

To know Jesus Christ and make Him known

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only on **Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays, 10.00am - 2.00pm**

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SUNDAY 10TH JANUARY 2021

ALL SAINTS FORDHAM & EIGHT ASH GREEN

10.00AM ONLINE ALL AGE SERVICE

Who is Jesus? (Mark's Gospel 1:1-11)

Preacher: Francis Blight

In the light of the new national lockdown the PCC has voted to suspend in-person attendance at worship services. This will be reviewed at the PCC meeting in the February half - term (16th February). Please join us for the livestream at 10.00am followed by virtual coffee at 11.30am.

11.30 - 12.30PM VIRTUAL COFFEE ON ZOOM!

We look forward to connecting with you at our virtual coffee session, which will be hosted by Gavin Holt.

The Church Office will send the Zoom link in separate email.

ALL SAINTS CLUB ONLINE

3.00 - 3.45PM LUKE GROUP 4 - 11 YEARS



4.00 - 5.00PM MATTHEW GROUP 11-15 YEARS

The All Saints Club begins again this Sunday. We would love you to join us on Zoom for games, chat, Bible teaching and prayer. A consent form is required from your parents. For more details please contact Georgina Blight via the church office 01206 243261 office@fordhamchurch.org.uk

COLLECT PRAYER

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen

O GREAT GOD

O great God of highest heaven
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heaven
Glorify Your Name through me

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CONFESSION OF OUR SINS

O King enthroned on high,
filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name,
Lord God almighty.
In our sinfulness we cry to you
to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak your
word, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe and trust in
God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in
God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in
God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known
in the world?

All: We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All: This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 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.

A KING LIKE THIS

A King like this
Majesty laying in a manger
A King like this
Unto us is born a Saviour
The Light the Light has come

A King like this
The highest name
and the song of heaven.

A King like this
Born of flesh into our suffering
The Light the Light has come

He is Christ the Lord
He is Christ our Saviour
I bow my heart before
no other name
I bow my heart before

no other King

A King like this
A saving love
that would not forsake us

Betrayed by a kiss
And led to the cross
for our forgiveness
The Light the Light has come

He is Christ the Lord...

We lift up our eyes
the Light has come x3
We lift up our eyes lift up our eyes
Lift up your eyes

He is Christ the Lord
He is Christ our Saviour
He is Christ the Lord
He is Christ our Saviour
I bow my heart before
no other name
I bow my heart before

no other King

A King like this
A throne of grace
that will stand forever
The angels sing,
Glory, glory, hallelujah
The Light the Light has come
The Light the Light has come

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v=DRxRxH1gYC8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DRxRxH1gYC8)

TODAY'S TEACHING
Who Is Jesus?
Mark's Gospel 1:1 - 11

1. Who is Jesus According to

2. Who is Jesus According to

3. Who is Jesus According to

4. Who is Jesus According to

**NEXT SUNDAY 17TH JANUARY 2021
NEW YEAR COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE
10.00AM ONLINE ONLY**

The Scroll and the Lion-Lamb (Revelation 5:1-14)

Preacher: Francis Blight

During next Sunday's service Francis will invite you to pray the prayer below. The Covenant Renewal Service was adapted by John Wesley, the founder of Methodism from the works of Joseph and Richard Alleine, for the purpose of renewing the Christian believer's Covenant with God. Through this prayer we completely offer ourselves to God for his will and purpose. This affirmation is a serious one that embraces the whole of our life, in all its parts. Most people find it quite tough to say, and really mean it.

A COVENANT WITH GOD

*"I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will,
rank me with whom you will;
put me to doing, put me to suffering;
let me be employed for you,
or laid aside for you,
exalted for you, or brought low for you;
let me be full, let me be empty,
let me have all things, let me have nothing:
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things
to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours. So be it.
And the covenant now made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."*

In preparation for next Sunday, please take some time to think through the covenant prayer. Read through it slowly, a line at a time.

These six questions will help you to engage with it's meaning.

1. *What jumps out at you?*
2. *What would you find easy to say?*

3. *What would you find difficult to say?*

Think how it might apply to your life – the whole of your life.

