



Parish of Fleet
All Saints

St Philip & St James

News Sheet for Sunday 4th November 2018 All Saints Day

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)

10.00am All Age Eucharist

Ss Philip and James

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)

10.00am Sung Eucharist (CW)
with Junior Church and Crèche

2.30pm Pantomime Rehearsal

TODAY'S COLLECT Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth, be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

Monday 5th November

FPCC 9.00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 6th November

FPCC 10.00am Praise and Play

Ss Philip and James 11.00am Prayer Group

Wednesday 7th November

FPCC 9.30am Eucharist followed by Coffee

Thursday 8th November

Ss Philip and James 9.00am Coffee and Play

Ss Philip and James 4.30pm Hot Potato Youth Group

Ss Philip and James 7.30pm Choir Practice

Friday 9th November

FPCC 10.00am Dribbles and Giggles

FPCC 8.00pm Choir Practice

Saturday 10th November

Church on the Heath 7.30am Christian Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

All Saints (FPCC)

10.00am Sung Eucharist (CW) with
Junior Church and Crèche

Ss Philip and James

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)

10.00am Sung Eucharist (CW)
with Junior Church and Crèche

2.30pm Pantomime Rehearsal

6.30pm Choral Evensong

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK . . .

Those in urgent need of our prayers including... Colin Eagle, Ian Passfield, Erica Taylor and Jennette Wickes.

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

Those who have died recently... Len Waller, Marguerite Baker and Evelyn Murray.

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time... Lucy Vickery, John Russell, Karen Wilson, Beryl Hartley, Revd Patrick Rennison, Angela Harvey, Adrian Luxton, Marjorie Clifford, Reginald Slater-Kitwood, Evelyn Ruffle, Renee Lunghi and Heather McMillan.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 5th NOVEMBER 2018

Meditation: 'As I walked out the door toward the gate that would lead to freedom, I knew that if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind I would still be in prison' *Nelson Mandela*.

We give thanks for those people who have helped to make us the people we are today.

Please pray....

Mon - For the fire service and other emergency services.

Tues - For the government and people of Kenya.

Wed - The homeless, and those who work to get them a better life.

Thurs - For those we dislike and those we disagree with.

Fri - For those who suffer from constant pain.

Sat - For Integrity, tolerance and cooperation in politics and public life.

Sun - For forces chaplains and all serving in the armed forces today.

ALL WEEK - those who live in Velmead Close, Velmead Road, Victoria Road, Victoria Hill Road, Waleron Road, Walton Close.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

CAFÉ CHURCH - Saturday 17th November, 4.00pm at Ss Philip and James has the theme Home Sweet Home. Please join us for this relaxed style of service with free refreshments.

PARISH PANTOMIME - Regrettably, our lighting specialist is unavailable to operate the lights for the Gala Pantomime performance at 7.30pm on Saturday 5th January 2019. Is there anyone who would be willing and able to do this for that very important performance (you will be shown how to operate the equipment)? If you can help, please call Carolyn Ford on 684601 as soon as possible. Many thanks.

RETIRING BUT NOT SHY - Wednesday 7th November, 7.30pm, St Paul's Dorking, a vocations event for 40-50+ age group. Further information from Glynis.beazley@cofeguildford.org.uk

MARGUERITE BAKER - There will be a service to celebrate the life of Marguerite Baker on Wednesday 14th November at 2.00pm in Ss Philip and James Church. All welcome to this service which will be followed by refreshments. (There will be a private, family only service at the crematorium prior to this.)

BARBARA SIMSON - Barbara Simson would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers and she would welcome visitors while she is in staying in Fleetwood Lodge.

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE HARD STUFF - Saturday 24th November, 10am-12pm at P&J. Panel discussion with the ministry team. Do bring questions to discuss. More details from Jane Jones.

CELEBRATING HOUSEGROUPS - This year's Celebrating Housegroups service will be held at P&J on Sunday, December 2nd at 4.00pm followed by a bring and share tea. All welcome – whether you are already a member of our seven housegroups or whether you would like to find out more. For more details please contact Sally Hastings 01252 629205.

JOB VACANCIES - Hart Voluntary Action are looking for a part-time Operations Manager, see www.hartvolaction.org.uk for details. There are also a number of Diocesan jobs being advertised, details from www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/vacancies/non-clergy-vacancies.

WINTERSHALL NATIVITY - is a live re-enactment of the nativity story with sheep and baby in a barn. Very popular with children. See www.wintershall.org.uk/nativity-play.

HELPERS NEEDED - Do you enjoy working with young people? There are lots of vacancies in our children & youth activities at P&J which we would love to fill. You won't need to commit to every week but will need to be willing to be on a rota. You will need to be DBS checked and do basic safeguarding training but these are free and we can help you to do these. If you'd like to know more about what opportunities are available please speak to Revd Carol Dunk, Chantelle Gardner or Jane Jones.

POETRY AND SONGS - Friday 9th November, 7.30pm, Christ Church, Crookham have an evening of well-loved music and poetry. Tickets from their parish office or www.christchurch-crookham.com.

Readings for Sunday 4th November 2018

All Saints Day

First Reading Wisdom 3.1-9

¹The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.

²In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,

³and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.

⁴For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.

⁵Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;

⁶like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.

⁷In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,

and will run like sparks through the stubble.

⁸They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them for ever.

⁹Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,

because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

Comment *This reading from the Apocrypha was written two or three hundred years before the New Testament. It is important because it is the first reference to 'immortality' mentioned in the Old Testament. Wisdom, in the Jewish sense, was seen as understanding the working of God's mind.*

Psalm 24.1-6

Refrain: The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.

¹ The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.

² For he has founded it upon the seas
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.

³ 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,
or who can rise up in his holy place?'

⁴ 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
nor sworn an oath to a lie;

The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.

⁵ 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'

⁶ Such is the company of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.

Comment A Psalm which glorifies the creator of the universe.

Second Reading

Revelation 21.1-6

¹ I, John, saw a new heaven and
a new earth; for the first heaven
and the first earth had passed
away, and the sea was no more.

² And I saw the holy city, the new
Jerusalem, coming down out of
heaven from God, prepared as a
bride adorned for her husband.

³ And I heard a loud voice from
the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is
among mortals.

He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with

them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from
their eyes.

Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain
will be no more,
for the first things have passed
away.'

⁵ And the one who was seated
on the throne said, 'See, I am
making all things new.' Also he
said, 'Write this, for these words
are trustworthy and true.' ⁶ Then
he said to me, 'It is done! I am
the Alpha and the Omega, the
beginning and the end. To the

thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

Comment *Written whilst incarcerated on the island of Patmos, St. John (The Divine) describes a more glorious future using graphic imagery - the sea, as a source of evil, being banished – an idealised new city appearing from heaven – the mystic marriage of Christ and His church – clear, fresh water symbolising the Holy Spirit.*

Gospel Reading **John 11.32-44**

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.'³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.'

³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to

him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.'⁴⁰Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.'⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Comment *Just before this passage we are told that Martha had gone on ahead to meet Jesus at Lazarus' tomb. Jesus acknowledged Martha's greeting with 'I am the resurrection and the life'. By this He showed that He exists outside time. The events which followed confirmed this.*

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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