

SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2021

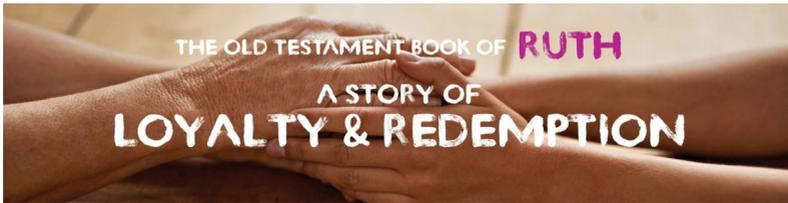
ALL SAINTS FORDHAM & EIGHT ASH GREEN

10.00AM ONLINE CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sermon: Seeing God's Providence in the Book of Ruth

Preacher & Leader: Paul Southern



11.30 - 12.30PM VIRTUAL COFFEE ON ZOOM!

We look forward to connecting with you at our virtual coffee session, hosted by Gavin Holt. The Zoom link will be sent in a 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 is taking a break for half term and will begin again on Sunday 28th February. See page 5 for further details.

O FOR A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD

O for a closer walk with God
A calm and heaven'ly frame,
A light to shine upon the road that leads
me to the Lamb.

When is the blessedness I knew,
when first I sought the Lord ,
where is the soul—refreshing view
of Jesus and His Word.

What peaceful hours I once enjoyed how
sweet their mem'ry still,
but they have left an aching void
the world can never fill.

Return, O Holy Dove return
sweet messenger of rest,
I hate the sins that made thee mourn
and drove thee from my breast

The dearest idol I have known
what're that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne
and worship only Thee. *Repeat*

Then shall my walk be close with God
calm and serene my frame,
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

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CONFESSION OF OUR SINS

Dear Lord,
We have not loved you
with our whole heart
We have not loved our neighbours
as ourselves.
in your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we do justly, I
ove mercy, and walk humbly with you,
our God. Amen

PSALM 23

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still, still waters
His goodness restores my soul
And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

He guides my ways in righteousness
And He anoints my head with oil
And my cup it overflows with joy
I feast on His pure delights

And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one
For You are with me
And Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know

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THERE IS A REDEEMER

There is a Redeemer
Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah,
Holy One

Jesus my Redeemer name
above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah
O for sinners slain

*Thank You O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done*

When I stand in glory I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

**Do you believe and trust in
God the Father?**

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

**Do you believe and trust in
his Son Jesus Christ?**

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?**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the commun-
ion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ
fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are,
yet without sin;
give us grace to discipline ourselves in
obedience to your Spirit;
And, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. 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.

TODAY'S TEACHING

Sermon: Seeing God's Providence in the Book of Ruth

NEXT SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2021

10.00AM ONLINE CHURCH

NEW TEACHING SERIES BEGINS

Introducing Revelation Chapters 1-3:

Seven Letters from Jesus Christ (Revelation 1:1-8)

Preacher: Francis Blight

The Book of Revelation is a literary classic! It's full of provocative images and language which for some is exciting and enticing while for others it makes the book a bit of a 'no go' area. In this series we will seek to open up the first three chapters of this profound book so that you can understand it and engage with its relevance for All Saints Church in the 21st century.

GROWTH GROUPS 2021

Would you like to join an online growth group as the Revelation teaching series begins? They are really useful for connecting with others in the church family. Participation will help you to explore and discuss the Sunday Bible passages from Revelation chapter 1-3 with others. During the lockdown they are a particularly valuable way of supporting one another through prayer and fellowship. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

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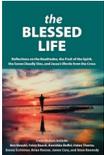


ALL SAINTS CLUB ONLINE will begin again after half term on Sunday 28th February with sessions for children aged 4 - 15. We would love you to join us on Zoom for games, chat, Bible teaching and prayer. Your parents will need to complete a registration and consent form. For more details please contact Georgina Blight via the church office 01206 243261
office@fordhamchurch.org.uk

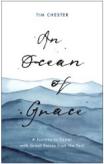
THIS WEEK

THE LENT SEASON BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

and runs through to Easter at the beginning of April. Lent is a season in the church year to seek God in prayer, self-examination, repentance, fasting and reflection on the scriptures. Here are details of two books which will help you to engage with God through the 40 days of Lent.



