

To know Jesus Christ and make Him known

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2ND AUGUST 2020

SUNDAY PODCAST SERVICE



10.00AM All SAINTS FORDHAM & EIGHT ASH GREEN

The Parable of the Sower

Matthew 13 : 1-23

Preacher: Revd Dr Lee Gatiss

Director of Church Society

LET'S CONNECT ON ZOOM! VIRTUAL COFFEE 11.30am – 12.30pm

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heave 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

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.

CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in
newness of life to the glory of your name,
Amen

COLLECT PRAYER

Almighty LORD and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
Amen

SPEAK, O LORD

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.

Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might
be seen today

In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise;
cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans
for us—

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand
on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk
as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Words and Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

<https://youtu.be/ubRIJj8xkds>



HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God,
When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds
Thy Hands have made; I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe
displayed.

*Then sings my soul,
My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul,
My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!*

When through the woods,
and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing
sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain
grandeur and see the brook,
and feel the gentle breeze.

Then sings my soul.....

And when I think, that God,
His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross,
my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul.....

When Christ shall come,
with shout of acclamation,
And take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart.

Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great
Thou art!"

Then sings my soul.....

How Great Thou Art with lyrics performed by Chris Rice

<https://youtu.be/Cc0QVWzCv9k?t=7>

TODAY'S TEACHING
The Parable of the Sower
Matthew 13:1-23

NEXT SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST, 10.00AM

The Parable of the Weeds

Matthew's Gospel 13:24-43

Preacher: Bishop Rod Thomas

During August we are focusing on some of Jesus' parables and miracles in Matthew's gospel. The weekly talks have been produced by Church Society and we hope that they will be good food for you during the holiday season.

PODCAST SERVICES 10.00AM

An audio podcast will be available for 10.00am through the website and telephone listening service. Ruth is taking a break over the summer so there won't be a children's teaching video during August.

**All Saints Fordham & Eight Ash Green
Teaching Programme Sundays 10.00am**



2 nd August	Podcast	The Parable of the Sower	Matthew's Gospel 13:1-23
9 th August	Podcast	The Parable of the Weeds	Matthew's Gospel 13: 24-43
16 th August	Podcast	Parables of the Kingdom	Matthew's Gospel 13: 31-33 & 44-52
23 rd August	To Be Confirmed	Fear and Doubt	Matthew's Gospel 14:22-36
30 th August	To Be Confirmed	Never Despair	Matthew's Gospel 15:21-28

VIRTUAL COFFEE TIME ON ZOOM, 11.30 - 12.30PM.

Linda will email the Zoom link during the week.

**ALL SAINTS FORDHAM & EIGHT ASH GREEN
CHILDREN'S & YOUTH WORKER 2021 - 2023 (2025)
FUNDRAISING APPEAL**

I want to strengthen our church as we seek to move forward through the pandemic and different stages of lockdown over the coming months. So, with the support of the wardens and PCC, my aspiration is to appoint a Children's and Youth worker to lead the ministry to under 18s across the parish. Investing in this new staff post will be a significant contribution to the life of our church over the next few years. Please will you prayerfully consider if you can contribute to underwriting this new post. In the current financial climate, it is important that you carefully assess whether you are able to enter into such a commitment. If you didn't hear my presentation (towards the end of the service on 26th July) I encourage you to listen back to the podcast.

BASIC DETAILS FOR THE POST

Three-years with the option to extend to five if it is going well.

Four building blocks of the role:

- Weekly ministry in the two primary schools
- Running the All Saints Sunday Club
- Organising the 421 Youth Group
- Integrating these ministries into the wider life of the church.

The approximate and provisional cost of the post will be £30,000 per year (salary, pension contributions, employers National Insurance and expenses) and £90,000 for the initial three years.

These figures do not include accommodation, so if the new person doesn't have their own housing this will increase the annual cost. In the past members of the church family have been able to make accommodation available for a church worker. If you might be able to serve the church in this way, please get in touch with one of the wardens, Nick Durlacher or Alistair Grote.

DEADLINE FOR PLEDGES: MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

If you would like to contribute to the funding of this exciting new post please email the treasurer Roger Miles with details of your pledge by Monday 14th September r.j.miles@talktalk.net The PCC can then agree a plan based on the total pledges and gifts with the aim of advertising in October. If you have any questions you are welcome to get in touch with Roger Miles 01206 396477 or Francis Blight 01206 243266 francis.blight@fordhamchurch.org.uk after the 17th August.

NOTICES



This week we are celebrating two birthdays. Sam Blight will be 13 years old on Thursday, 6th August and Sam Knight will be 10 years old on Friday, 7th August.

Congratulations - enjoy your special day!



ROGER & RUTH MILES would like to announce the safe arrival of their new grandson, Boaz Elliot Lingwood, born Thursday, the 29th July, 2020 weighing in at 7lb 14oz.

We offer our Congratulations to his parents, Hayley & Ian.

CHRIS WILLIS is due to be ordained on 12th September as Deacon, serving his Curacy at St Albrights, in Stanway. "I shall really miss everyone at FEAG, and have valued the many friendships and love I have known as a family over the last 14 years. I am really pleased I will only be in the neighbouring parish, so hope to keep in contact. I'd value your prayers as I prepare to serve in Stanway" Although Chris will be moving house, his mobile telephone number and email address remain the same.

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

ALL SAINTS CARE TEAM If you need any help or would like someone to talk to, please contact a member of the church care team: Lynda Grote (co-ordinator) 07969 688710 or 01206 211384, Georgina Blight (co-ordinator, on holiday 27th July - 17th August) 01206 621576, Janette Miller 01206 421039, Shirley Hodges 01206 512381 or 07517 878782, Grace Lee 07881 822432, Lesley Southern 07895 074049.

CHURCH STAFF SUMMER HOLIDAYS Francis will be taking annual leave from 27th July – 17th August. The Church Manager Rachel will be on leave from 3rd – 17th August. During the period when Francis and Rachel are both off, Joanna and Linda will be available to help you on the church office phone number and email.

FRANCIS' INSTITUTION AS RECTOR We are pleased to announce that the service at which Francis' will be instituted as Rector is planned for **Thursday 3rd September, 7.30pm**. Please save the date. The service will be led by Roger Morris, Bishop of Colchester and the sermon will be given by Rod Thomas the Bishop of Maidstone.



The plans are coming together to hold a **DRIVE-IN SERVICE** in the Fordham Church car park on **Sunday 30th August, 6.00pm**. Francis will lead the service and Andy Jelfs will be preaching with an evangelistic focus. We will announce on Sunday 23rd August if the service is definitely going ahead with details of how to book. Please think and pray about who you might invite.

At last Sunday's service we took the opportunity to say thank you to Ruth Reynolds for all her hard work and dedication, as she steps down, after ten years, from her role as children's worker here at All Saints. Ruth was presented with a Red Lancashire Rose and a card, designed by Georgina, a poem written by Michael and filled with personal thankyou's from the church family.



Ruth Reynolds An Appreciation

*Dear Ruth, we'll miss you as you go;
We're here to say we love you so;
you'll leave a gap that's hard to fill,
But in our hearts we'll hold you still*

*Our schools have gained so much from you,
Your godly presence all year through,
So many kids encountered JAS (jazz),
Our Faith set forth with such pazazz!*

*A schools worker but so much more,
You've brought Good News to many-a-door;
At all-age church you've played your part,
Your "Lockdown" tales have touched the heart*

*With dedication and such love,
You've served us - and the Lord above;
With Jesus' love our souls ablaze,
We thank you—and give God the praise.*

By Michael Bewes