

News Sheet for Sunday 25th June

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



PARISH OF FLEET
All Saints with Ss Philip & James
*Welcoming all in our community
into the love of Christ*

Welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to our worship today. It is a great joy to have you with us as we worship God together. If you are here for the first time we pray that your visit will be a time of blessing. Please make yourselves known to us after the service and, if you can, join us for coffee and a chat in the hall. If you'd like to stay in touch please fill in a contact card. If you have a pastoral need or would like a listening ear, there is a Pastoral Assistant available after the 10.00am service. Please ask the duty warden at the door for more information.

TODAY IN THE PARISH

All Saints (FPCC)

(no services here today)

Ss Philip and James

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)

10.00am Sung Eucharist
with Junior Church and Crèche
Joint service with Gift Day

12.00pm Baptism Service

6.30pm Taizé Prayer

TODAY'S COLLECT Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

The Coffee Bar is open Monday - Saturday 10.00am - 12.30pm
Morning Prayer takes place Monday - Friday at 9.00am

Tuesday 27th June

Ss Philip and James 9.00am Coffee and Play
FPCC 10.00am Praise and Play
Ss Philip and James 11.00am Prayer Group
FPCC 7.30pm Craft Group

Wednesday 28th June

Ss Philip and James 9.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee
Ss Philip and James 4.00pm Hot Potato Youth Group

Thursday 29th June

Ss Philip and James 9.00am Coffee and Play

Friday 30th June

FPCC 10.00am Parent and Toddler Time
FPCC 8.00pm Choir Practice

SUNDAY 2nd JULY - THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

All Saints (FPCC)

10.00am All Age Eucharist

Ss Philip and James

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)

10.00am Sung Eucharist
with Junior Church and Crèche
4.00pm Service of Healing and
Wholeness

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK . . .

Those in urgent need of our prayers including David Brett, Grace Dicker, Dexter Heard, Louise Purton, Rose Smithers and Barbara Wheeler.

Those being baptised today Albert Bridges.

Members of our extended church family in need of our continuing prayers... Patricia Bull, Alwynne Hallam, Jon Harrow, Mollie Hayes, Patrick Huddie, Marjorie Isaac, Colin Keir, Anthony King, Bonnie Lewis, Evelyn Murray, Gill Page, Peter Pimm, Ildiko Simpson, Barbara Simson, John Stocks, Tyler Thompson, Doris Wilman and Molly Wilson.

Those who have died recently

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time Gwendoline Shuttler, Percy Davis, Elizabeth Duncan, Dawn Turner, Sally Styler, George Langridge, Dorrie Guy, Henry Milling, Winifred Underdown and Gladys Neville.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 26th JUNE

Meditation: 'If possible, as far as it depends on you, be at peace with all people'. Romans 12.18

We give thanks for recent days of lovely summer weather.

Please pray for....

Mon - For those who clean our streets and recycle our refuse.

Tues - For those suffering from Parkinsons disease.

Wed - Those who work in travel and hospitality.

Thurs - (S Peter and S Paul) For preachers, evangelists and those who spread the Christian faith today.

Fri - For the government and people of Brazil.

Sat - For those preparing for confirmation.

Sun - That all people might be drawn in to the circle of God's love through Christ.

All week - For those who live in Nursery Close, Oakley Drive, Oasthouse Drive, Old Cove Road and Old Dairy Close.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Please note that items with headlines underlined are new this week.

GIFT DAY - Today, Sunday 25th June, will be a gift day for The Vine Day Centre for the homeless based in Aldershot. There will be a joint service at Ss Philip & James and no 10.00am service in FPCC today.

HANNAH MOORE - Hannah will be ordained priest in Guildford Cathedral on Saturday 1st July at 10.30 am. All welcome to attend this or her first communion service at St George's, Badshot Lea on Sunday 2nd July at 4.00pm (followed by a bring & share tea).

CONGRATULATIONS - Congratulations to Dee & Ken Stephenson who celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary this week.

MIDWEEK CONCERT - Our next midweek concert will be on Thursday 6th July when Beryl Holmes will be playing some Chopin for us. Concert 12.30pm, lunch from approx 1.00pm in Fleet Parish Community Centre.

PARISH PICNIC AND ROUNDERS - Sunday 9th July, All Saints School Top Field. Bring your own picnic, chairs & rugs. Play from around 3pm, picnic from around 4.30pm. Spectators and players of all ages needed!

