



Parish of Fleet
All Saints

St Philip & St James

News Sheet for Sunday 3rd February 2019
Presentation of Christ in the Temple

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 All Age Eucharist (CW)

TODAY'S COLLECT Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 4th February

Ss Philip and James 9.00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 5th February

Ss Philip and James 11.00am Prayer Group

Wednesday 6th February

Ss Philip and James 9.30am Eucharist followed by Coffee

Thursday 7th February

Ss Philip and James 9.00am Coffee & Play

Ss Philip and James 5.00pm Hot Potato Youth Group

Ss Philip and James 7.30pm Combined Choir Practice

Ss Philip and James Hall 8.00pm All Saints Ladies Group

Saturday 9th February

Church on the Heath 7.30am Christian Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY 10TH FEBRUARY - FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

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
6.30pm Choral Evensong

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK . . .

Those in urgent need of our prayers including... Beverley, Chris Butterfield, Colin Eagle, Matthew Parkes, Ian Passfield, John Simson and Jennette Wickes.

Members of our extended church family in need of our continuing prayers... Gladys Barber, 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... Joan Ede.

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

Muriel Stannard, Gladys Gaskell, Vera Goddard, Clare Wickenden, Olive Davies, Winifred Watson, Frederick Burrows, Barbara Craig, Ronald Champion-Jones, Hilda Frosdick, James Bamford, Francis Morgan, Christopher Dyer, Violet Rudd and Ivy Inchcombe.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 4TH FEBRUARY 2019

Meditation - 'We are all visitors to this time, this place. We are just passing through. Our purpose here is to observe, to learn, to grow, to love...and then we return home.' *Aboriginal Proverb.*

We give thanks for those we love and who love us.

Please pray...

Monday - For the ministry of our Social Committee.

Tuesday - For the deaf, and all who minister to them.

Wednesday - For the people of Nigeria, especially the many Christians persecuted for their faith.

Thursday - For foster parents and adoption agencies.

Friday - For those currently enduring chemotherapy or other challenging treatments.

Saturday - For all involved in the process of recycling and renewable energy.

Sunday - Lord please help us to be holy, and to be faithful in all our relationships.

All Week - For those who live in Elvetham Crescent, Elvetham Heath Way, Elvetham Place, Elvetham Road, Emery Down Drive and Eversley Drive.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

BOOK AND TOY STALL - Today, Sunday 3rd February, Hot Potato Youth Group have a book & toy stall in aid of All Saints Fund in the hall after the 10.00am service. Do come and support!

THANK YOU - The Gift Day for FACCTS (Fleet and Crookham Churches Together in Schools) on 27th January raised just over £500. Many thanks to all who contributed to the cost of this important work of outreach and Christian education.

LOST PROPERTY - Have you left something at P&J recently? We are amassing a collection of items that have been left, please check in the narthex over the next 2 weeks to avoid it being disposed of.

FUNDRAISING STALL - Saturday 16th February, we have secured a pitch in the Hart Shopping Centre to display the new plans for All Saints and do some fundraising by selling homemade cakes. The fundraising team would very much appreciate your support in this venture by making cakes for us to sell. We do have to follow quite strict health and safety guidelines, so all cakes must be in clear sealed packaging and a list of ingredients enclosed. To offer a cake or for further information contact Elizabeth Waller, 01252 613156, or Claire Holt, 01252 628884.

SEED POTATOES - Saturday 23rd February in P&J Hall. 10am – 3pm. Seventy (yes, 70!) varieties available to buy as individual tubers. Potato and other refreshments. £1 admission in aid of All Saints Fund.

WEEKEND RETREAT - 22nd-24th March at The Greenhouse in Poole. Girls Group will be led by Revd Sarah Hutton. Total cost £150. Ladies interested please contact Elly (629252), aw629252@aol.com.

HART FOODBANK - This month the foodbank would be pleased to receive coffee, long-life fruit juice, UHT milk, tinned fruit, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, soap, washing powder/washing up liquid.

JOAN EDE - Joan Ede died peacefully on 22nd January, aged 85 years. The funeral service will be held on Monday, 11th February at 2pm at St.Mildred's Church, Tenterden. For further information please contact Paul Ede on 07411 661052.

SERVICES IN FEBRUARY - If you need help getting to P&J during the work on FPCC please contact Julian Barley on 01252 687150 for transport details.

CHURCH CLEANER WANTED - Our very small team needs at least one more person. The church is cleaned once a fortnight at a time to suit. We clean the Narthex, main Church and vestries. This takes about 1.5hrs (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.

DIOCESAN SEMINAR - Thursday 28th February, 2.00-4.00pm, Church House, Guildford, “Set my People Free! Forming and Releasing Whole-Life Disciples” looking at how to form whole-life disciples and equip our congregations for their Monday to Saturday ministry. More details on the Diocesan website, <https://tinyurl.com/yd6yb5wt>

JOB OPPORTUNITY - The Source Young People’s Charity is looking for a part time finance administrator, see www.thesourceforyou.co.uk

PHYLLIS TUCKWELL EVENT - Saturday 16th February, 7.30pm, Church on the Heath, Band of the Hampshire Constabulary Concert. Tickets, £12, available from the Hospice Shop, 01252 683540 or www.shop.pth.org.uk

FURTHER PRAYERS - Please keep praying...

For the All Saints rebuilding project and all involved with it.

For the deepening of our prayer lives.

For the renewing of our worship.

For the resourcing of our ministry to young people.

For stronger communication with one another and our community.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

First Reading

Malachi 3.1-5

Thus says the Lord God: ¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’

soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those

who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

Comment *The anonymously written short book of Malachi (Malachi means 'messenger') was written when the Jews were back in Jerusalem*

having returned from the Babylonian exile. This is one of six prophecies in the form of an oracle from which the New Testament writers extensively quote.

Second Reading

Hebrews 2.14-18

¹⁴Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.

¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.

¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Comment *This epistle is addressed to a Jewish community living away from Jerusalem. The author – probably Paul – explains that the only way Jesus was able to save the human race was to experience life and death as we know it. And in so doing he becomes the new High Priest.*

Gospel Reading

Luke 2.22-40

²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two

young pigeons.’

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.

²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,

according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel.’

³³And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be

revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day.

³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Comment *By specifically mentioning Mary & Joseph and Simeon & Anna, St Luke touchingly shows how both a man and a woman equally contribute to the well-being and protection of a child. It is no accident that this account recalls a similar event in the Old Testament when Elkanah & Hannah present their son Samuel to Eli.*

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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