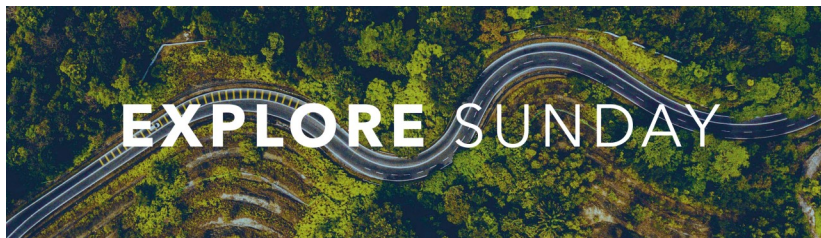


EXPLORE SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 2024, 10:00AM

Exploring Faith - Irrational Fairy Tales or Something Else?



Luke's Gospel 1:1 - 4 & John's Gospel 1:43-51

Speaker: Aëlla Gage, Leader: Francis Blight



10.00AM ALL SAINTS CLUB FOR 0 - 16 YEAR OLDS

Children and young people begin with their parents or carers in the main service and leave for the John Owen Barn a few minutes into the service.

Beginning with God (0 - 4 years) Play time & The Beginners Bible.

Luke Group (4 - 11 years) The Biggest Story.

Matthew Group (11 - 16 years) Back to Basics.

9.35AM PRAYING FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Join us to pray by the pulpit in Fordham Church. All Welcome.

WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS FORDHAM & EIGHT ASH GREEN

We are glad you have joined us for Explore Sunday and hope you enjoy your time with us. You are invited to fill in a green **Welcome Card** so that we can be in touch to say 'Hello'.

These are available from the table by the entrance.

TODAY'S TOPIC

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1. Faith's Reasonable Foundation

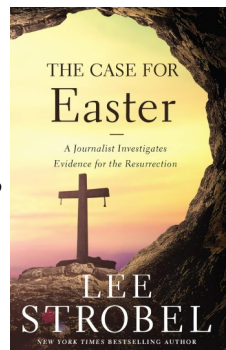
2. Faith's Radical Adventure

THE CASE FOR EASTER FREE BOOK AVAILABLE TODAY

Journalist Lee Strobel investigates the evidence for Jesus' resurrection, considering three key questions:

1. *Was Jesus Death a Sham and His Resurrection a Hoax?*
2. *Was Jesus' Body Really Absent from His Tomb?*
3. *Was Jesus Still Alive After His Death on the Cross?*

Please take a free copy from the table by the church entrance if you would like to read it.



CHURCH DIARY

Tuesday 19th March 9.00 - 11.00am, **Babies & Toddlers Group**. Play, snack, Bible story and song time. £1.50 per week (John Owen Barn).

Friday 22nd March 10.00am - 1.00pm. **The Community Hub Stalls, Café & Post Office** (11.45 - 1.45pm). Please note that the Community Hub will be closed on Good Friday 29th March.

Friday 22nd March 10.30 - 11.45am **Community Hub Exploring Faith Discussion Time** (John Owen Barn). Following on from Explore Sunday, an opportunity to discuss your views and thoughts on faith, over coffee and cake at the hub cafe. We will meet in the corner room next to the kitchen. What is faith and what does it mean to have faith? You can ask any question you like or just sit and listen. Francis Blight will lead the session. All welcome, especially those who are unsure about faith.

Friday 22nd March 7:30 - 9:00pm, **421 Youth Group** for 11-18 year olds (John Owen Barn). Games, craft & tuck shop with **VOX** - the new youth course from Christianity Explored. <https://www.christianityexplored.org/courses/vox/>
Contact Youth & Children's Leader Georgina Blight for further details georgina.blight@fordhamchurch.org.uk



Sunday 24th March, 10.00am, **The Passion of Jesus Christ**, (Fordham Church). Preacher: Francis Blight. **All Saints Sunday Club for 0-16 year olds: Beginning with God** (0 - 4 years), **Luke Group** (4 - 11 years) & **Matthew Group discussion part way through the service** (11-16 years).

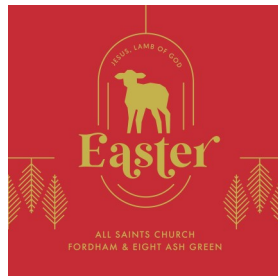


Thursday 28th March, 6.15pm for 6.30pm, **Remembering Jesus' Last Supper** (John Owen Barn). See page 4 for full details.

Sunday 31st March 10am **Easter Day All Age Celebration Service** (Fordham Church). A holy communion service for all the family with the Bishop of Ebbsfleet, Rob Munro. The service will be followed by refreshments in the church and an Easter Egg hunt for children (up to eleven years).

REMEMBERING JESUS' LAST SUPPER
Maundy Thursday church family meal with
Holy Communion. Thursday 28th March,
6.15pm for 6.30pm, (John Owen Barn).

A special time together, for all the family, young and old. Menu: pulled lamb, mixed salad with grains & chickpeas, tzatziki, humous & flatbreads, coffee, tea & cupcakes.



Optional donation of £5 per adult/young person over 12 years, £2 per child up to 12 years. Please book your places through the church office by **Monday 25th March, 5pm**, giving the first and second name of each person. *01206 243261 office@fordhamchurch.org.uk* Donations can be made either by cash or by bank transfer into the church account tagged 'Last Supper'.

GIVING TO THE WORK OF
ALL SAINTS FORDHAM & 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 Victoria Rolfe or send her an email victoria.emma.rolfe@gmail.com

Bank Account Name: "FORDHAM AND EAG PCC"
Sort Code 20-22-67 Account Number 20369047.

THIS CHURCH IS PART OF THE EBBSFLEET NETWORK: As part of the Church of England, we have passed a resolution requesting the extended spiritual and pastoral care of the Bishop of Ebbsfleet, Rt Rev Dr Rob Munro. Bishop Rob supports churches who have requested their Diocesan Bishop to provide for their evangelical and complementarian convictions - that is their commitment to the authority of the Bible, to direct the life of the Church and express the equal but different roles of men and women in family and Church.

SAFEGUARDING: We, as a church, are committed to safeguarding children, young people, victims/perpetrators of domestic abuse and vulnerable adults. The PCC has adopted the Church of England's policies and best practice on safeguarding which may be found on the Church of England's website: <https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org>
Our Parish Safeguarding Officer is Linda Stenner, who may be contacted through the church office or by email at lindastenner@ymail.com

FIRE EVACUATION: In the event of a fire, leave via fire exits and gather at the fire assembly point: Eight Ash Green - car park, Fordham Church - lawn outside Fordham Hall, John Owen Barn - field

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