

Prayers for the 9th February

Dear Lord, you command us not to commit murder, help us to manage our anger, there are so many little things that upset us and can easily grow unreasonably in our thoughts, help us to put our feelings into perspective, enable us to forgive others, so that our feelings of anger lessen.

Lord, There are many things in this world that are not as they should be, help us to plant as many seeds as possible as we seek to bring the good news of Jesus to our world, May your kingdom come in our neighbourhood and throughout the world.

We pray for those less fortunate than ourselves, and for the Charities especially Beacon House as they support the Homeless in our region, Amen

Prayers for the 16th February

Dear Lord, we pray for families, we pray especially for our parents, help us to remember all of those people who care for us and guide us in this life. May we love and respect them and be grateful for all they have done for us.

We pray for our home groups as they meet to consider and discuss the scriptures, we pray for those who are continuing their journey with the Alpha course, may the all feel the benefits of being together and studying your word.

Lord as we look to the half-term holiday, we thank you for our teachers at our local schools and pray that they and the children they teach enjoy the well-earned break, we ask you to refresh them and make them ready to continue with joy into the next half-term, Amen

If you would like someone to be named here please contact the office.

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The Church Chimes

Dedham and Ardleigh Parishes

Five Marks of Mission

Tell - Teach - Tend - Transform – Treasure

9th & 16th February 2020

Sunday, 9th February

(Third Sunday before Lent)

Readings: Psalm 103 (p605); Matthew 5: 21-26 (p969)



Manage your anger - You shall not Murder

8.00am	Holy Communion	Ardleigh (Methodist)
11.00am	Holy Communion	Dedham
6.00pm	Ardleigh Christians Together	Ardleigh (Methodist)

Sunday, 16th February

With Preacher Archdeacon Ruth Patten

(Second Sunday before Lent)

Readings: Exodus 20: 1-21 (p77); Matthew 15: 1-9 (p981)



Keep peace with your parents - Honour your father and mother

8.00am	Holy Communion	Dedham
9.30am	Matins	Dedham
11.00am	Eucharist	Ardleigh (Methodist)
3.00pm	Ardleigh@3	Ardleigh (Methodist)

News

Dedham Sunday service TODAY

Following feedback and discussions the PCC has decided to start a 6 month trial of a change of time for the Holy Communion service each second Sunday in the month. Today the service will take place at 11am. Refreshments will be served from 10.15am before the service.

Ardleigh Christians Together are leading an evening service tonight

9th February at 6pm at the Methodist Church, do join us and bring some food to share for afterwards.

Fairtrade Stall - Do you ever wish you could make a difference to injustice in the world (even a little one)? Well you can by supporting, purchasing and using Fairtrade products whenever you can. There are now many on the general market and St Mary's has signed up as being a Fairtrade Church and continues to actively promote this. There are food products, goodies and gifts on sale in Dedham Church every month and to find out more about availability or just general information, please call 07595618779 or 07760124399.

Books for Lent - Lent can be a good time for the discipline of reading a book to support and help us on our journey of faith. For Lent, Carol Mitson and Sue McKinney will be putting out a selection of books, available to buy, some new at full price or reduced and some second-hand books for a small donation that would go towards buying books for sale in the future. If you have a book that you have read that you think someone else might like to read please will you give it Carol or Sue or leave at the back of church with a note for us to collect. The books will be on a table in church from Sunday 2nd February.

Half Term Gathering – Ardleigh Methodist Church – Wednesday, 19th Feb

Bible stories, songs, crafts & refreshments – come and join us 9.30-11.30am – all are welcome.

World Day of Prayer Service to be held in Dedham Church on Friday, 6th March, 2020 at 10.30 a.m. The service has been prepared by Christian women of Zimbabwe. All welcome. Refreshments served after the service.

Mission Bake Sale - Our first sale of 2020 is in the Duchy Barn on Saturday, 7th March at 10am. If you have any unwanted gifts or good bric a brac please call Ruth on 322598. This sale is aimed at people looking for Mothering Sunday gifts.

Like to know about possible plans for our Benefice? Join the walk planned along the footpath where a link road between the A133 and the A120 and a garden village of over 7,500 houses may be built. Meet on the car park at Elmstead Parish church at 3pm on Sunday, 29 March. Dogs allowed. Toilet at the church.

Ardleigh Flower Festival 2020- this will be taking place to coincide with the VE Commemoration in the villages 8th-11th May. We need someone to contact local businesses to generate sponsorship for the flower displays and raffle prizes (the office will print the letters), and someone to oversee the team who will steward and provide refreshments over the weekend. Please contact Antony if you can help.

Harwich Deanery Lent Quiet Day

An Encounter at the Well from John 4

Saturday 7th March 2020 10am-4pm Bradfield Church

Led by Sue McKinney and Carol Mitson from Dedham Church

Tea and Coffee provided, please bring your own lunch Cost: £5 payable on the day

Places limited to 25, please book on 01206 322136 or stmaryda@gmail.com

Diary

Mid-week Services

Tuesdays	10.30am	Morning Prayer	Dedham
Thursdays	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Ardleigh

Home-groups

Tuesdays	11.00am	Dedham (Contact Ann 322192)
Tuesdays	12.30pm	Dedham (Contact Christine 07512 214692)
Wednesdays	7.30pm	Dedham (Contact Antony)
Fridays	9.15am	Dedham (Ladies) (Contact Jo 323881)

Choir Practice

Every Friday	7.00pm	Dedham
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Sunday Night Skeptics at The Sun Inn

Sunday, 23rd February	8.00pm	Dedham
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Men's Breakfast

Saturday, 7th March	9.00am	The Vicarage
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Friendship Groups

Second & fourth Tuesdays of the month	10am-12noon	Ardleigh Methodist Church
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PCC Meetings

None

Mission Bake Sale

Saturday, 7th March	10am	Duchy Barn, Dedham
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Fair Trade Stall

Every second Sunday of Month - Dedham

Funerals

None

Weddings

None



Alpha Every Tuesday 12.30pm and 7pm at The Vicarage, Dedham



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