

*To know Jesus Christ and make Him known*

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**SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2020**

**ALL SAINTS FORDHAM & EIGHT ASH GREEN**

**10.00AM MORNING SERVICE WITH AUDIO LIVESTREAM**

(AVAILABLE AS A PODCAST FROM 2.00PM)



*Jesus's Teaching on Servant Leadership*  
*(Daniel 7:13-14 & Matthew's Gospel 20:17 - 28)*

**Preacher: Francis Blight, Leader: Roy Miller**

**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

**ALL SAINTS CLUB (ASC)**

**MATTHEW GROUP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 11+**

**ON ZOOM 4.00PM** (see page 5 for details).

## 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 wrongdoings 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

## 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

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

## COLLECT PRAYER

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

## COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

Come people of the Risen King  
Who delight to bring Him praise  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to Him  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in

Chorus

*Rejoice rejoice  
let ev'ry tongue rejoice  
One heart one voice  
O Church of Christ rejoice*

Come those whose joy is morning sun  
And those weeping through the night  
Come those who tell of battles won  
And those struggling in the fight  
For His perfect love will never change  
And His mercies never cease  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace

Come young and old from ev'ry land  
Men and women of the faith  
Come those with full or empty hands  
Find the riches of His grace  
Over all the world His people sing  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The truth that cries through ev'ry age  
Our God is all in all

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## THE SERVANT KING

From heaven You came helpless babe  
Entered our world Your glory veiled  
Not to be served but to serve  
And give Your life that we might live

Chorus

*This is our God the Servant King  
He calls us now to follow Him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King*

There in the garden of tears  
My heavy load He chose to bear  
His heart with sorrow was torn  
Yet not my will but Yours He said

Come see His hands and His feet  
The scars that speak of sacrifice  
Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails Surrendered

So let us learn how to serve  
And in our lives enthrone Him  
Each other's needs to prefer  
For it is Christ we're serving

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## **TODAY'S TEACHING**

***Jesus's Teaching on Servant Leadership  
(Matthew's Gospel 20:17 - 28)***

**NEXT SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 10.00AM**  
*Church Community & The Humility of Jesus*  
*(Philippians 2:1-11)*

**Preacher: Francis Blight**



**SUNDAY LUNCH TOGETHER IN OUR HOMES (ACTS 2:46)**

See page 7 for details.

**THIS AUTUMN**

**LIVE SUNDAY SERVICES LIVESTREAM (10.00am) PODCAST (2.00pm)**  
**PERSONAL BIBLE & PRAYER GROWTH GROUPS**

For the autumn we return to our focus on *Paul's Letter to the Philippians*.

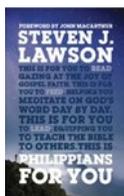
This part of God's Word is full of encouragement:

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

**JOIN A GROWTH GROUP THIS AUTUMN?** 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 Sunday services. 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).



**GOING DEEPER** If you would like to spend more time studying the letter each week, then we 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 + p+p

## 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 before**

[rachel.gage@fordhamchurch.org.uk](mailto:rachel.gage@fordhamchurch.org.uk) or call 01206 243261 if you haven't booked but

wake up on Sunday morning with a desire to attend the service in person please

come as it is very likely that there will be a space for you.

**Please read the updated guidance for attending** on the church website as the wearing of masks is now compulsory inside a place of worship.

## LIVESTREAM 10.00AM, PODCAST FROM 2.00PM

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.

## SEPTEMBER PRAYER FOCUS

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 19.30 - 21.15**

We have moved Prayer Focus 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.

## ALL SAINTS CLUB

**LUKE & MATTHEW GROUPS ON ZOOM FROM  
SUNDAY 20th SEPT AUGUST AT 4.00PM**

There will be no Matthew group next Sunday to make room for the Sunday Lunch in our homes. **From 20th Sept** we plan to run weekly Zoom sessions for children aged 4-11 (Luke Group) and 11+ (Matthew Group) through to half term.

For more details please Georgina Blight on 01206 621576 [georgina-blight@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:georgina-blight@hotmail.co.uk), A consent form is required from parents before the meeting, giving permission for your child to participate in the Zoom session. If you have not already received the consent form, please contact Georgina while Linda Stenner (safeguarding officer) is on holiday.

## NOTICES

**Congratulation** to Vic and Dorothy Sawyer who will be celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Thursday, 10th September.



### **SUNDAY LUNCH TOGETHER IN OUR HOMES 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER (ACTS 2:46)**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (with the guidance that you should, wherever possible, socially distance from people you do not live with or who are not in your support bubble and take particular care to maintain excellent hygiene – washing hands and surfaces – when using shared facilities like bathrooms.) So on the 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**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, 01206 621576, Janette Miller 01206 421039, Shirley Hodges 01206 512381 or 07517 878782, Grace Lee 07881 822432, Lesley Southern 07895 074049.

### **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](mailto:r.j.miles@talktalk.net)

**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.

**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.

**THE DEADLINE FOR PLEDGES is 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 [r.j.miles@talktalk.net](mailto: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](mailto:francis.blight@fordhamchurch.org.uk)

**PLEDGES TO DATE (UP TO 2ND SEPTEMBER)**

So far **£32,489** has been pledged by 13 church households towards the post. On our current projection, this will fund the post for one of the initial three years. This is a wonderful start. Most of this support has come from people who were already underwriting the associate minister post. Can you help us to make this plan a reality by pledging your financial support? 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 26<sup>th</sup> July) I encourage you to listen back to the podcast to find out more.