TEA CUPS NEEDED- The Craft Group need a variety of tea cups for a project that we are doing. If you have any that you no longer want, especially flowery ones, we would be very gratefully for them! Please leave them in P&J church or ring me on 01252 621786. Thank you! Sue

CAP MONEY COURSE - Are you newly retired or near retirement? This course is specifically for you. CAP Money Course is to help people transition into retirement - a short, practical course run by Churches Together in Fleet & Crookham that will help you manage your finances. 7.30 pm on Tuesdays 11, 18 & 25 July, 12 Perry Drive, Fleet GU51 4ES. Book through the CAP Money website or contact Will Parker (Tel: 01252 622491, e-mail chair.ctfc@gmail.com)

RETREATS - Revd. Haydon Wilcox is leading two retreats this year at Stanton House, Oxfordshire 18-20 August & 17-19 November and Pilgrimages in 2018 to the Holy Land and to the Celtic Sites of Ireland. If you are interested in knowing more contact him on 01252 621639, haydonwilcox@mac.com

BUILDINGS MANAGER - Church on the Heath are looking for a Buildings & Premises Manager to work 14 hours per week to oversee the maintenance and development of the Church building and Ministers' homes. More details via www.churchontheheath.org.uk/bpm.

BIG BAND CONCERT - 'From the Forties to the Noughties' Junction 4 Big Band, Sat 1 July 7.30 pm at Church on the Heath in support of the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. Tickets £15 from Judy Keep on Sunday, the Phyllis Tuckwell shop, www.pth.org.uk, or ring 684431 or 684456.

Readings for Sunday 25th June 2017

Second Sunday after Trinity

First Reading

Genesis 18.1-15, 21.8-21

⁸Isaac grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰So she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' ¹¹The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹²But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. ¹³As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' ¹⁴So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. ¹⁵When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶Then she went and

sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.' ¹⁹Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. ²¹He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Comment *The bible and later biblical commentaries are surprisingly mute about the tragic and appalling consequences throughout history following Abraham's rejection of Hagar whose offspring eventually became the non-Jewish nations of the Middle East.*

Psalm 86.1-10,16-17

Refrain: You, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion.

¹ Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
for I am poor and in misery.

² Preserve my soul, for I am faithful;

save your servant, for I put my trust in you.

³ Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God;
I call upon you all the day long.

You, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion.

⁴ Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

⁵ For you, Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

You, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion.

⁶ Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer
and listen to the voice of my supplication.

⁷ In the day of my distress I will call upon you,
for you will answer me.

⁸ Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,
nor any works like yours.

You, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion.

⁹ All nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.

¹⁰ For you are great and do wonderful things;
you alone are God.

You, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion.

¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy upon me;
give your strength to your servant
and save the child of your handmaid.

¹⁷ Show me a token of your favour,
that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;
because you, O Lord, have helped and comforted me.

You, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion.

Comment *A cry and a prayer by one who is oppressed.*

Second Reading

Romans 6.1b-11

¹Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by

baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and

we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Comment *Paul here is combating a Greek mindset that, in this case, is based on invalid reasoning; if forgiveness is so readily given why can't we now sin freely to our heart's content and then repent?*

Gospel Reading Matthew 10.24-39

Jesus summoned the twelve and sent them out with the following instruction: ²⁴'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can

destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'

Comment *Christ speaks to His disciples 'in the dark' because He knows that they would not at the time understand the whole truth which would be revealed only after the Resurrection.*

ALL SAINTS UPDATE

Last Thursday was the second anniversary of the All Saints Fire. We shared a day of prayer for the rebuilding which was a great blessing. We have received a response from the Diocesan Advisory Committee to our request for clarity over how they would respond to each of our rebuilding options.

The result is that they would be likely to support a straightforward rebuilding of All Saints with improved access and new buildings on the north side.

They would be likely to support the option to build a new church on the site of the church centre and the restoration of All Saints as a community building.

They might offer qualified support for the option to remove two pillars from the nave of the church and arrange the church around a central altar.

They would not support the removal of all pillars from the nave of the church.

It is clear that the heritage societies (Victorian Society, Heritage for England etc.) will strongly object to any plan that involves changing the internal structure of the church.

The final decision on all this will be made by the chancellor of the diocese who is a judge trained in ecclesiastical law. He will have to consider the views of ALL interested parties.

The PCC will now have to decide which of the available options to pursue in the light of all this. They will have to consider potential cost in terms of money and time, as well as the deep desire of us all to rebuild in a way that will serve our whole community.

Please pray for all involved in the process going forward.

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