

**SUNDAY 21ST MARCH 2021**

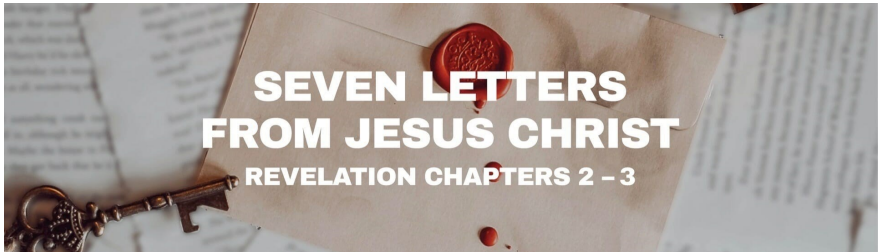
**ALL SAINTS FORDHAM & EIGHT ASH GREEN**

**10.00AM ONLINE MORNING SERVICE**

***Be Faithful Under Pressure (Jesus' Second Letter to Smyrna)***

***Revelation 2:8-11 & Daniel 3:8-18***

***Preacher: Paul Southern, Leader: Roy Miller***



**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**



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

## FAITHFUL ONE

Faithful One so unchanging  
Ageless One You're my Rock of peace  
Lord of all I depend on You  
I call out to You again and again  
I call out to You again and again

You are my Rock in times of trouble  
You lift me up when I fall down  
All through the storm  
Your love is the anchor  
My hope is in You alone

My hope is in You  
My hope is in You  
Our hope is in You alone

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For sinning against you by what we have thought and said and done and by the good things we have failed to do.

**All: Father, please forgive us and help us to obey you.**

**Amen**

## 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 communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

**Amen**

## CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we are truly sorry:  
For doing what we want and not what you want and straying from your ways like lost sheep.

**All: Father, please forgive us and help us to obey you.**

For breaking your perfect laws in the Bible by not loving you with our whole heart, and not loving other people as ourselves.

**All: Father, please forgive us and help us to obey you.**

## WE HAVE AN ANCHOR

Will your anchor hold  
in the storms of life  
When the clouds unfold  
their wings of strife  
When the strong tides lift  
and the cables strain  
Will your anchor drift or firm remain

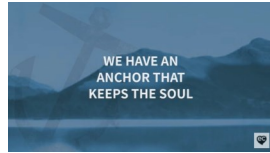
*We have an anchor  
that keeps the soul  
Steadfast and sure  
while the billows roll  
Fastened to the Rock  
which cannot move  
Grounded firm and deep  
in the Saviour's love*

Held secure by faith  
in the Saviour's hands  
Shielded by His grace  
on Christ we stand  
He is Lord of all  
we should never doubt  
Through uncertain times  
He is solid ground

You have carried us through  
the raging sea  
In the fire and flood  
we stand redeemed  
Through the storms of life  
you will not let go  
This our confidence  
that our anchor holds

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Convention - Lyric Video - YouTube](#)



## COLLECT PRAYER

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection  
of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him  
who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power  
of his victory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son  
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.

**TODAY'S TEACHING**

***Be Faithful Under Pressure***

***(Jesus' Second Letter to Smyrna)***

***Revelation 2:8-11***

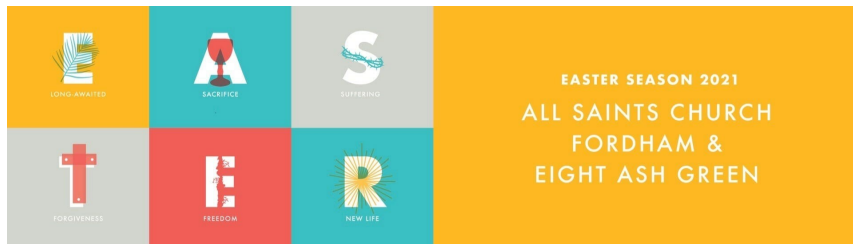
*Jesus says 'I know' .....*

*1. Your afflictions, your poverty and your enemies. (verse 9)*

*2. Your fear, your testing and your suffering to come. (verse 10)*

*3. Your future (verses 10 & 11)*

**PALM SUNDAY 28TH MARCH 2021**  
**10.00AM ATTEND IN-PERSON OR WATCH ONLINE**  
*Jesus' Journey to the Cross Mark 14:26 - 15:15*  
**Preacher: Francis Blight**



**11.30 - 12.30PM VIRTUAL COFFEE ON ZOOM!**

We look forward to connecting with you at our weekly coffee time after the service.

**BOB WHEELER** It is with sadness that we announce Bob Wheeler's death on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Bob was a much-loved member of our church community and our prayers are with his wife Ruth and children Sam, Rosie and Charlotte at this time. We celebrate Bob's faith in Jesus Christ and that he has gone to experience the eternal life promised in the scriptures. Bob's funeral will be held at Fordham Church on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March starting at 12.30pm. Covid restrictions limit attendance to 30 people. The service will be livestreamed though this link. <https://youtu.be/NVMYzQ3B7C4>



**THE DABOR FAMILY** Elias, Sola, Elisha and Elishima will be moving to Lancaster soon after Easter. They have bought a house there which will enable Elias to commute daily to his work with Siemens in the Lake District. Their leaving is a sadness to us as we will miss them in the life of our church community. We wish them every blessing for this new venture after four years in Colchester. Francis will interview them in the Easter Day service so that we can say farewell. Please pray for God to lead them to the right church to join, and for Elias to be able to pass his driving text.

