

A Prayer of Abandonment by Charles Eugène de Foucauld

Charles was a cavalry officer in the French Army, then an explorer and geographer, and finally a Catholic priest, hermit who lived among the Tuareg in the Sahara in Algeria. He was assassinated in 1916 and is considered by the Church to be a martyr

*Father, I abandon myself into your hands;
do with me what you will.
Whatever you may do, I thank you:
I am ready for all, I accept all.
Let only your will be done in me,
and in all your creatures –
I wish no more than this, O Lord.
Into your hands I commend my soul:
I offer it to you with all the love of my heart,
for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself,
to surrender myself into your hands without reserve,
and with boundless confidence,
for you are my Father.
Amen.*



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The Church Chimes

Dedham and Ardleigh Parishes

The Five Marks of Mission

Tell - Teach - Tend - Transform – Treasure

Sunday, 26th July

Seventh Sunday of Trinity

The Prayer Course: Theme **Unanswered Prayer**

Readings Matthew 6.5-13 and Mark 14:32-42

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Ardleigh

(this service will be recorded and uploaded to youtube)

9.30am Morning Praise Dedham

(this service will be available live streamed)

Please bring your own bible to church

5pm ReVive@5 Dedham

'Exploring Prayer'



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC78SZfH5QRXMPy7DqfwYslg>

Watch the videos and check out resources at prayercourse.org –
try **'How to Lament'** attached with Church Chimes this week

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He has chosen not to heal me, but to hold me. The more intense the pain, the closer His embrace (Joni Eareckson Tada)

Joni Eareckson Tada was a fun-loving, active seventeen-year-old, enamoured by the world around her and charmed by the opportunities life held for her. She went to the beach one day in the summer of 1967 with her sister. Diving into the bay she misjudged the shallowness of the water and tragically broke her spine. For more than fifty years she has been paralysed from her shoulders down. Joni cried out to God with complete faith for healing. 'I followed every scriptural injunction: I was anointed with oil, I went to the elders, I confessed sin. I would call my friends up on the telephone and insist, 'Hey the next time you're going to see me, I'm going to be on my feet. Have faith with me, believe with me.' But the healing she longed for didn't come, leading her into depression, battling suicidal thoughts and religious doubts. On one occasion, Joni attended a healing meeting. As she watched Katherine Kuhlman preach, and listened to people share testimonies of healing, she became aware of a spotlight centred on the corner of the ballroom where healings were taking place. Her heart began to race with hope-filled adrenaline. In her own haunting words, 'the spotlight switched to another corner, and I was getting more excited, thinking that maybe the spotlight will come and hit the wheelchair section. But it never did.' It never did! What to do when the spotlight doesn't shine on you? When it feels as though certain prayers never get answered - at least not the way you want them to be?

Joni's disability is the consequence of a fractured spine between the fourth and fifth cervical level vertebrae, having dived into shallow water at Chesapeake Bay. It wasn't a spiritual attack - it was *God's war*. Her injuries are tragically consistent with the laws and principles of *God's world*. But why has he not healed her? Wouldn't that be an incredible testimony? I think Joni would say that it has been God's will to bring comfort, hope and advocacy to millions of people - many of them disabled - through her testimony of unsealing. She still believes that she'll throw another rock into the swamp one day, pray another prayer and walk out of her wheelchair healed, but it may not be this side of heaven. And so, in the meantime, she continues to pray Christ's painful prayer of relinquishment: 'Abba Father, everything is possible for you... yet not what I will, but your will be done.' After years of wrestling with God, Joni can somehow say, *'this paralysis is my greatest mercy'*.

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 We're going to be live streaming each
Evening Celebration at 8pm from
 Thu 30th July to Sunday 2nd August at Dedham Church
 Full United Break Out programme available in church



United Breaks Out
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Featuring live streaming - across homes, gardens and communities



Watch this week's **all age presentation** on our you tube channel and check out these resources on praying with children
https://www.dedham-and-ardleigh-parishes.org.uk/Groups/302115/Children_and_Families.aspx

***Morning and Evening Prayer at 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday
subscribe to our you tube channel***

Prayer from 12 noon-1pm each Wednesday lunchtime via zoom
Meeting ID: 769 925 276 Password: 550867

Home-groups are meeting via zoom or in person

Tuesdays	11.00am	Dedham (<i>Contact Ann 322192</i>)
Tuesdays	12.30pm	Dedham(<i>Contact Liz and John 323770</i>)
Wednesdays	7.30pm	Dedham (<i>Contact Antony 323919</i>)
Fridays	9.15am	Dedham (Ladies) (<i>Contact Jo 323881</i>)

Men's Breakfast every other week on Saturday *bring your own buttie!*
Saturday, 8th August 9.00am at The Vicarage

PCC Meetings

Ardleigh PCC Monday 27th July 3.30pm

Dedham PCC Monday 27th July 7.30pm

Ardleigh Friendship Group will resume on 28th July outside, with seating in front of porch, weather permitting. Please bring your own drink and food. We look forward to seeing you!

We'll be meeting again on 2nd/4th Tuesday in August too - weather permitting.

Services next week 2nd August

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Ardleigh
(this service will be recorded and uploaded to youtube)

9.30am Morning Praise Dedham
(this service will be available livestream)

**The Parish office will be closed for 2 weeks from Tuesday, 27th July.
Reopening on Tuesday, 11th August.**