4. *What things might God be asking you to stop?*

5. *What might God be asking you to continue?*

6. *And what new things may God place in your life?*

Find out more at: [A Covenant With God](#)

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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

WEEKLY NOTICES

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED ONLINE 2021 begins on

Thursday 21st January at 7.45pm in partnership with St Peter's Church Colchester. Christianity Explored gives you time and space to think about the big

questions of life and to explore the life and teaching of the person at the heart of the Christian faith – Jesus Christ. The course will run weekly from 19.45 but with flexibility to suit group members. The structure of each session is simple: a short Bible study and a video presentation followed by a group discussion. We are pleased to be partnering with St Peter's Colchester for this online course. Participants for this online course need to be 18+.

Registration If you would like to join in or to find out more please email christianityexplored@fordhamchurch.org.uk .

Explore You can begin exploring right away on the [Christianity Explored](http://ChristianityExplored.com) website. Here you will find engaging and helpful content in the What is Christianity?, Tough Questions and Real Life Stories sections.

THE CHURCH OFFICE has reopened after the Christmas break, but due to new government restrictions there are some amendments to how the office will operate over the coming weeks. Linda Stenner will be working in the office on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10.00am—2.00pm for any telephone and email enquiries, whilst Rachel and Joanna will be working from home and taking any email enquiries that you may have between Tuesday and Friday, 9.30am-2.30pm.

ALL SAINTS CARE TEAM If you need help or would like someone to talk to, please contact a member of the church care team: Lynda Grote (coordinator) lyndagrote54@gmail.com 07969 688710 or 01206 211384, Lesley Southern (co-ordinator) lesley.southern@fordhamchurch.org.uk 07895 074049, Janette Miller 01206 421039, Grace Lee 07881 822432 and Georgina Blight 01206 621576. (Tom, Sam and Zoë are all doing school from home, so if Georgina is unable to take your call please just leave a message and she can get back to you).

ALL SAINTS FORDHAM SCHOOL GOVERNOR Francis is looking for a member of the church family to join the school governing body as a foundation governor. You will join him and Mary Durlacher as fellow governors in the work of encouraging and developing the Christian Ethos of the school. The post is nominated by the PCC. If you would like to serve in this important role please get in touch with him.



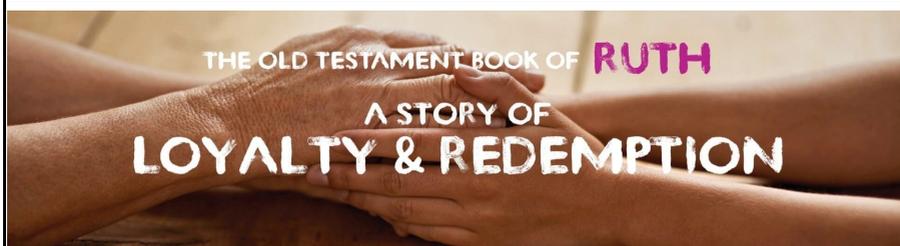
**CHRISTIANITY
EXPLORED**

What's the best news
you've ever heard?

BRIDGEWAY MINISTRY During the New Year Prayer Focus we prayed with Raied and Souzan who run Bridgeway ministry in Colchester. They write: "At Bridgeway we have a heart to see people from different nationalities being integrated into life in the UK and to help those who are seeking to find out more about the Christian understanding of Jesus in a culturally relevant way. As Arabic speakers from the Middle-East our calling is especially to care for and share Jesus with those whose language and culture we understand so well." If you would like to connect and support them, here are their contact details; 07787 925227 r.souzan1997@yahoo.com



**ALL SAINTS CHURCH FORDHAM & EIGHT ASH GREEN
NEW TEACHING SERIES BEGINS 24TH JANUARY
SUNDAYS ONLINE 10.00AM
GROWTH GROUPS ONLINE MIDWEEK**



24 th January	The Book of Ruth: Emptiness	Ruth 1:1-22
31 st January	The Book of Ruth: Seeking	Ruth 1:22-2:23
7 th February	The Book of Ruth: Finding	Ruth 3:1-18
14 th February	The Book of Ruth: Fullness & Legacy	Ruth 4:1-22

GROWTH GROUPS 2021 Would you like to join an online growth group as the Ruth series begins? They are really useful for becoming more connected in the of the church family. Through regular prayer and Bible study participation can enable you to grow in your relationship with God. During the lockdown they are a valuable means to support one another. Please contact the church office if you are interested.