

**SUNDAY 3RD MAY 2026 10AM & 11:30AM**

*Stephen: Witness to Jesus, Full of the Holy Spirit*

*(Acts 7:48 - 8:4)*

**9.35AM PRAYING FOR THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

Join us to pray for the ministry of God's Word through his Spirit at the two services. We meet by the wooden cross in the JOB. All Welcome.

**10:00AM MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**

**(JOHN OWEN BARN)**

Leading & Teaching: Francis Blight

The 10am service will be **livestreamed** and the sermon published as a **recording** on YouTube, podcast providers and the church website.

The All Saints Club is unable to run groups this morning. Colouring sheets are available for young children. A creche will be available with a livestream of the service for parents to use with 0 - 3s.

**11:30AM HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**

**(EIGHT ASH GREEN)**

Leading: Alistair Grote & Teaching: Francis Blight

**YOU ARE INVITED TO STAY FOR  
A DRINK AND CHAT AFTER THE SERVICE.**



**WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS FORDHAM & EIGHT ASH GREEN**

If you are new to All Saints Church, we are glad you have joined us today and hope you enjoy your time with us. You are invited to fill in the green **Welcome Card** so that we can be in touch to say 'hello'.

These are available from the table by the entrance.

## TODAY'S TEACHING

*Stephen: Witness to Jesus, Full of the Holy Spirit*  
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1. Jesus' Witness Plan in Action. (Acts 1:8)
  
2. Stephen: Model Witness to Jesus (7:54-60)
  
3. The Persecuted Church Proclaim Jesus Wherever They Go. (8:1-4)

Stephen's Death Follows the Pattern of Jesus' Death		
	Jesus' Death	Stephen's Death
False Witnesses	Matthew 26:59-61	Acts 6:13
Forgiving persecutors/ enemies	Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing'. Luke 23:34	Then he fell on his knees and cried out, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' Acts 7:60
Entrusting himself to God	Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." Luke 23:46	While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Acts 7:59

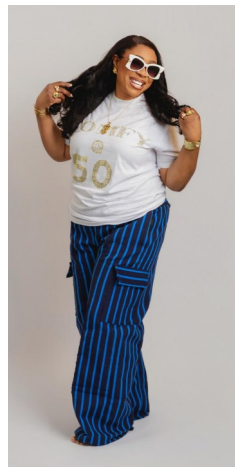


## INVITATION TO COMFORT OLAJUMOKE'S 50TH BIRTHDAY PARTY!

The Olajumoke family joyfully invite all the members of FEAG church, to join them in celebrating Comfort's birthday on

**Saturday, 6th June 2026 4:00pm – 11:00pm**

**Venue: Stanway Community Centre, Colchester, CO3 0RH.** We look forward to celebrating together in fellowship and thanksgiving. RSVP by Friday 30th May to [Taiwo\\_olahanjummy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Taiwo_olahanjummy@yahoo.co.uk) 07462952210.



## CHURCH DIARY

Sunday 3rd May, 4.15-6.00pm **Baptism & Confirmation Prep week 3** with Francis at the Rectory, Wood Lane.

Monday 4th May, 7:45 - 9.15pm **Christianity Explored #4**.  
Contact Aëlla if you would like to join in 07729 173504.

Tuesday 5th May, 9-11am **Babies and Toddlers** (John Owen Barn).  
Play, snack, bible story and song time. £2.00 suggested donation.

Thursday 7th May, 12.30 - 2pm **Lunchtime Prayer Focus** (John Owen Barn). Prayer with a lite lunch. Join us to pray together with your church family. Please let Mim Jelfs know if you plan to attend (01787 473422) so that she can organise the catering.



Friday 8th May, **Community Hub Café** (10:00am-1:00pm) & **Post Office** (11:45am-1:45pm) at the John Owen Barn.

Friday 8th May, 7.30 - 9.00pm, **421 Youth Group for 11-18 year olds** (John Owen Barn). Table games, team games, craft, tuck shop, Bible teaching, discussion and prayer. <https://fordhamchurch.org.uk/421-youth-group/>

Sunday 10th May

10am **All Age Worship Service** (John Owen)

*The God who Made the World and Everything in it (Acts 17:16-34)*

11am Tea & Coffee

11:30am **Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP)** Church Warden Elections

11:40am **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**

Approx. 12.45pm **Bring & Share Church Family Lunch**

Please join us for the whole morning. Plan to be with us even if you are not on the electoral roll. Everyone is very welcome to the lunch. Please contact [lyndagrote54@gmail.com](mailto:lyndagrote54@gmail.com) if you can help with the catering.

Thursday 21st May, 12.30pm **Doris Beard's Funeral** at Fordham Church followed by her burial at Eight Ash Green and a reception at The Cricketeers on Spring Lane. Rev'd Mike Neville will give the sermon and Francis will lead the service and burial. Family flowers only. Donations to support Children with Cancer Great Ormond Street.



Saturday 23rd May, 9am **Monthly Women's Breakfast** (John Owen Barn).

**PREPARATION FOR THE  
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)  
SUNDAY 10TH MAY (JOHN OWEN BARN)**

See diary on page 3 for further details

The provisional Electoral Roll showing who is eligible to vote at the meeting has been published in the two churches and JOB foyer. Please check you are listed. If anything is incorrect, please contact Grace Lee the Electoral Roll Officer by Friday 8th May  
[grace.lee@fordhamchurch.org.uk](mailto:grace.lee@fordhamchurch.org.uk)

The PCC is seeking new members to stand for election as Deanery Synod & PCC reps. Application paperwork is available from the church office.

Electoral Roll members are invited to submit questions ahead of the APCM. If you have a question, please email it to the church office by Wednesday 6th May, 5pm [office@fordhamchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@fordhamchurch.org.uk)

**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](mailto: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.

<https://www.bishopofebbsfleet.org>

**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 (PSO) is Ann Rolfe who can be contacted on 07968 087726, [ann.rolfe@fordhamchurch.org.uk](mailto:ann.rolfe@fordhamchurch.org.uk)

**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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