



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 7th 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

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Sunday next before Lent

11th February 2018

Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Hebrews 1:1-5

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"?

Gospel: Mark 9.2-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Post Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY		18 th February
Saffron Walden 1662	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
	10.00am	FAMILY SERVICE
	11.45am	HOLY COMMUNION
	4.00pm	HOLY COMMUNION (with prayers for wholeness & healing)
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 February please pray for Our Lady of Compassion Roman Catholic Church & St Thomas More School

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

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Harold Grayling & Phyllis Parker

Those whose wedding banns are being called: Kelvin Kaliyati & Jessica Stuckey

TEAM

WOMEN WHO WONDER (WWW) will meet for the first time in 2018 on **Tuesday 13th February** at Gill Caswell's home, 59A Claypit Piece, Saffron Walden at 8pm when we will hear about Gillian Brace's ministry using Godly Play. All women of working age or thereabouts are very welcome to join this friendly group for fellowship, faith and fun. *Alison Knights*

ALPHA COURSE starting **Thursday 15th February** 8pm @ 17 Station Road, Wendens Ambo. Please contact Tim Hardingham (542874)

COFFEE, CAKES AND COMPANY: Sunday 18th February 3pm - in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SAFFRON WALDEN 'THE GOSPELS & THE CROSS...' SERIES OF TALKS FOR LENT ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 8pm-9pm (refreshments from 7.45pm). **21st February** Speaker: Fr David Clemens "The Gospel of Matthew and the Cross" at Our Lady of Compassion RC Church, **28th February** Speaker: Revd Caroline Vodden "The Gospel of Mark and the Cross" at Abbey Lane URC.

All are welcome to our midweek informal service **'THURSDAY PRAISE'** on **22nd February** in St Mary's Parish Rooms. We will be looking at Philippians 2 and exploring what it means for our lives today. Refreshments served at 7.45, and we'll start at 8pm. *Rachel Prior*

DEANERY TREASURER NEEDED If you are numerate and interested in the work of the Saffron Walden

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NOTICES

9:30am Holy Communion

296 Let all the world in every corner sing
27 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
246 In heavenly love abiding
409 Open our eyes, Lord
362 O for a thousand tongues to sing

4pm Evensong

302 Let us with a gladsome mind
541 What a Friend we have in Jesus
293 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." [Mark 1:11]

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" [Mark 9:7]

Jesus said, "Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." [John 12:28]

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [John 1:1]

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. [John 1:14]

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me." [John 10:27]

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