



Parish of Fleet
All Saints

St Philip & St James

News Sheet for Sunday 3rd March 2019
Sunday Next 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)

10.00am All Age Eucharist

Ss Philip and James

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

TODAY'S COLLECT Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

The Coffee bar is open Monday to Saturday 10.00am-12.30pm

Monday 4th March

FPCC 9.00am Morning Prayer
Ss Philip and James 7.00pm Fairtrade Fashion Show

Tuesday 5th March

FPCC 10.00am Praise and Play
Ss Philip and James 11.00am Prayer Group

Wednesday 6th March

Ash Wednesday

Ss Philip and James 9.30am Eucharist followed by Coffee
Ss Philip and James 2.15pm Funeral of Brenda Nisbet
Ss Philip and James 7.30pm Eucharist for Ash Wednesday

Thursday 7th March

Ss Philip and James 9.00am Coffee & Play
FPCC 12.30pm Midweek Concert followed by
lunch at approx. 1.00pm
Ss Philip and James 5.00pm Hot Potato Youth Group
Ss Philip and James 7.30pm Choir Practice
Ss Philip and James 8.00pm All Saints Ladies Group

Friday 8th March

FPCC 10.00am Dribbles and Giggles
FPCC 8.00pm All Saints Choir Practice

Saturday 9th March

Church on the Heath 7.30am Christian Men's Breakfast
Ss Philip and James 6.30pm Beneath the Bowler Hats

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8.00am Holy Communion (1662)
10.00am Sung Eucharist (CW) with
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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, 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... Brenda Nisbet.

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time... Albert South, Gladys Ashdown, Patrick Torrie, Peggy Mason, Victor Carr, Anthea Skellett, Joyce Russell, Anthony Brown, Dorothy Middleton, Molly Phillips, Olive Straw, Allan Butterfield.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 4TH MARCH 2019

Meditation 'But now, says the Lord, come back to me with all your heart... Return to the Lord, your God, for he is all tenderness and compassion, slow to anger and rich in steadfast love.' *Joel 2*.

We give thanks for... The inexhaustible forgiveness of God, which moves us to repentance.

Please pray...

Mon - For our 'Fair Trade Fashion Show'.

Tues - For girls and young women denied an education because of their gender.

Wed - That we may all keep a good Lent.

Thurs - For the government and people of Venezuela.

Fri - For our Baptism Team.

Sat - For those who suffer from dementia.

Sun - For those we have wronged, those who have wronged us, and those we find it hard to forgive.

ALL WEEK - For those who live in Gorseway, Gough Road, Grantley Drive, Greenways, Guernsey Drive, Guildford Road.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

FAIRTRADE FASHION SHOW - Monday 4th 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.

MILK BOTTLE LIDS - We are no longer able to recycle the plastic milk bottle lids for charity so please do not leave them at FPCC or in P&J.

POTATO DAY THANKS - Thank you to all those who helped and supported last Saturday with the 100 varieties of potato. £500 has been added to the All Saints Fund.

FUNERAL - Brenda Nisbet's funeral is on Wednesday 6th March at 2.15pm, Ss Philip and James Church.

BENEATH THE BOWLERS - Saturday 9th 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, on sale until Wednesday, 6th March, from Karen Kite (01252 613251) or the Parish Office. Bring your own drinks.

SHARING FAITH LENT COURSE - Would you like to feel more confident about sharing your faith with others? Come along to this 4 week course - interactive, down to earth, and in the 'Café Style'. Mondays in Lent - 11th, 25th March, 1st and 8th April at P&J Church - 7.00pm.

TRANSFORMING CHURCH MAGAZINE - The latest edition of the new diocesan magazine is now available - please pick up your copy from the back of P&J or in the FPCC, there should be enough for one per family.

PARISH RETREAT - Parish retreat at Douai Abbey: 24 to 26 Sept 2019. Single occupancy and full board: £150, shared room and board: £120. Some double rooms available. Booking now open. To secure a place, please give a deposit of £50 per person to the Parish Office. Cheques payable to Fleet PCC. More details from Jane Jones.

MIDWEEK CONCERT AND LUNCH - Thursday 7th 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.

MARK AND TINA'S WEDDING - Mark and Tina are getting married at P&J on Saturday 18th 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!

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 3RD March

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First Reading

Exodus 34.29-35

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

³²Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on

his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Comment *The sequence of events in Moses putting on and taking off the veil is a little confusing because the account is a synthesis of more than one source. Suffice to say he covered his radiant face so as not to frighten the Israelites on his return. As we see in the Epistle that now follows St Paul refers back to this passage to illustrate a point.*

Psalm 99

Refrain: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God.

- 1 The Lord is king: let the peoples tremble;
he is enthroned upon the cherubim: let the earth shake.
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion
and high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them praise your name, which is great and awesome;
the Lord our God is holy.
- 4 Mighty king, who loves justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- 5 Exalt the Lord our God;

bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests
and Samuel among those who call upon his name,
they called upon the Lord and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the law that he gave them.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God.

8 You answered them, O Lord our God;
you were a God who forgave them
and pardoned them for their offences.

9 Exalt the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill,
for the Lord our God is holy.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God.

Comment *Verses 1-5 are a call to worship the Lord, verses 6-9 recall what God has done for His people in the past.*

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2

¹²Since we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing

the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

¹Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Comment *The wearing of a veil by the High Priest had become a feature of Jewish religious observance. Paul explains that for*

those who believe in Christ there is no need now for a veil.

Gospel Reading

Luke 9.28-43

²⁸Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' Peter did not know what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' ⁴¹Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' ⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³And all were astounded at the greatness of God. Everyone was amazed at all that he was doing.

Comment *It is as if a veil had been lifted and the disciples see God's radiance. Peter, though, fails to understand the threesome's conversation and their reference to Christ's 'departure'; he mistakenly sees it as referring to the thanksgiving event of the Feast of the Tabernacles.*

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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