## **Church Chimes -** Dedham and Ardleigh Parishes 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dedham and Ardleigh Helpline is still here for you 01206 322025

# Our churches will remain open each day as usual.... but our Sunday services go back online

We will be live streaming services at 8am and 9.30am at Dedham church until the end of the current lockdown.

You can access these via the button on our website homepage

Remember that our usual online Morning and Evening Prayer will still be taking place Monday to Friday at 9am and 5pm

Theme this week: Christ the King

Ephesians 1.15-23 Mark 13:20-35



# Revive at 5 via zoom this Sunday 'Advent Journeys'

Revive © 5
St Mary's Church Dedham

contemporary
informal
worship
for all ages
4th sunday each month

refreshments
from 4.30pm

more details and dates
www.dedham-and-ardleigh-parishes.org.uk

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/i/9407992312?pwd=T2FxVW84aWI0Z29HVkt0elVpam5NZz09

Meeting ID: 940 799 2312

Password: 1234



**Don't close Join us to** pray for the persecuted your eyes to the church Wed 25<sup>th</sup> November 6-7pm on zoom

Red Wednesday Red Wednesday

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## something to read this Advent..... available from Dedham Church or <a href="https://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/">https://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/</a>

### Stir Up Sunday.... 22<sup>nd</sup> November

This Sunday is 'Stir-up Sunday', the day when traditionally families gather together to prepare the Christmas pudding.

But the day does not actually get its name from 'stirring the pudding': it gets its name from the Book of



Common Prayer. The Collect of the Day for the last Sunday before Advent starts, "Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people".

It's the end of our liturgical year and the beginning of a new one. It's a time when we can ask God to stir us up afresh to serve others. Something to think about as you're stirring the fruit!

Can you help with church cleaning at Dedham? Our church cleaner will be off work from 20 November for several weeks – if you can help to clean the church during this time please get in touch with Vee Druitt 322000 / veedruitt@gmail.com

#### **Beacon House Update**

"In response to the Covid-19 outbreak Beacon House is reviewing and revising our service on a day-to-day basis. We have worked closely with Colchester Borough Homes and North East Essex Clinical (NEECCG) Commissioning Group to ensure the provision of three streams of accommodation for those previously sleeping out; Covid Care, Covid Vulnerable and Covid Protect. Our nurse provides a triage point for referrals into appropriate accommodation. We are offering remote support to help those newly accommodated in the transition from homeless to housed. For those that are still on the streets we are providing medical care, hot drinks, hot lunch, and in partnership with Colchester Soup Run, sandwiches to take away for the

evening, alongside working to secure them accommodation. We are adopting a policy of social distancing wherever possible and are grateful to the NEECCG for providing adequate PPE equipment for staff working on the frontline. We have also been able to distribute some of this to Colchester Borough Homes frontline staff."

#### **LOCKDOWN PRAYER**

#### Prayer for Protection for yourself, your family and your friends

The Lord will keep you from all harm. He will watch over your life. The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121

#### Pray for all the ways God communicates with us to be increasingly effective

Thank God for the Bible, online services, zoom meetings, the telephone and for those who use film and television to spread God's truth. Pray for Christians to be at the forefront of listening to God and ask for ability to communicate to others truthfully and sincerely with signs of God's grace

### Pray for continuing loving service by the medical professions, the army, the police, the fire and rescue services, businesses and retail

Thank God for the tradition of care founded on the example of Jesus Christ who came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. Pray for all who serve to be given powers beyond their own powers by Almighty God

Pray for the nations of the world, especially the poorer nations, those with unjust governments and those suffering acutely from Covid 19

Thank God for the international efforts to find a vaccine. Pray that in every country there will **be** people turning back to God and crying out to him for help. Ask God to give us wisdom and discernment about the future

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him Romans chap 15 v 13