

To know Jesus Christ and make Him known

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SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 2020

10.00AM ALL SAINTS FORDHAM & EIGHT ASH GREEN

AUDIO LIVESTREAM

(AVAILABLE AS A PODCAST FROM 2.00PM)



Fear & Doubt

Matthew's Gospel 14:22-36

Preacher: George Crowder

Leader: Francis Blight

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

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**

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

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant
Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbel-
ief. We have lived by our strength, and not
by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.

All: Lord hear us and help us.

We have lived by our own strength, and not
by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy forgive us.

All: Lord hear us and help us.

We have live by the light of our own eyes, as
faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us

All: Lord hear us and help us

We have lived for this world alone, and doubt-
ed our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us

All: Lord hear us and help us

Amen

COLLECT PRAYER

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we,
running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious
promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen.

**10,00 Reasons
(Bless the Lord O my soul)**

*Bless the Lord,
Oh my soul, Oh my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies
before me
Let me be singing when evening comes
Bless the Lord O my soul....

You're rich in love
and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
for all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find
Bless the Lord O my soul.....

And on that day
when my strength is failing
the end draws near
and my time has come
still my soul will sing Your praise unending
ten thousand years and then forevermore
Bless the Lord O my soul.....

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Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
yet I look for worldly treasure
and forsake the Kings of kings
but mine is hope in my Redeemer though I fall,
his love is sure
for Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in time of sorrow
darkness not yet understood
through the valley I must travel
where I see no earthly good
but mine is peace that flows from heaven
and the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes his work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger
pilgrim on a narrow way
one with Christ I will encounter
harm and hatred for his name
but mine is armour for this battle
strong enough to last the war
and he has said he will deliver
safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city
where beside the King I walk
for there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

*Come rejoice now, O my soul
for his love is my reward.
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore!*

Repeat x2

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore

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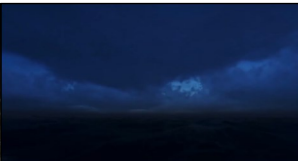
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TODAY'S TEACHING
Fear & Doubt
Matthew's Gospel 14:22-36

1. Do Not Fear (verses 22-27)

2. Do Not Doubt (verses 28-33)

3.



NEXT SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST, 10.00AM

Never Despair

Matthew's Gospel 15:21-28

Preacher: Mark Wallace

Leading: Francis Blight



SERVICE AT FORDHAM CHURCH

You are invited you to join us for our Sunday Service at Fordham Church. Seating will be limited to enable social distancing, so to guarantee places

please book by contacting Rachel Gage by 2.00pm on the Thursday

rachel.gage@fordhamchurch.org.uk or call 07968 280132.

Please read the updated guidance for attending on the church website. The government guidance on the wearing of masks changed on the 8th August and it is now compulsory to wear a face covering when attending a place of worship. There are some groups of people who are exempt from wearing face coverings and so we will continue to operate a 2 metre social distance rule at our services. If you have any concerns or questions about how things will work then please contact Rachel.

LIVETREAM/PODCAST

The service will be live streamed at 10.00am.

From 2.00pm the service recording will be available as a downloadable podcast through the website and telephone listening service.

VIRTUAL COFFEE TIME ON ZOOM, 11.30 - 12.30PM

Linda will email the Zoom link during the week.

NEXT SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST, 6.00PM
Drive-In Church at the Black Barn, Fordham
Measuring God's Love
Ephesians 3:14 - 21
Preacher: Andy Jelfs
Leader and Sung Worship Leader: Francis Blight



Andy will be preaching with a gentle evangelistic emphasis. To book your car please visit www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/drive-in-church-tickets-117181802927 Our thanks go to Chris Reynolds for his hard work to enable this event.



GUIDANCE FOR DRIVE-IN CHURCH

We wish to keep this event safe and enjoyable, so please, follow this guidance:

- * Please pray for God's blessing on this event and enjoy the worship on the day!
- * Please bring your mobile phone.
- * Bring electronic (or printed) words for the worship songs and hymns; these will be sent by email by Friday 28th August.
- * If you have a choice, come in your smallest car with no darkened windows. Large cars, e.g. SUVs, vans, and those with darkened windows will be directed to the rear.
- * The front row (small cars) should arrive at 17.35; other cars should arrive at 17.45.
- * Follow directions from the stewards for parking and exit to avoid reversing.
- * Turn your engine off once parked.
- * Stay in your car as much as possible; please do not get out of your car to socialise in the car park.
- * If you need assistance, turn on your hazard lights or phone 07704 644 365.
- * Only open the right-hand window of your car so we can sing safely.

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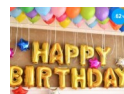
FRANCIS' INSTITUTION AS RECTOR Plans are going ahead for Francis' institution service to be on **Thursday 3rd September, 7.30pm**. The service will be led by Roger Morris, Bishop of Colchester and the sermon will be preached by Rod Thomas the Bishop of Maidstone. We are limited to 30 people at the actual service. Julian Griffiths is preparing to video livestream the service so that you can participate from home. Please pray for God's blessing on the evening.

SUNDAY LUNCH TOGETHER IN OUR HOMES 13TH SEPTEMBER (ACTS 2:46)

On the 3rd May Francis preached on *Church Life Back to Basics* from Acts 2:41-47. In response to the outpouring of God's Spirit at Pentecost the Jerusalem Christians "broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts". The first church in Jerusalem devoted themselves to being a hospitable and connected community and this is a model for us. Government regulations now permit us to meet with one other household in our home. So on the 13th September we would like to encourage as many pairs of church households as possible to share a meal at home. This will be a time to connect and enjoy fellowship together. We can talk about our experiences over the last few months and all that the Lord has been doing in our time apart. Who could you invite? It might be a whole family or someone who lives alone.

Lesley Southern will co-ordinate the lunch. Please go ahead and invite and when it is arranged email/message her to let her know (07895 074049, lesleyasouthern@hotmail.co.uk). If you would like to host but aren't sure who to ask, or more importantly if you would love to be invited please get in touch with Lesley so that she can pair everyone up. The meal only needs to be simple, it's the hospitality that's the important thing and the joy of being a guest. Please pray that this will be a wonderful chance to bring the whole church together. If you have dietary requests or need transport please let your host know.

WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH A HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Chloe Havers who will be 14 years old on Monday of this week. **CONGRATULATIONS !!**



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 on holiday 22 - 31st August) 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.

SEPTEMBER PRAYER FOCUS - SAVE THE DATE—Next month's prayer focus will be on **Thursday 10th September 19.30 - 21.15**. We have moved it from the first Thursday to accommodate Francis' institution as Rector. Join us on Zoom to pray for the life and needs of our church and ministries as we head into the autumn season.

GUIDANCE FOR DRIVE-IN CHURCH CONTINUED

- * Children must be accompanied to the toilet. Family members should seek to use the same toilet cubicle. Follow the one-way system if using the toilets.
- *The driver must not go to the toilet during the songs/hymns following the sermon so that cars are not prevented from leaving at the end.
- * At the end, please drive away from the parking area (turn left to leave via the road, or right to the alternative parking area for toilets).
- *If access to the road is unexpectedly blocked, please turn right to leave via the farmyard emergency exit.
- * If you book but are then unable to attend, please let us know so we can offer the space for another car.
- * The booking details that you have given will kept for 3 weeks for track and trace information – thank you.

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

Francis writes: 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.

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 myself 01206 243266 francis.blight@fordhamchurch.org.uk

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