

Prayers

Let us begin our time of prayer by contemplating God's authority and supremacy. From psalm 95 v 3 *"For the Lord is a great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our maker."*

In our intercessions let us pray for all who have the authority and responsibility to govern in our nation as delegated by God. *"The authorities that exist have been established by God."* Romans 12 v 1 (b). We pray for Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Philip and all the royal family, for our prime minister and all ministers in the cabinet, for all members of the House of Commons and the House of Lord, for Justin and Stephen our Archbishops, for the law courts and the chief justices, for the police and security forces, for mayors and local councils.

We thank God for his peace and stability and pray for protection from evil for our nation as well as for our lives, the lives of our family, church and locality as we commit this day to the mercy, love and forgiveness of God.

Our Father as taught by Jesus and Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen



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The Church Chimes

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The Five Marks of Mission

Tell - Teach - Tend - Transform – Treasure

20th September

Topic: 1 Peter: Confident in the Gospel

Readings: 1 Peter 2: 11-25; Mark 1: 29-45

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Ardleigh

(this service will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube)

9.30am Matins Dedham

(this service will be live-streamed via YouTube)

27th September

Topic: A Harvest of Foods & Talents

Readings: Psalm 67, Luke 19: 11-27

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Ardleigh

(this service will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube)

9.30am Morning Praise Harvest Dedham

Followed by APCM

(this service will be live-streamed via YouTube)

5pm ReVive@5 Dedham
Harvest



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC78SZfH5QRXMPy7DgfwYslg>

Please bring your own bible to church

News

Giving appeal – thank you to everyone who gives to the benefice, we are so grateful for your commitment to our ministry and mission. Despite the sustained giving we are facing a £5,000 deficit in the benefice because we have not been able to fundraise in the usual way; and at present at Ardleigh we have lost the income from the use of the church by the Roman Catholic Congregation. Our only option is to reduce our commitment to the parish share, unless you are able to help with additional giving. You can give in the usual ways: cheque, BACS or in the plate, and please gift aid if you can. *Thank you*

Harvest this year



will take place over two weeks of Sundays - at Dedham on 27th September and at Dedham and

Ardleigh on 4th October. We want to thank our local farmers for their hard work in serving us. Why not write a card of thanks to a local farmer or thank them in person?



Harvest Food Collections - if you would like to bring gifts of food for Harvest please drop off in the church porches where we are collecting for Colchester Food Bank - for details of current needs please see their FB page - @FoodBankColchester.

We are also going to celebrate the *Harvest of Talents* that are present in our congregation – you can sign up to offer a skill or a service for someone else and money raised will go to our Harvest Appeal to support **Tearfund's work in Syria**



Read Tamam's story here <https://www.tearfund.org/churchresource>

For most of us we no longer use our God-given skills to directly gather what we need from the ground to sustain us through life; but

let's give thanks to God for the talents we have and how they provide for our needs.

Could you sell a talent: service someone's computer, mow a lawn, go shopping, paint a picture, eBay some stuff for someone, cook a meal, baby sit, walk a dog, give a lesson, a manicure, clean a car or take somebody somewhere nice??

The SHAPE course – not sure what your gifts and talents are? Then join the SHAPE course starting on Monday 12th October at 7.30pm for 6 weeks

*Shape takes us on a journey through our spiritual gifts, hearts desire, abilities, personality and experience to understand the unique **SHAPE** God has made us the gifts he has given us and how he might want us to use them.*

Deanery Synod Representatives for Dedham - The Synod is the decision making body for the Deanery - Dedham is entitled to 3 reps who are elected at the APCM and stand for 3 years, we currently have no reps and so no formal representation on that decision making body - could you stand to represent our church? Please speak to Antony.

Diary

Morning Prayer

10.30am every Tuesday Dedham

Home-groups are meeting via zoom or in person in line with Government guidelines

Tuesdays 12.30pm Dedham (Contact Liz and John 323770)

Wednesdays 7.30pm Dedham (Contact Antony 323919)

Fridays 9.15am Dedham (Ladies) (Contact Jo 323881)

Tuesday Friendship Group at Ardleigh

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month - bring your own refreshments.

Men's Breakfast bible chat food *bring your own buttie!*

Saturday, 19th September 9.00am at The Vicarage

Mission Bake Sale Saturday, 26th September 10am Dedham

Annual Church Meeting

do come along and be part of the meeting

Dedham Sunday 27th September at 10.45am

Reports available at

https://www.dedham-and-ardleigh-parishes.org.uk/Groups/290743/Annual_Reports.aspx

The Prayer Place - join us for an hour to pray together, once a month 9-10am each 2nd Saturday at Ardleigh Church, starting 10th October.

Please note the Parish Office will not be open at set times any longer. Any visits should be arranged with a member of the office prior to visiting and a face mask worn when visiting (if possible).

Please email stmaryda@gmail.com in the first instance or call 01206 322 136.