

News Sheet for Sunday 12th August

ELEVENTH 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.

TODAY IN THE PARISH

All Saints (FPCC)

Ss Philip and James

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)

10.00am Sung Eucharist

TODAY'S COLLECT O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

The Coffee Bar is open Monday - Saturday 10.00am - 12.30pm

Monday 13th August

FPCC 9.00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 14th August

Ss Philip and James 2.45pm Funeral of Hughie Lovatt

Wednesday 15th August

Ss Philip and James 9.30am Eucharist followed by Coffee

Thursday 16th August

Friday 17th August

FPCC 10.00am Parent and Toddler time

FPCC 8.00pm Choir practice

SUNDAY 19 AUGUST - TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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Ss Philip and James

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)

10.00am Sung Eucharist

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK . . .

Those in urgent need of our prayers including... Beverley, Duncan Lloyd and Jennette Wickes.

Members of our extended church family in need of our continuing prayers... Marguerite Baker, Patricia Bull, Fiona Guy, Alwynne Hallam, Jon Harrow, Mollie Hayes, Dexter Heard, Bonnie Lewis, Evelyn Murray, Gill Page, Peter Pimm, Louise Purton, Peter and Suzanne Rogers, Barbara Simson, John Stocks, Erica Taylor, Tyler Thompson and Molly Wilson.

Those who have died recently... Hughie Lovatt

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time... Inez de Fraine, Francis Wiseman, Aileen Marsh, Hedwig Baker-Pearson, Jack Burrows, Gladys Burton, Jane Holbeche, Arthur Mearing, Janet Patchett, Monica Meirion-Jones and Florence Vincent

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 13TH AUGUST 2018

Meditation: 'You are to speak to the people of Israel and say "Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations that you may know that I the Lord, sanctify you".' Exodus 31: 13

We pray....

Sunday: We give thanks and pray for our daily food and for those who are hungry, that they may be fed.

Monday: We pray for all our nurses, wherever they may work and give thanks for our NHS.

Tuesday: We give thanks for the life, faith and sacrifice of Maximillian Kolbe, a Franciscan friar, who selflessly was executed, taking the place of a family man so that he may be reunited with his family.

Wednesday: We give you thanks for the Blessed Virgin Mary, for her faith, courage and obedience. May she always be an inspiration to us all in our lives and our relationships with God.

Thursday: We pray for all those who are receiving their A Level results today, whether good or bad be with them all, Lord, at this time.

Friday: We pray for all those children in our country who have little or no food to eat during the School Holidays and ask that they may be fed and cared for.

Saturday: We pray for our families and friends and for them to grow into the love of God.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

PARISH SUMMER TEA - Tuesday 21st August, FPCC, 2.30- 4.30pm. Delicious tea with friends. £5 in aid of parish funds.

RAFFLE DONATIONS - would be welcome for the Summer tea. Any edible items, new books, unwanted gifts in packaging and toiletries. These can be left in the Parish Office.

CHRIST CHURCH CROOKHAM - Revd Steve Franklin will be installed as the new vicar on 6th September. We welcome him.

ALL SAINTS - there will be no updates during August. For the latest information, please visit our website.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP - will restart on 6th September at the vicarage and continue fortnightly for 6 sessions until 15th November.

YEOMEN - Saturday 8th September, 7.30pm. Fleet Parish Opera Chorus and Orchestra present Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Yeomen of the Guard" at Ss Philip and James Church. Tickets £14 (including refreshments after the concert) from Anne Smith (01252 624171, anne.smith33@btinternet.com) or the Parish Office.

FARNBOROUGH ABBEY GUIDED TOUR - Saturday, 15th September. The abbey, home to a small community of Benedictine monks, is near The Clockhouse Roundabout and Farnborough Station (280 Farnborough Rd, GU14 7NQ). It is the mausoleum for Napoleon III. The gates to the driveway leading up to the abbey will open at 2.50pm for a 3pm start from the Abbey car park. The abbey requests a minimum donation of £3 each. If interested, or need a lift, contact Jane Jones 628961 or Sally Hastings 629205, sally_hastings@hotmail.com.

