christ and to building authentic ecumenical relationships. We recognise the orders and jurisdiction of those Anglicans who uphold orthodox faith and practice, and we encourage them to join us in this declaration.
12. We celebrate the God-given diversity among us which enriches our global fellowship, and we acknowledge freedom in secondary matters. We pledge to work together to seek the mind of Christ on issues that divide us.
13. We reject the authority of those churches and leaders who have denied the orthodox faith in word or deed. We pray for them and call on them to repent and return to the Lord.
14. We rejoice at the prospect of Jesus' coming again in glory, and while we await this final event of history, we praise him for the way he builds up his church through his Spirit by miraculously changing lives.





