



Parish of Fleet
All Saints

St Philip & St James

News Sheet for Sunday 30th December 2018
First Sunday of Christmas

Welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to our worship today. Whether you are visiting our church or town, or are a member of our regular congregation, we very much hope that you enjoy sharing in our Christmas worship and encounter God in some way at this Holy time. Jesus comes to be with us today, as he came to that stable in Bethlehem all that time ago – may he go with you from here and be with you in all you do. Please make yourselves known to us after the service, we would love the chance to say hello.

TODAY IN THE PARISH

All Saints (FPCC)

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

Ss Philip and James

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)
2.00pm Pantomime Rehearsal

TODAY'S COLLECT Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 31st December

FPCC 9.00am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 2nd January

Ss Philip and James 9.30am Eucharist followed by Coffee

Thursday 3rd January

Ss Philip and James 9.00am Coffee & Play

Ss Philip and James 7.30pm Choir Practice

Friday 4th January

Ss Philip and James Hall 7.30pm Pantomime Performance

Saturday 5th January

Ss Philip and James Hall 2.30pm Pantomime Performance

Ss Philip and James Hall 7.30pm Pantomime Gala Performance

SUNDAY 6TH JANUARY - EPIPHANY

All Saints (FPCC)

(no services)

Ss Philip and James

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)

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

2.30pm Pantomime Performance

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK . . .

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

Members of our extended church family in need of our continuing prayers... 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... Jill Austin

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time...

Peter Jaynes, Gillian Martel, Jack Townsend, Lilian Buck, Connie King, Brian Duke, David Healey, Irene Joy and Francis Reark.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 31ST DECEMBER 2018

Meditation - 'And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied : "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way." So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.' *Minnie Louise Haskins.*

We give thanks for...The rest and recreation of recent days.

Please pray....

Mon - New Years Eve - For all who work in catering and hospitality.

Tues - New Year's Day – For all who are having to work today in order to maintain essential services.

Wed - (St. Basil and St. Gregory) Christians of the Eastern Orthodox Church.

Thurs - Victims of Slavery and people trafficking.

Fri - Those who work in the transport industry.

Sat - Our servers and sacristans.

Sun - (Epiphany Sunday) For people of all faiths to work together for the sake of all humanity.

ALL WEEK - For those who live in Church Rd, Clarence Rd, Coach House Gardens, Colbred Corner, Connaught Road and Coombe Drive.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

PANTOMIME TICKETS - Pantomime tickets are now on sale to the public; either from Carolyn Ford at services at P & J, carolyn.ford@ntlworld.com or from the Parish Office on 2/3 January. Performances take place on Friday 4 Jan at 7.30 pm, Saturday 5 Jan at 2.30 pm and 7.30 pm (Gala) and Sunday 6 Jan at 2.30 pm. Tickets for the Gala performance are £7.50 adults, £4.00 under 16s, and for all other performances £6.00 adults, £3.00 under 16s.

TOGETHER @ 4 (CAFÉ CHURCH) PLANNING MEETING - Wednesday 9th January, 7.30pm, venue TBC, there will be a meeting to plan for the service on 26th January. Please check with Revd Carol Dunk regarding the meeting venue if you are able to come to the meeting - or let her know if you are interested in helping in any way.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURES - Please note that the Parish Office will be closed until Wednesday 2nd January.

SINGALONG FILM NIGHT - Saturday 26th January, Here we go again...the Social Committee are putting on another film night, this time you are invited to the magical Greek island of Kalokairi to join the party and SINGALONG with hits from the pop group ABBA. Feel free to dress up to help create the atmosphere. The evening begins with supper at 6pm. 7pm if you are coming to watch the film only. You can choose from menu below.

Fish & Chips @ £6.90, Sausage & Chips @ £3.80, Fish & Mini Chips @ £6.10, Child's Sausage & Chips @ £2.40.

Where: St. Philip & St. James Church, Kings Road, Fleet

RSVP by the 23rd January 2019 to Karen Kite on 613251/
kbudge42kite@aol.com for tickets and your food order.

CRAFT GROUP - The next craft group meeting will be on Tuesday 22nd January, at Sue Butterfield's house - please ring her on 01252 621786 for details.

SERVICES IN JANUARY - There will be no services in the FPCC in January (and February) due to maintenance. If you normally walk to FPCC and need help getting to P&J please contact Julian Barley on 01252 687 150 and he will work with our transport team to arrange for a lift from FPCC to P&J.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 30TH DECEMBER

First Sunday of Christmas

First Reading

1 Samuel 2.18-20,26

¹⁸Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home.

²⁶ Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

Comment

Hannah, the wife of Elkanah, had been barren but with God's grace she finally conceived Samuel who, as the first-born, was offered to Eli to serve in the Temple. The parents' annual visit is a pre-echo of today's gospel. An ephod was a priestly apron.

Psalm 148

Refrain: O praise the name of the Lord.

¹ Alleluia.

*Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.*

² *Praise him, all you his angels;
praise him, all his host.*

³ *Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you stars of light.*

⁴ *Praise him, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.*

Refrain: O praise the name of the Lord.

⁵ *Let them praise the name of the Lord;
for he commanded and they were created.*

⁶ *He made them fast for ever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.*

⁷ *Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;*

⁸ *Fire and hail, snow and mist,
tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;*

Refrain: O praise the name of the Lord.

⁹ *Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;*

¹⁰ *Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and birds on the wing;*

¹¹ *Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;*

¹² *Young men and women,
old and young together;
let them praise the name of the Lord.*

Refrain: O praise the name of the Lord.

¹³ *For his name only is exalted,
his splendour above earth and heaven.*

¹⁴ *He has raised up the horn of his people
and praise for all his faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Alleluia.*

Refrain: O praise the name of the Lord.

Comment *This is a hymn of praise that is part of the five concluding psalms that form a doxology to the Psalter as a whole.*

Second Reading

Colossians 3.12-17

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility,

meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also

must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Comment *It is thought that spiritual songs were charismatic improvisations suggested by the Spirit during liturgical assemblies.*

Gospel Reading

Luke 2.41-52

⁴¹Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they

returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' ⁴⁹He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?'

⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Comment *Jesus' reply to Mary's question, apart from it being His first words recorded in the gospels, would have come as a sharp reminder to His parents as to who He was and His growing independence as an individual within the home. We recall old Simeon's prophecy that a sword would pierce Mary's soul.*

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.

For any other need, suggestion or query, see contacts below:

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