

Church Chimes - Dedham and Ardleigh Parishes

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25th April and 2nd May 2021

Dedham and Ardleigh Helpline is still here for you 01206 322025

If you watched the funeral of The Duke of Edinburgh last weekend you cannot have failed to have been moved by the simple beauty and dignity of the service. Much has been said about Prince Philip recently. The United Reformed Church said: *"Many who have known the Duke of Edinburgh bear witness to the depth of his faith and his theological knowledge. A regular visitor to Mount Athos, and a keen questioner of preachers, his faith was much more than nominal."* Prince Philip had a questioning faith, and many a Bishop invited to preach at Sandringham met such questioning at supper after Evensong with the Queen and Prince Philip.

This week in our series 'People who met Jesus' we meet **Thomas**, most famous doubter of ancient times. Many doubt the resurrection, as Thomas did. You may yourself find it difficult to believe in. Join us as we explore Thomas' meeting with Jesus and come along to Sunday Evening Skeptics as we talk some more at 8pm via zoom.

This week we also re-start Revive at 5, our informal evening service. We are going to be thinking about what it might mean to **recover well** from the pandemic, as the road map develops. With a combination of songs, readings, teaching and prayer stations we will **Remember – Reflect and Recuperate** together as we engage with our emotions, express our loss and embrace our new reality. *Do join us in person.*

Next week, 2nd May, Rise n Shine re-starts in-person, and in all our services we will be exploring **Peter's** meeting with Jesus on the lakeside, and how Jesus gently and kindly drew him back from the darkness of his rejection of Jesus, and gave him a new strength and purpose to build the church.

Services for Sunday 25th April

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Theme: Thomas Meets Jesus

8am Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer– Ardleigh Church (and [live stream](#))

9.30am Morning Praise – Dedham Church (and [live stream](#))

11.15am APCM via Zoom (zoom details on page 2)

5pm ReVive@5 – Dedham Church (and [live stream](#))

Readings: John 14: 1-7; John 20: 24-29

Services for Sunday 2nd May

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Theme: Peter Meets Jesus

9.30am Rise N Shine – Dedham Church (and [live stream](#))

11am Morning Prayer – Ardleigh Church

5pm Evensong – Dedham Church (and [live stream](#))

Readings: Psalm 51; John 21

Not online? – if you are not online but would like to join in with the 9.30am service via phone Conferoo service (Sue Browne will be hosting this)

Tel no: 03332 666 999 PIN: 186982

Dedham Annual Meeting – 25th April at 11.15am by zoom

Dedham Sunday 25th April at 11.15am

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 841 4164 0643

Passcode: 227440

There will be no Virtual Coffee on Zoom after the Sunday morning service due to the APCM



Sunday evening Skeptics

open and honest discussion time....

25th April

Can I believe in the Resurrection?

by zoom at 8pm

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 850 3076 0092

Passcode: 924980

What's On?

Fellowship Groups

Walk & Talk – 10am meet outside Dedham Church
Thursday, 13th May

Ardleigh Friendship Group - Tuesday, 27th April 10am outside Ardleigh Church –bring your own refreshments.

Homegroups

Community is more important than ever in these times. Each week several small groups in our congregation meet to catch up, encourage and support one another, pray for each other and discuss the bible theme from the previous Sunday. If you would like to join a group please get in touch with the leaders – details below:-

Tuesdays	11.00am	(Contact Ann 322192)
Thursdays	5.00pm	(Contact Liz and John 323770)
Wednesdays	7.30pm	(Contact Antony 323919)
Fridays	9.15am	(Women) (Contact Jo 323881)

Wednesday Lunchtime ½ hour prayer gathering at 12 noon

Join in to pray for our communities
and country click [here](#)

Meeting ID: 878 2295 7586

Passcode: 618312



Prayers for this Week

PRAYERS FOR FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER - THOMAS

“Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God.”

THANK GOD that Thomas came through to a place of deep faith and commitment after facing his doubts.

PRAY that we too may grow in faith when we face challenges.

PRAY for the Queen and her children, grandchildren and other members of the royal family as they adjust to new ways of service to our nation and their personal lives change following the death of the Duke of Edinburgh.

PRAY for our government especially our prime minister and the leader of the opposition. PRAY for the coming elections in Scotland and our local elections

ASKING for godly leadership and for wisdom as voters decide.

PRAY for kindness and consideration to flourish as the nation comes out of restrictions. ASK God to help all starting up their businesses after lockdown and for patience for consumers and travellers as they wait for further easing of the rules.

PRAY for our church communities as more contacts are possible. PRAY for opportunities to TELL, TEACH, TEND and TREASURE that God will TRANSFORM our efforts with his mercy, love and grace.

AMEN



Thank you! You have raised over £2,000....

And we have walked over 2,000 miles!!! If you have the total miles you have walked over Lent, do let the Parish Office know stmaryda@gmail.com. Colchester Korban Project is a Christian charity providing housing support for 16-25 year olds who have found themselves in crisis.

You can donate any sponsorship raised directly to Korban through this weblink:
<https://www.korban.org.uk/online-donations>

Generous God
Generous Disciples

check out the Diocesan initiative [here](#)

you to everyone for continuing to give to support the ministry and mission of our parishes. For ways to give electronically or to set up a standing order please visit our website [here](#) or contact the church office stmaryda@gmail.com