



Parish of Fleet
All Saints

St Philip & St James

News Sheet for Sunday 6th January 2019
Epiphany

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)

(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

TODAY'S COLLECT O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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 God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 7th January

Ss Philip and James 9.00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 8th January

Magazine Press Day

Ss Philip and James 11.00am Prayer Group

Wednesday 9th January

Ss Philip and James 9.30am Eucharist followed by Coffee

TBC 7.30pm Together@4 planning meeting

Thursday 10th January

Ss Philip and James 9.00am Coffee & Play

Ss Philip and James 7.30pm Combined choir practice

Saturday 12th January

Church on the Heath 7.30am Christian Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY 13TH JANUARY - BAPTISM OF CHRIST

All Saints (FPCC)

(no services)

Ss Philip and James

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK . . .

Those in urgent need of our prayers including... Gladys Barber, 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, Barbara Jones

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time... Beatrice Gribble, Alice Loader, Gladys Neville, Eileen Mander, Vic Makepeace, Peggy Clarke, Patricia Baker, D'Arcy Mander and John Gulliver

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 7TH JANUARY 2019

Meditation - 'We live in a world of outrageous pain. The only response to outrageous pain is outrageous love' - Marc Gafni

We give thanks for... Our unique and precious place in God's plan for the world.

Please pray....

Mon - For our team of Pastoral Assistants.

Tues - For refugees and those who care for them.

Wed - For those who work in public transport.

Thurs - For those who clean our buildings or tend our gardens

Fri - For those who suffer from back or neck pain.

Sat - For the people of the Sudan.

Sun - For those preparing for baptism or confirmation.

ALL WEEK - For those who live in Copse Close, Copse End, Copse Lane, Corringway, Court Drive, Courtmoor Ave.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

TOGETHER @ 4 (CAFÉ CHURCH) PLANNING MEETING - Wednesday 9th January, 7.30pm, venue TBC, a meeting to plan for the service on 26th January. Please contact Revd Carol if you are interested in helping.

SINGALONG FILM NIGHT - Saturday 26th January at Ss Philip and James Church, the Social Committee are putting on another film night, inviting you to a magical Greek island to join the party and SINGALONG with hits from the pop group ABBA. Feel free to dress up to help create the atmosphere. We begin with supper at 6pm. 7pm if you are coming to watch the film only. You can choose from: Fish & Chips @ £6.90, Sausage & Chips @ £3.80, Fish & Mini Chips @ £6.10, Child's Sausage & Chips @ £2.40. RSVP by the 23rd January to Karen Kite on 613251/kbudge42kite@aol.com for tickets and food order.

CRAFT GROUP - The next 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 need help getting to P&J please contact Julian Barley on 01252 687150 and he will arrange for a lift from FPCC to P&J.

HART FOODBANK - The Foodbank have requested that January is a "no food month" but they would welcome monetary donations to fund upkeep.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 6TH JANUARY

Epiphany

First Reading

Isaiah 60.1-6

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be

carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Comment *Written when the Jews were returning from Babylon this poem prophesies that both scattered*

Jewry and the Gentiles will pay homage to the new Israel. The references to the 'abundance of the sea' and 'a multitude of

camels' imply arrivals from the four points of the compass and hint at the visitation of the Magi.

Psalm 72.(1-9)10-15

Refrain: Kings bow down before him; all the nations do him service.

¹ Give the king your judgements, O God,
and your righteousness to the son of a king.

² Then shall he judge your people righteously
and your poor with justice.

³ May the mountains bring forth peace,
and the little hills righteousness for the people.

Kings bow down before him; all the nations do him service.

⁴ May he defend the poor among the people,
deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.

⁵ May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

Kings bow down before him; all the nations do him service.

⁶ May he come down like rain upon the mown grass,
like the showers that water the earth.

⁷ In his time shall righteousness flourish, and abundance of peace
till the moon shall be no more.

Kings bow down before him; all the nations do him service.

⁸ May his dominion extend from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

⁹ May his foes kneel before him and his enemies lick the dust.

Kings bow down before him; all the nations do him service.

¹⁰ The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute;
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.

¹¹ All kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall do him service.

Kings bow down before him; all the nations do him service.

¹² For he shall deliver the poor that cry out,
the needy and those who have no helper.

¹³ He shall have pity on the weak and poor;
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

¹⁴ He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

¹⁵ Long may he live; unto him may be given gold from Sheba;
may prayer be made for him continually and may they bless him all
the day long.

Kings bow down before him; all the nations do him service.

***Comment** Although this psalm is dedicated to Solomon it invokes the image of an ideal king as perceived by Isaiah's prophecies.*

Second Reading **Ephesians 3.1-12**

¹I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles -
²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of

the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power.

⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Comment *Paul explains in the verses immediately before this passage that although his non-Jewish readers were excluded from God's grace because of the Law, Christ, by abolishing the Law, now includes them. Paul now continues by humbling himself and further explains his message.*

Gospel Reading **Matthew 2.1-12**

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ²“Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means

least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”’

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Comment *Matthew's gospel, which was written for Jewish readers, forever stresses that Christ's life and work were a fulfilment of the old prophecies. We see here how the Gentiles too can find him when looking; also how evil was thwarted but only at the cost of suffering.*

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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