



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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Second Sunday of Lent
25th February 2018

Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Romans 4.13-25

The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him,' were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gospel: Mark 8.31-38

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Post Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY 4th March 2018

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
	12 noon	BAPTISMS
	6.30pm	H2H YOUTH LED SERVICE
Hadstock	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
Ashdon	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
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Debden	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + BAPTISM

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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 & Anthony Hazzard

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Gordon Burns, Oliver Hooper & James Bayne

TEAM

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SAFFRON WALDEN 'THE GOSPELS & THE CROSS...' SERIES OF TALKS FOR LENT ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS (please note that the day shown on the Lent and Easter Leaflet is incorrect) 8pm-9pm (refreshments from 7.45pm). **28th February:** Speaker: Revd Caroline Vodden "The Gospel of Mark and the Cross" at Abbey Lane URC.

THE NEXT TIME OF SILENT PRAYER will be on **Thursday 1st March** at 10am in St Mary's Parish Rooms. All welcome.
Anne Rose

A SERVICE WITH PRAYERS FOR WHOLENESS & HEALING will take place on **Thursday 1st March** at 1 o'clock in St Mary's Church. All welcome whether you seek healing for yourself or another.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 2nd March, 10.30am coffee, 11am Service at the URC, Abbey Lane. Theme: 'All God's Creation is very Good' prepared by the women of Suriname. Leader: Revd Caroline Vodden. All welcome. *Eunice Harris*

Our next **MEN'S SUPPER** will be at The Yuva in Debden village on **Friday 16th March,** 7 for 7:30pm. All welcome. Do bring a friend. As an out of town event we will endeavour to car share. Please sign up on the notice board at the back of St Mary's church SW indicating whether you can offer a lift or will require one. Alternatively, please contact Bill Rose (email: wjr2163@gmail.com or tel. 01799 516609) before 14th March.

DIocese of CHELMSFORD LENT APPEAL To raise vital money to support their link, Diocese of Marsabit, in northern Kenya, for a water bowser to be used during drought. Further info: www.chelmsford.anglican.org/lentappeal *David*

NOTICES

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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 Easter Worship
- 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

I have developed a new way of publishing called a 'hyperbook'. I need 'guinea pigs' to try this out. Please go to the website: www.hyperbook.zoology.org.uk and email your feedback to me (rd.spencer@virgin.net). Thank you, *Richard*

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