



Parish of Fleet  
All Saints  

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St Philip & St James

**News Sheet for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019**  
**Second Sunday before Lent**

**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  
6.30pm Taizé prayer

**TODAY'S COLLECT** Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Coffee bar will be open Monday to Saturday 10am—12.30pm

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February

FPCC 9.00am Morning Prayer

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February

FPCC 10.00am Praise and Play

Ss Philip and James 11.00am Prayer Group

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Ss Philip and James 9.30am Eucharist followed by Coffee

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Ss Philip and James 4.00pm Hot Potato Youth Club

Ss Philip and James 7.30pm Choir practice

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March

FPCC 10.00am Dribbles and Giggles

Ss Philip and James 7.30pm World Day of Prayer

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Ss Philip and James 2.00pm Family Activity Afternoon

## SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH - SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

### 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

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK . . .**

**Those in urgent need of our prayers including...** Beverley, Chris Butterfield, Charlotte Fowell, Alan Harvey, Matthew Parkes, Frank Partington, Ian Passfield, Louise Purton, Rebecca Whitehead 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, Peter and Suzanne Rogers, John and Barbara Simson, John Stocks, Erica Taylor, Tyler Thompson and Molly Wilson.

**Those who have died recently...** Colin Eagle, Terence Sims and Brenda Nisbet

**Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time...** Christopher Goodband, Thomas Woolford, Edna Beale, Paul Durrant, Wilson Smith, Jock Forbes, Jason Leach, Estelle Crossman, Alice Leigh, Violet Harrington, John James, Margaret Roberts, Simon Harvey, Walter Pennell and Janet Ellen.

## **PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

**Meditation** "A happiness that is sought for ourselves alone can never be found: for a happiness that is diminished by being shared is not big enough to make us happy." - *Thomas Merton, "No man is an island"*

**We give thanks for...** The completion of repairs to our church centre

**Please pray ....**

**Mon** - For those who work in education and for school governors.

**Tues** - For the hungry, and those dedicated to feeding them.

**Wed** - For those we have wronged, and those who have wronged us.

**Thurs** - For our young people, and for our ministry to them.

**Fri** - For the people of Wales and the Welsh Assembly.

**Sat** - For the 'Anna Chaplaincy' ministering to the elderly in our town.

**Sun** - For those in constant pain.

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

**COFFEE BAR RE-OPENING** - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February our Coffee Bar in FPCC will re-open - we look forward to welcoming you back!

**THANK YOU** - to the wonderful team of hard working unpackers, cleaners, painters and decorators who have put the centre back together again. An excellent job has been done.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** - Friday March 1<sup>st</sup>, the service has been prepared by the Christian women of Slovenia, entitled "Come, Everything is Ready". The service will be held firstly at 10.00am at Christ Church, Gally Hill Road, Church Crookham and again at 7.30pm at St Philip and St James Church. Tea and coffee will be served after both services. Please come along and support members of different churches in Fleet who will be presenting the service. All are welcome, men, women and children.

**FAMILY ACTIVITY AFTERNOON** - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2.00- 4.00pm. All welcome for a fun afternoon of free activities with refreshments and afternoon tea. Please come along with friends, family, grandchildren or by yourself and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere with time to chat and play.

**FAIRTRADE FASHION SHOW** - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start, Ss Philip & James Church, featuring Fairtrade clothing from Asvanna Fairtrade - in aid of the All Saints Building Fund. Tickets £5 including a glass of prosecco now on sale via the Parish Office.

**MIDWEEK CONCERT AND LUNCH** - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, FPCC, we are delighted to have Graham Hix performing for us at 12.30pm. Lunch follows at approx. 1.00pm. Please sign the sheet on the noticeboard to join us for lunch.

**BENEATH THE BOWLERS** - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30pm, Ss Philip & James Church. An affectionate look at the lives & careers of Laurel & Hardy. Tickets £5 to include a cheese platter supper, now on sale from Karen Kite (01252 613251) or the Parish Office. Bring your own drinks.

**FUNERAL** - of Terence Sims, husband of Edwina, will be on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 1.30pm at Aldershot Crematorium and afterwards in the FPCC.

**CHRISTIANS TOGETHER** - Invitation for all Christians in Fleet to journey together to explore what Christian Unity in Fleet and Crookham could look like. For those who would like to join the journey, please come to the Calthorpe Room at Church on the Heath from 7.30pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February to meet each other and share a cup of tea/coffee and some cake in

a relaxed venue. This is an informal opportunity to spend some time with each other and share ideas and visions for the future. Let Mark Mabin know you will be coming (mark@mabin.co.uk), or just turn up!

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

**MARK AND TINA'S WEDDING** - Mark and Tina are getting married at P&J on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30pm. They would love all members of our congregations to join them for the wedding ceremony, followed by afternoon tea in P&J hall. Nearer the time please sign up to say that you are coming, so that they can ensure that there is enough food and drink to go around!

**LOST PROPERTY** - Last chance to check at the back of P&J!

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## READINGS FOR SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

### Second Sunday before Lent

#### First Reading

#### Genesis 2.4b-9,15-25

<sup>4</sup>In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, <sup>5</sup>when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; <sup>6</sup>but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground <sup>7</sup>then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. <sup>8</sup>And

the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

<sup>9</sup>Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. <sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man

he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' <sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. <sup>25</sup>And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

### **Comment**

*Although this is the second creation story it is much older than the first. It does not aim to be historically accurate but is allegorical. It shows that "woman" is as much part of "man" as "man" is of himself.*

## **Second Reading**

### **Revelation 4**

<sup>1</sup>I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' <sup>2</sup>At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! <sup>3</sup>And the one seated there looks like jasper

and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. <sup>4</sup>Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. <sup>5</sup>Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; <sup>6</sup>and in

front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: <sup>7</sup>the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. <sup>8</sup>And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.'<sup>9</sup>And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, <sup>10</sup>the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, <sup>11</sup>'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

**Comment** *The Book of Revelation was the last to be included in the New Testament canon. It draws*

*heavily on the imagery of the Old Testament and of other ancient writings. It is intentionally opaque in its meaning so as to avoid censorship; for example God is likened to a jewel and not a person.*

### **Gospel Reading** **Luke 8.22-25**

<sup>22</sup>One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, <sup>23</sup>and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger.

<sup>24</sup>They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. <sup>25</sup>He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

**Comment** *In the Old Testament storms and water were associated with chaos which God, in the creation, overcame – as we see in the Genesis creation story and Elijah finding God in the still small voice after the storm.*

## 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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