## All Saints Fordham & Eight Ash Green Easter Season 2021

I am pleased to announce that our church buildings will be open again for public worship from next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March. It will be good to be physically together again. Social restrictions will still apply. I look forward to connecting with you over the Easter season. In Christ, Francis



Date	Title	Scriptures	Location & Format
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 1.30pm	<b>Fordham School Easter Service</b>	Matthew 26:17 - 28 & John 13:3-9	Zoom Service for whole school
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> March 1.30pm	<b>Holy Trinity Eight Ash Green School Easter Service</b>	Matthew 26:17 - 28 & John 13:3 - 9	Zoom service For Key Stage 2
28 <sup>th</sup> March – 4 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Easter Window Trail &amp; Children's Competition</b> around Fordham and Eight Ash Green Villages <a href="http://www.fordhamchurch.org.uk/easter-windows-trail">www.fordhamchurch.org.uk/easter-windows-trail</a>		
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> March 10.00am	<b>Palm Sunday: Jesus' Journey to the Cross</b>	Mark 14:26 - 15:15	Fordham In-person and online
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> April 7.30pm	<b>Maundy Thursday Holy Communion: Remembering Jesus' Last Supper</b>	1 Corinthians 11:23 - 26	Eight Ash Green In-person only
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 12 noon	<b>Good Friday: Three Reflections Online Service</b>	Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12 Psalm 22:1 - 31 Hebrews 10:16 - 25	On-line only
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> April 10.00am	<b>Easter Day Celebration: Jesus' Resurrection Gospel That Saves</b>	1 Corinthians 15:1 - 11	Fordham In-person and online
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> April 10.00am	<b>Jesus' Resurrection Appearances</b>	John 20:19 - 31	Fordham In-person and online

## **NATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION Tuesday, 23rd March**

The Marie Curie Charity has called for a National Day of Reflection to reflect on our collective loss, support those who've been bereaved, and hope for a brighter future. Both of our churches will be open for private prayer from 11am – 1pm on this day and anyone from the church family or the local community are welcome to come and spend time in prayer during this time. Social distancing arrangements will be in place and masks will be required unless a person is medically exempt.

## **ALL SAINTS MIDWEEK COFFEE BREAK ON ZOOM WEDNESDAY, 24TH MARCH 10.30-11.10AM**

A chance to check in with friends for an encouraging 40 minute. chat. **Lesley Southern** will be your host 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 or family members who might like to join. We look forward to seeing you.



## **APRIL ONLINE PRAYER FOCUS THURSDAY 8TH APRIL 19.45 - 21.00**

Join us to pray for the life and ministries of our church community. The April prayer focus will be led by Alistair Grote and Nick Durlacher while Francis is taking annual leave. We have shortened the length of the meeting and look forward to praying with you.



**THE ALL SAINTS CARE TEAM** is here for you if you need help or would like someone to talk to. They are available to pray in response to specific prayer requests. Contact any member of the team and they will pass your request on to the other team members by email. When people share prayer requests we understand that confidentiality is sometimes important, so please clarify your wishes with the team member. Lynda Grote (coordinator) [lyndagrote54@gmail.com](mailto:lyndagrote54@gmail.com) 07969 688710 or 01206 211384, Lesley Southern (co-ordinator) 07895 074049 [lesley.southern@fordhamchurch.org.uk](mailto:lesley.southern@fordhamchurch.org.uk) Janette Miller 01206 421039, Grace Lee 07881 822432 and Georgina Blight 01206 621576.

## EASTER WINDOWS TRAIL & CHILDREN'S COMPETITION

### Want to get Creative this Easter?



It's not too late to design an Easter Window for the Trail. Just have it ready by Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> March and upload a photograph onto the church website. From Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March take your daily walk around the two villages and see how many decorated windows you can find. The children can take part in a competition to win a Thorntons 'Marvellous Magnificent Easter Egg' by looking out for the pictures of Easter Eggs with letters on them and

re-arranging the letters into a well know Easter sentence. Maps and entry forms can be found on the church website. If you have any questions please contact Rachel by email:

[rachel.gage@fordhamchurch.org.uk](mailto:rachel.gage@fordhamchurch.org.uk) or phone 01206 243261.

Further details are on the church website.



## ALL SAINTS CHURCH COMMUNITY HUB



Wivenhoe **Post Office** will provide a branch every Friday lunchtime between 11:45 and 13:45pm in the John Owen Barn which is located to the left of the church. This will launch on **Friday 16th April**. All updates will be published via the church website and Facebook pages.

Along with the Post Office a **greengrocers** will be in the cart lodge (opposite the John Owen Barn) providing fresh fruit and vegetables. Please come along and support her.



## GIVING TO ALL SAINTS FORDHAM AND EIGHT ASH GREEN

If you would like details of how to support our church ministry financially, or you have any questions about giving, please speak to our treasurer Roger Miles on 01206 970953 or email him [r.j.miles@icloud.com](mailto:r.j.miles@icloud.com)