All Saints
Fordham & Eight Ash Green
Colchester

To Know Jesus Christ and Make Him Known

The Church Office is open 9am - 3.30pm
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays.
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ADVENT SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2026

10.00AM (FORDHAM CHURCH)

Faithful and Eager Expectation for Jesus' Return

(Mark 13:24-37 & 1 Corinthians 1:3-9)

Worship Prayer Bible Teaching Community

Leading & Teaching: Francis Blight



9:35AM PRAYING FOR THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Join us to pray for the ministry of God's Word through his Spirit.
We meet by the pulpit All Welcome.

10:00AM ALL SAINTS SUNDAY CLUB

Luke Group (4-11s) *Joseph - The Adventure of Christmas*

Matthew Group (11-16s) *Jesus and Pilate (Matthew 27*)

A Play Creche is available for parents to make use of with 0 - 3s.

YOU ARE ALL WARMLY INVITED TO STAY FOR REFRESHMENTS & 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 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 Teaching



Faithful and Eager Expectation for Jesus' Return

Mark 13:24-37 page 1019

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 page 1144

If you would like to think further about Jesus prophecy in Mark chapter 13 you can listen to Francis' sermon from 3rd March 2025 *Jesus Prophesies: Stand Firm & Keep Watch on the FEAG YouTube channel* https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bspibR24JdQ

CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

Mission Partner Giving 2026 The PCC agreed the Mission Partner giving earlier this month and paper copies showing the distribution are available today. Please use this info sheet to find out more about the work of our mission partners and to prayer for them.

Parish Share The PCC has decided the amount that will be given to the Diocesan Parish Share in 2027. For the last 2 years, because of the Church of England's LLF decision to authorise the blessing of same sex marriages, we have paid a reduced parish share covering only the costs related to the Rector (mainly housing, stipend and pension) and the diocesan safeguarding admin. For 2026 we paid £53,234, for 2027 it will be **£57,114.** The PCC will continue to pay this through the Ephesian Fund. https://www.ephesianfund.org.uk/ Please speak to a member of the PCC if you would like to discuss this.

CHURCH DIARY

Tuesday 1st December, 9:15 - 11am **Babies and Toddlers** (John Owen Barn). Play, snack, Bible story and song time. £3.00 suggested donation. Contact Georgina Blight for further details.

Thursday 3rd December, 7.45 - 9.15pm **Prayer Focus** (John Owen Barn) Join with your church family to pray together for the needs, mission and ministries of our church this Christmas time. Refreshments and chat from 7.15pm.



Friday 4th December, **Community Hub Post Office** (11:45am-1:45pm) at the John Owen Barn.

Friday 4th December, 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. Contact Aëlla Gage for further details https://fordhamchurch.org.uk/421-youth-group/

Next Sunday 6th December, Birth Pains Will Turn to Joy (John 16:16-33).
10am **Morning Worship Service** (John Owen Barn) &
11.30am **Holy Communion Service** (Eight Ash Green)

Monday 7th December, 9.30am **Holy Trinity School Nativity Play**. You are invited to attend. A great way to connect with and support one of our parish schools. Please RSVP to our Schools Worker georgina.blight@fordhamchurch.org.uk

Sunday 13th December, 10am **All Age Christingle Service**. (John Owen Barn) Christingle is fun and creative, for young and old. Everyone gets to make their own Christingle. Tea & coffee from 9.40am.

Sunday 20th December, 6pm **Candlelit Carol Service** (Eight Ash Green). Classic carols and the Christmas message.

Thursday 24th December, 6pm **Candlelit Carol Service** (Fordham Church)

Friday 25th December, 10am **Christmas Day Celebration Service** (Fordham Church). A family friendly service for all ages, with Holy Communion.

FEAG CHURCH PANTRY CO-ORDINATOR (VOLUNTEER)

The PCC are looking to recruit a member of the church family to run our ministry which supports local people who are in practical need. A role description explaining what is involved is available from Francis today. Please ask him for a copy if you are interested.

CHURCH STAFF TEAM JOB ADVERT
APPLICATION DEADLINE WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2026

The Church Council (PCC) are looking to appoint one or two gospel-hearted people to join the staff team from January/February 2027. This is an exciting opportunity to serve either part-time or full-time in the life of our church and to make a significant contribution to our mission to Know Jesus Christ and Make Him Known. You can access the full advert through this web link https://fordhamchurch.org.uk/church-staff-team-recruitment

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. He 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 this website: https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/ national-safeguarding-standards Our Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) is Ann Rolfe who can be contacted on 07968 087726, ann.rolfe@fordhamchurch.org.uk

LIVESTREAMING: Our services are livestreamed and recorded. If you have any problem with appearing online, please contact Ann Rolfe (PSO).

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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