The Blessed Life edited by Lee Gattiss of Church Society. This is currently sold out online. We have just a few copies available at a discount price of £4 plus postage. Please contact Linda in the church office of you would like one.



An Ocean of Grace by Tim Chester. Reflect on Jesus in the run-up to Easter with this inspiring collection of daily devotions and prayers from great Christian writers of the past. .£6.79 plus p+p, £3.99 ebook. This can be ordered from the online from the Good Book Company. <https://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/an-ocean-of-grace>

NEW - ALL SAINTS MIDWEEK COFFEE BREAK ON ZOOM WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 10.30-11.10AM

A chance to check in with friends for an encouraging 40 minute mid-week chat. Lesley Southern will be hosting the meeting this week so, make a cuppa and join in. The zoom login details will be included in the weekly email to the church list. You are welcome to pass it onto friends who might like to join. We look forward to seeing you.



421 YOUTH GROUP ONLINE

FOR 11 - 18 YEAR OLDS FRIDAY NIGHTS 7.30PM ON ZOOM

421 is running weekly through to Easter with games, chat, Christian teaching and discussion. So far 18 young people have signed up. For the discussion time we will split into groups according to age. We would of course much rather be meeting in person in the John Owen Barn, but hope that during the lockdown the weekly contact and Bible teaching will be an encouragement. If you are interested in joining in please ask your parents to send an email to georginabligh@hotmail.co.uk Parents will need to complete registration and consent forms which can be emailed to them. You will need a Bible ready for the talk and discussion.

EASTER WINDOW TRAIL Planning is in the early stages but we would like to create an Easter Window trail across our parish this Easter. This will involve those of our church family who live in Eight Ash Green or Fordham, along with others in the community, decorating a window or their front door with an Easter related theme. If you live in the Parish but don't have an ounce of creativity in your little finger then someone else from the church family could provide the inspiration and decoration and you can supply the window. This could be a very small event or could become quite large but it will depend on how many people would like to be involved. If you would like to be part of the planning, part of the designing or part of the decorating please let me know as soon as possible by email

rachel.gage@fordhamchurch.org.uk or phone 01206 243261

ANNUAL LEAVE Francis will be taking annual leave over half term, from the 15th - 21st February

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED! We are looking within our church family for anyone interested in joining our Hosting Team for the Sunday Zoom Coffee sessions. If you think you can help out in anyway, please contact the Church office at office@fordhamchurch.org.uk If you have an active zoom account for conferencing already, this would be useful, otherwise a monthly plan to host zoom sessions is £14.99 per month.

THE CHURCH OFFICE Linda Stenner is working in the office on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10.00am - 2.00pm for any telephone enquiries, whilst Rachel and Joanna will be working from home and taking email enquiries Tuesday - 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) 07895 074049

lesey.southern@fordhamchurch.org.uk 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).

WOOLHAMPTON 2 PATHFINDER VENTURE HOLIDAY

31st July - 7th August 2021

for 11- 14 year olds

Cost £272

Venue Elstree school, Hill upper
Woolhampton, Reading, RG7 5TD



Woolhampton 2 is the holiday of a lifetime! A great place to find out about Jesus from the Bible, to meet friends & make new ones and to enjoy fun activities with leaders who care. If you're sporty, arty, dramatic, musical, sensible, energetic, relaxed or simply up for a laugh, join us for a great time in our stunning grounds and amazing facilities.

Bookings are not open yet due to COVID-19. From mid-March the website will give greater clarity as to whether the venture will go ahead as a residential, a day event or a virtual venture. In the meantime please contact

Georgina Blight if you are interested and pencil the dates in your diary.



For further details please visit: <https://www.ventures.org.uk/holiday/woolhampton-2-2?b=1>

ALL SAINTS CHURCH COMMUNITY HUB

As a church we are looking for ways to serve the community. As such we have teamed up with the Wivenhoe Post Office who will provide a **post office every Friday between 11:45 - 13:45 pm in the John Owen Barn. This will begin once the current Covid restrictions are eased.** There will be other exciting community projects so keep visiting the church website for updates.



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