



The **Lent course** this year will be based on talks by the American author Frank Viola. It is called *Living by the Indwelling Life of Christ*. We will be joined by members of Ashdon Baptist Church and start at 7:30pm on Wednesday 4th March in the Vicarage.

Many Christians know from experience how frustrating it can be trying to live the Christian life. In fact, it's humanly impossible to live such a life. The secret to living the Christian life can be juiced down to one statement: *Not I but Christ*. But how? What are the practical handles that enable us to live by Christ? What is the switch that allows him to live his life through us?

Here are the first 4 weeks' teaching:

Week 1: Introduction to living by the Lord's indwelling life in the Gospel of John. A look at how Jesus lived by his Father's indwelling life.

Week 2: Regeneration, the consciousness of divine life, and the five spiritual senses. Practical instruction on all of these themes.

Week 3: The nature of divine life in Galatians. Underscores what Galatians teaches us about how to live by Christ practically today.

Week 4: The fruit of the Spirit vs. the works of the flesh. The nature of divine life in 1 Thessalonians and 1 Corinthians. Underscores what 1 Thessalonians and 1 Corinthians teach us about how to live by Christ practically today.

The Grapevine

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, ASHDON

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2nd Sunday of Epiphany

14th January 2018

Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.

First Reading: Genesis 28:10-19

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Gospel: John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Post Communion

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY 21st January 2018

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.30am	UNITED SERVICE @ BAPTIST CHURCH
	6.30pm	EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Wimbish	11.00am	MATTINS

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Churches Together Prayer Cycle: In January please pray for Saffron Walden Community Church & County High School & XL Mentoring

Those who are unwell: Dennis Sheldrick, Jenny Gallant & Charles White

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Edna Butcher & Ronald Shepherd

Those who are being baptised today at St Marys SW: Imogen Green

TEAM

THURSDAY PRAISE – an evening of worship, teaching and getting to know each other better in St Mary's Parish Rooms on **Thursday 18th January**. Refreshments will be on offer from 7.45pm and we'll start at 8pm. All welcome. *David*

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2018

The **Agape Meal** will be held on **Thursday 18th January** at 6.30pm for 7pm in the United Reformed Church Hall in Abbey Lane. Please sign the notice at the back of St Mary's church SW if you would like to come by Sunday 14th January. All welcome. The **UNITED SERVICE** will be at the Baptist Church on **Sunday 21st January** at 10.30am. There will be a **LUNCH-TIME PRAYER EVENT** on **Thursday 25th January** at 12 noon at the Baptist Church. *Kathryn Fiddock*

Starting in the New Year: **THE PARENTING CHILDREN COURSE**. Free five week course for mums and dads of children 0-10 years on Friday mornings at 9.30-11.30, from **26th January**. For more information and to book your place, please contact Rachel, 500047.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY will be observed on **Friday 26th January**. This will be a service aimed specifically, but not exclusively, at the schools at 13.40 in St Mary's SW. The speaker will be the Revd Dr Jos Strengholt, who for many years was a missionary in Egypt. He will focus on the persecution suffered by the peoples of the Nuba Mountains in the Sudan. On **Thursday 25th January** at 19.30 Dr Strengholt will speak and answer questions in St Mary's, SW. His talk will be entitled: 'Persecution in Sudan today'. *Jeremy Collingwood*

COLCHESTER AREA CONFERENCE on 'Sounding Sweet – Becoming Communities of Grace' is on **Saturday 3rd February 9.30 - 3pm** at Colchester High School. £5 each or 5 places for £20. Further information and booking forms from St Mary's parish office. So we can co-ordinate the booking and the travel, let me know if you are interested in coming. *David*

LIGHTING THE CHRISTMAS TREE SERVICES at St Mary's: Thanks to the very generous response at the two Christmas Eve services we have sent 30 sacks of gifts to East Anglia's Children Hospices. *Four of these sacks came from the Christingle Service at Ashdon.*

CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE QUIET MORNING Some of you may have seen a Quiet Morning advertised in The Parish News. We have had to move this from Saturday 3rd February to **Saturday 28th April**. It will still be from 9.30 - 12.30 with David leading the morning. There will be further notices and a sign-up sheet nearer the time. *Sue Walker*

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ASHDON

9:30am Holy Communion

69 Breathe on me, Breath of God

186 Great is thy faithfulness

103 Crown him with many crowns

500 There is a Redeemer

33 Angel voices ever singing

4pm Evensong

242 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

172 God is working his purpose out

6 Abide with me; fast falls the eventide

The Gospel passage this morning is about *seeing* and about the *move from the Old Covenant to the New*

- **Seeing:**

1. Philip invited Nathanael to "come and see"
2. Jesus saw Nathanael and in Nathanael (word of wisdom)
3. Jesus saw Nathanael under the fig tree supernaturally (word of knowledge)
4. Nathanael saw who Jesus is
5. Jesus promised that Nathanael (and all in the New Covenant) would see miracles and see beyond the physical (e.g. have words of knowledge)

- **The Old Covenant to the New Covenant:**

1. Philip connected Jesus with Old Testament prophecies of the Messiah
2. Jesus called Nathanael a Israelite with no deceit, in contrast to Jacob (Israel) 'the deceiver'
3. The fig tree that was cursed by Jesus was a sign of the Old Covenant – Nathanael had come out from it
4. Nathanael acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, specifically as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies as the Son of David
5. The Old Covenant was centered on a place (the Temple = Bethel, the house of God), the New Covenant on a person

The Friends of All Saints' are organising a concert in church on 25th March by the **Cantate Youth Choir**. Offers to help on the day will be gratefully accepted. Please see Rob Gardner.

Easter Services 2018

- 29th March: 2pm Ashdon Primary School Easter Service
- 29th March: 8pm Maundy Thursday Communion
- 30th March: 12noon Good Friday Hour at the Cross
- 31st March: 6:30pm Renewal of Baptismal Vows
- 1st April: 9:30am Easter Sunday Communion

This year's **Team Service** will be at 6:30pm on 29th April in Wimbish Church. Please speak to Richard if you would like to help with the planning of this service