CAFÉ CHURCH - Saturday 29th September, 4.00pm, Ss Philip and James, Café church - a new style of service for the whole church family to enjoy, with free food! If you can help, please speak to Revd Carol.

CAP MONEY COURSE FOR UNI STUDENTS - for those about to start university or college. Register online at www.ctfleet.org.uk/docstore/71.pdf or email willandjan.parker@ntlworld.com

PHYLLIS TUCKWELL ABSEIL - September 1st Mary Goodson will be taking part in a sponsored abseil down the Spinnaker Tower in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. If you'd like to support Mary in this please speak to her or go to www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Mary-Goodson

JOB OPPORTUNITIES - a designer at Waverley Abbey and a part-time PA for the diocese based in Guildford,

HART FOODBANK - would be pleased to receive: instant mash, sponge pudding, jam, long-life fruit juice, tinned tomatoes and fruit, pasta sauce, rice, coffee and tea. Thank you.

CHURCHSUITE - is the new IT system in the Parish Office providing an address book, rota, calendar and bookings system. You will be able to manage your own details (including whether you would like to share your 'phone number/email address with other church members). There are still aspects under development so bear with us but if you receive an invitation in your email to sign up please do! Short introductory sessions will be in the autumn term, contact the office to join.

NATIONAL PRAYER WEEKEND - organised by CWR at Waverley Abbey for Christians across the UK to pray for their local communities over the weekend 28th - 30th September. www.cwr.org.uk

Readings for Sunday 12th August 2018

First Reading

2 Samuel 18.5-9,15,31-33

⁵The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.' And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom.

⁶So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim.

⁷The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men.

⁸The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword.

⁹Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

¹⁵And ten young men, Joab's armour-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed

him.

³¹Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, 'Good tidings for my lord the king! For the LORD has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.' ³²The king said to the Cushite, 'Is it well with the young man Absalom?' The Cushite answered, 'May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.' ³³The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, 'O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!'

Comment *Absalom, one of David's seventeen sons, had rebelled against his father to procure the throne. David nevertheless instructed Joab to spare Absalom's life but Joab disobeyed David because Absalom had wronged Joab who then took his revenge. Joab sends an Ethiopian slave (a Cushite) to inform David, in an ambivalent way, of Absalom's death.*

Psalm 130

Refrain: Out of the depths have I called you, O Lord

¹ Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

² If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss,
O Lord, who could stand?

³ But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you shall be feared.

Out of the depths have I called you, O Lord

⁴ I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;
in his word is my hope.

⁵ My soul waits for the Lord,
more than the night watch for the morning,
more than the night watch for the morning.

Out of the depths have I called you, O Lord

⁶ O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy;

⁷ With him is plenteous redemption
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Out of the depths have I called you, O Lord

Comment *This psalm, also known by its Latin title 'De Profundis', is often used in the funeral service; it starts as a lament but then offers hope for the future.*

Second Reading Ephesians 4.25 - 5.2

²⁵Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Comment *Paul reminds his readers that as they are marked by the Holy Spirit and are 'imitations of God' they should behave as His 'beloved children'.*

Gospel Reading John 6.35,41-51

³⁵Jesus said to the crowd, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me

will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' ⁴²They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' ⁴³Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

Comment *The Jews were taking Christ's words at face value whereas Christ was talking metaphorically. John is here recalling the event but with hindsight in that he*

implicitly refers to Christ's words at the Last Supper.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Visitors and Newcomers: Welcome! We'd love to keep in touch with you so please fill in your contact details, tear off this section and give it to the vicar or one of the wardens/sidespersons on the door.

Name _____

Email/phone number _____

Please let us know why you'd like us to get in touch (e.g. add to mailing list/prayer request/visit request/information about services)

We will not use your details for any other purpose without your consent and we do not sell or pass on information to third parties.

Hospital and home visits: If you know of anybody who is in hospital or housebound and would appreciate a visit, please use the above section giving your details and we will contact you for information. Please give to the duty warden at church or the Parish Office.

Pastoral Assistants: Should you have a pastoral need or any other kind of a problem and wish for 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.

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