

To know Jesus Christ and make Him known

The **Church Office** is open for enquiries and assistance by telephone and email only

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SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2020

ALL SAINTS FORDHAM & EIGHT ASH GREEN

10.00AM MORNING SERVICE WITH LIVESTREAM

Where is Your Confidence? (Philippians 3:1-11)

Preacher: Francis Blight



The hymns will be performed live in this weeks service,
but as usual there will be no congregational singing.

11.30 - 12.30PM, VIRTUAL COFFEE ON ZOOM. LET'S CONNECT!

The web link and password have been sent out to the church email list.

3.00 - 5.00PM ALL SAINTS CLUB ONLINE



3.00-3.45PM LUKE GROUP 4 - 11 YEARS

4.00-5.00PM MATTHEW GROUP 11 - 15 YEARS

CONFESSION OF OUR SINS

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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Let us affirm our faith
in Jesus Christ the Son of God

All: Though he was divine,
he did not cling
to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.

Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.

Therefore God
has raised him on high,
and given him the name
above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God
the Father.
Amen

cf Philippians 2.6-11

COLLECT PRAYER

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen

ONLY BY GRACE

Only by grace can we enter,
only by grace can we stand;
not by our human endeavour,
but by the blood of the Lamb.
Into Your presence you call us,
You call us to come;
into Your presence You draw us,
and now by Your grace we come,
now by Your grace we come.

Lord, if You mark our
transgressions who can stand?
Thanks to Your grace we are
cleansed by the blood of the Lamb.
Lord, if You mark...

Only by grace....

Gerrit Gustafson

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LEAD ME LORD

Lead me, Lord,
lead me in thy righteousness,
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only
That makest me dwell in safety.



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IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought
and storm.

What heights of love,
what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled when
strivings cease!

My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone—who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones

He came to save
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied,
for every sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain,
then, bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am His and He is mine -
bought with the
precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

TODAY'S TEACHING
Where is Your Confidence?
Philippians 3:1-11

NEXT SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER
10.00AM HARVEST THANKSGIVING WITH LIVESTREAM
John's Gospel 4:31-38
Preacher Paul Southern, Leader Francis Blight



Join us next Sunday to give thanks to God. Even in the midst of the COVID-19 virus and restrictions, he gives us many good things. "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
Please see the church website for attendance and booking details.

HARVEST COLLECTION FOR COLCHESTER FOOD BANK

Providing emergency food parcels to individuals & families in sudden crisis.

As part of our thanksgiving we will collect the following items for the food bank:

 *small bags of rice, longlife milk, longlife juice, shampoo, carrier bags/reusable bags, squash, tinned fruit, deodorants, tinned potatoes, tinned puddings, tins or packets of custard, jam, peanut butter, tooth brush/paste, razors, shower gel, small jars of coffee, small washing powder/liquid, small multipack snacks (penguin/club/twix), tin tomatoes.* <https://colchester.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

If you would like to donate items, please bring them with you to the service. If you are unable to attend in-person, you are welcome to leave them in the Fordham church porch at any time, from Wed 7th - Fri 9th October.

11.30 - 12.30PM VIRTUAL COFFEE TIME ON ZOOM

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

ALL SAINTS CLUB ONLINE

3.00 - 3.45PM, LUKE GROUP 4 - 11 YEARS, Jesus Storybook Bible

4.00 - 5.00PM, MATTHEW GROUP 11 - 15 YEARS, Philippians

A consent form is required from parents before children and young people can join the online Zoom sessions. For more details please contact Georgina Blight via the church office 01206 243261 office@fordhamchurch.org.uk

CHURCH NOTICES



CHRISTIANITY|EXPLORED

WHAT'S THE BEST NEWS
YOU'VE EVER HEARD?

All Saints Church
Fordham & Eight Ash Green

Begins Thursday 15th October

19:30 - 21:00

online via Zoom

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED ONLINE examines three questions which cut to the heart of Christianity: Who is Jesus? What did he achieve? How should we respond? Each of the seven sessions is an opportunity to ask questions, no matter how simple or difficult you think they are.

Registration If you would like to join in please email christianityexplored@fordhamchurch.org.uk to register your interest. All we need is your name and postal address so that we can send you a free copy of the participants handbook for the course. We won't use your details beyond the administration of the course. Participants for this online course need to be 18+. This course will be led by Francis Blight and Irene Bale.

Zoom The course will run through Zoom. If you are unfamiliar with Zoom you will need to download the app and to spend a few minutes familiarising yourself with it <https://zoom.us/> You can use it on a computer or smart phone, but the experience is generally better on a computer because you have a bigger screen and the sound works better. A few days before the course begins, we will email you a link to the Zoom meeting.

Explore You can begin exploring right away on the Christianity Explored website www.christianityexplored.org Here you will find engaging and helpful content in the *What is Christianity?*, *Tough Questions* and *Real Life Stories* sections.

Further details are available on the church website <https://fordhamchurch.org.uk/>

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED TRAINEE LEADER Do you have a love for people and a desire for them to hear and understand Jesus' saving gospel? There is an opportunity for a third person to join in with Francis and Irene as a trainee leader for the autumn Christianity Explored course. You will be able to learn how the course works and skills so that you can lead or help with future courses. If you are interested, please contact Francis by **Friday 9th October** 01206 243266.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) This year's APCM will take place on Sunday 18th October from 11.30am - 12.45pm. The meeting will be held on Zoom. Further details to follow. If you haven't previously used Zoom and you would like some help with to join in, please contact the church office and they will arrange for someone to help you. It is possible for you to join the zoom meeting without your face being seen so if you don't like that aspect of zoom we can show you how to do it.

CHURCH NOTICES

CHILDREN, YOUTH & SCHOOLS WORKER 2021 We give great thanks to God for his provision through the church family's generosity of pledges totalling £100,000 to fund this new post for an initial three years. We now move to the recruitment phase with paperwork to be produced and adverts to be placed. If you would like to work with Francis on this, please get in touch with him asap.

CHURCH CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

As part of our church outreach we would like to post this message on the two Facebook pages for the Fordham and Eight Ash Green villages:

"We are now seven months into this pandemic and these are difficult days for all of us. If anyone is struggling, and has run out of food or necessities don't be afraid or embarrassed to send us a private message with your needs. Our church will try our best to help you. We will simply drop off a small parcel to help you through a difficult time."

If we are to serve the villages in this way, we will need a core of people who would be willing to buy and put together a small parcel of food or other requested items and deliver to a doorstep. We are looking for a team of about 10 people so that it doesn't become a heavy burden on a few individuals. The key will be an immediate response. Francis and the church care team are supportive of this new initiative. Lesley Southern will co-ordinate so please get in touch as soon as possible if you would like to join in lesleyasouthern@hotmail.co.uk 07895074049.

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. Georgina has stepped down as co-ordinator as she is currently organising All Saints Club Online. Lynda Grote will continue as co-ordinator and Lesley Southern has stepped up to work with her. Lynda Grote (co-ordinator) 07969 688710 or 01206 211384, Lesley Southern (co-ordinator) 07895 074049, Janette Miller 01206 421039, Shirley Hodges 01206 512381 or 07517 878782, Grace Lee 07881 822432.

ELECTORAL ROLL The Revision of the Electoral Roll has now taken place. A copy of the published Roll it is on display in the porch at Fordham Church.

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

