

To know Jesus Christ and make Him known

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SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2020

ALL SAINTS FORDHAM & EIGHT ASH GREEN

10.00AM MORNING SERVICE WITH LIVESTREAM

(AVAILABLE AS A PODCAST FROM 2.00PM)



***Church Community & The Humility of Jesus
(Philippians 2:1-11)***

Preacher: Francis Blight

SUNDAY LUNCH TOGETHER IN OUR HOMES

This Sunday we will be meeting together in our homes in the spirit of Acts 2:46.

Current government guidance allows two households to meet together inside, whilst maintaining social distancing. From Monday the 14th September the rules will change so that only six people will be permitted to meet in a home.

As this will be the last chance for a family with children to meet together with another family, I encourage you to make the most of the opportunity.

With the focus on Sunday Lunch, Zoom virtual coffee and the Matthew Group won't be meeting this weekend.

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,
Whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
Give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
We worship you in spirit and in truth;
Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

My great Redeemer's praise
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace
The triumphs of His grace
The triumphs of His grace

Jesus the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace
'Tis life and health and peace
'Tis life and health and peace

He speaks and listening to His voice
New life the dead receive
New life the dead receive
The mournful broken hearts rejoice
The humble poor believe
The humble poor believe
The humble poor believe

Hear Him ye deaf His praise ye dumb
Your loosened tongues employ
Your loosened tongues employ
Ye blind behold your Saviour come
And leap ye lame for joy
And leap ye lame for joy
And leap ye lame for joy

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
Assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honours of Thy name
The honours of Thy name
The honours of Thy name

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Here I Am To Worship

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

*So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

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TODAY'S TEACHING

Church Community & The Humility of Jesus
(Philippians 2:1-11)

NEXT SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 10.00AM

Salvation Shines (Philippians 2:12-18)

Preacher: Francis Blight

Leader: Nick Durlacher



VIRTUAL COFFEE TIME ON ZOOM, 11.30 - 12.30PM

The Church Office will email the Zoom link during the week.

ALL SAINTS CLUB ONLINE

LUKE GROUP ON ZOOM 3.00PM

MATTHEW GROUP ON ZOOM 4.00PM

From 20th September we plan to launch weekly Zoom sessions for children aged 4-11 years (Luke Group) Jesus Storybook Bible and 11 - 15 years (Matthew Group) Philippians through to half term.

For more details please contact

Georgina Blight on 01206 621576 georginablight@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.

THIS AUTUMN

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

You are invited you to join us for Sunday Services at Fordham Church.
Seating is limited to enable social distancing, so to guarantee a seat
please book by contacting Rachel Gage

rachel.gage@fordhamchurch.org.uk 01206 243261

If you haven't booked 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. The wearing of masks is now compulsory inside a place of worship unless you have a specific exemption.

The service will be livestreamed at 10.00am.

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

PHILIPPIANS

During the autumn we are focusing 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.

Sunday 20th September *Salvation Shines* (Philippians 2:12-18)

Sunday 27th September *Good Examples* (Philippians 2:19-31)

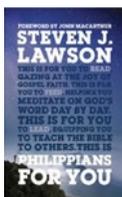
JOIN A GROWTH GROUP THIS AUTUMN?

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 on 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

NOTICES

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.

DRIVE-IN CHURCH SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 5.30 - 6.20PM After the success of our first ever drive-in service, we are planning another one for Sunday 27th September, 5.30 - 6.20pm. Aella Gage will preach aiming for a gently evangelistic message which will be encouraging for Christians as well. Francis will lead the service. Please think and pray about who God might have you invite.

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 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 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

PLEDGES TO DATE (updated Thursday 10th September)

The amount pledged has increased from £32,489 to ££55,664 from 16 church households. This is tremendous progress meaning that we have pledged for 60% of the costs to fund the post for the initial three years. As a comparison from the past, the Associate Minister post was funded by 24 households. 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 Francis' presentation (towards the end of the service on 26th July) you can listen back to the podcast to find out more.