



Parish of Fleet
All Saints

St Philip & St James

News Sheet for Sunday 13th January 2019
Baptism 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)

(no services)

Ss Philip and James

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)
10.00am Sung Eucharist (CW) with
Junior Church and Crèche
12.00pm Baptism Service

TODAY'S COLLECT Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 14th January

Ss Philip and James 9.00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 15th January

Ss Philip and James 11.00am Prayer Group

Wednesday 16th January

Ss Philip and James 9.30am Eucharist followed by Coffee

Thursday 17th January

Ss Philip and James 9.00am Coffee & Play

Ss Philip and James 4.30pm Hot Potato Youth Group

Ss Philip and James 7.30pm Combined Choir Practice

Ss Philip and James Hall 8.15pm All Saints Ladies Group

Saturday 19th January

Ss Philip and James 9.30am Core 2 Safeguarding Training

SUNDAY 20TH JANUARY - THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

All Saints (FPCC)

(no services)

Ss Philip and James

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)
10.00am Informal Eucharist

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK . . .

Those in urgent need of our prayers including... Gladys Barber, Chris Butterfield, Colin Eagle, Matthew Parkes, Ian Passfield 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, Erica Taylor, Tyler Thompson and Molly Wilson.

Those who have died recently...

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time... Barbara Grimshaw, Dorothy Wilson, Astrid Lloyd, William Beale, Peter Parkes, Nicholas Davies, Robert Eastes, Leonard Pears, Nellie Farley, Ronald Timms,

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 14TH JANUARY 2019

Meditation - 'Once a man was asked, 'What did you gain from regularly praying to God?' The man replied, 'nothing...but let me tell you what I lost: anger, ego, greed, depression, insecurity and fear of death.' Sometimes the answer to our prayers is not gaining but losing; which ultimately is the gain.

We give thanks for... The natural world in winter, which holds the promise of new life.

Please pray....

Monday - For those sleeping rough or sofa surfing.

Tuesday -That we might find God in one another.

Wednesday - For those in reader ministry.

Thursday - For the government and people of Indonesia.

Friday - For those suffering from degenerative diseases.

Saturday - For young people in danger.

Sunday - For all those Jesus is calling to follow him today.

All Week - For those who live Darset Avenue, Denham Close, Denning Close, Devon Close, Dinorben Avenue.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

DICK WHITTINGTON – Many thanks to all who contributed in any way to the pantomime production last weekend. Whilst the streets of Fleet turned out not to be paved with gold, with “sold out” performances it was one of the most successful productions of recent years.

COFFEE MORNING - Friday 18th January, 10.00am-12.00pm, 22 Fitzroy Road, Fleet, coffee morning in aid of All Saints Fund with a Bring & Buy sale too. Please ring Elizabeth (01252 613156) or the parish office if you would like help with transport.

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

ALL SAINTS UPDATE - Full planning permission and DAC approval will be sought in the next few weeks. Please pray for the success of this, and for our fundraising project.

CHURCH CLEANER WANTED - Our very small team of P & J Church cleaners is made up of 3 couples. We are in desperate need of definitely one more person, although more volunteers are welcome. The church is cleaned once a fortnight at a time to suit each couple. Obviously the more cleaners we have the less often your turn comes around! We clean the Narthex, main Church and vestries. This normally requires about an hour and a half of your time (depending on how much you chatter!) If you feel you could offer your time for this please contact Karen Kite on 613251 or the Parish Office.

TOGETHER @ 4 - Saturday 26th January, 4.00pm, Ss Philip and James Church, an informal café style service with discussion on the topic “You gotta have faith?”. If you’d like to be involved please come along to the planning meeting on Wednesday 16th January at 7.30pm at 9 Church Court, Church Road, Fleet or speak to Revd Carol Dunk.

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.

CHRISTINGLE - Many thanks to everyone that attended the Christingle Service in December. The amount raised was £443 for the Children’s Society.

PARISH OFFICE - Please note that the Parish Office is open as usual in the blue portacabin (up the stairs) outside FPCC.

BOTTLE TOPS - Please hold on to your bottle tops whilst the FPCC is out of action and bring them back when we are open again. Note, we are only able to collect those from supermarket milk containers.

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. Bring your own drink, glasses provided.

MEN'S MENTAL HEALTH MORNING - Saturday 19th January, 9.00am-1.00pm, The Drift, East Horsley, KT24 5HD. A morning featuring guest speaker Geoff McDonald to help equip and inform men in our community about mental health, reduce the stigma associated with depression and anxiety issues for men and encourage conversations with your mates. Tickets £15 each, including a full English breakfast, available via 01483 281898.

PHILIPPA HANNA CONCERT - Saturday 26th January, 7.30pm, St Peter's Church, Yateley, award winning singer-songwriter & author Philippa Hanna will be performing songs and sharing from her new devotional book as part of her 365 Live Tour. Tickets £12 available from philippahanna.com

FINDING A RHYTHM OF LIFE - Saturday 2nd February, 10.00am-3.00pm, Guildford Cathedral. £10 donation payable on the day. Diocesan day on prayer featuring a keynote speaker followed by workshops on modern communities of prayer. Open to all, the day promises to be richly rewarding as we listen and learn from Ian Mobsby, workshop leaders and one another. If you would like a lift please contact Jane Jones.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 13TH JANUARY

Baptism of Christ

First Reading

Isaiah 43.1-7

¹Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you,

I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from

the end of the earth –

⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Comment *This extended prophecy/poem was written at the end of the Babylonian Exile and was addressed to an oppressed Jewish race who would have sought comfort from it during their later trials and tribulations. As Christians we too are God's people and so can justly feel included.*

Second Reading

Acts 8.14-17

¹⁴When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Comment *This was the first time the Gospel had been preached outside the neighbourhood of Jerusalem. At the time it was felt that baptism was not real or valid until an apostle (or one who had personally known Jesus) had laid their hands on those concerned.*

Gospel Reading

Luke 3.15-17 & 21-22

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Comment *Here St Luke emphasises that baptism in Christ must include the involvement of the Holy Spirit and be accompanied by prayer.*

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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