



Parish of Fleet  
All Saints  

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St Philip & St James

**News Sheet for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019**  
**First Sunday of 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 Sung Eucharist (CW) with  
Junior Church and Crèche

**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

**TODAY'S COLLECT** Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March

FPCC 9.00am Morning Prayer  
Ss Philip and James 7.00pm Sharing Faith Lent Course

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

#### *Magazine Press Day*

FPCC 10.00am Praise and Play  
Ss Philip and James 11.00am Prayer Group  
FPCC 7.00pm Craft Group

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Ss Philip and James 9.30am Eucharist followed by Coffee

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Ss Philip and James 9.00am Coffee & Play  
Ss Philip and James 5.00pm Hot Potato Youth Group  
Ss Philip and James 7.30pm Choir Practice

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

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

## SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### All Saints (FPCC)

10.00am Sung Eucharist (CW)  
with Junior Church

### 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...** Beverley, Chris Butterfield, Charlotte Fowell, Alan Harvey, Frank Partington, Ian Passfield, Louise Purton and Rebecca Whitehead.

**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, Matthew Parkes, Peter Pimm, Peter and Suzanne Rogers, John and Barbara Simson, John Stocks, Erica Taylor, Tyler Thompson and Molly Wilson.

**Those who have died recently...** Jennette Wickes and Pam Pool.

**Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time...** Harold Akerman, Gordon Robbins, Arthur Holmes, Margaret Speaight, Bertha Waite, Irene Mearing, Anne Pear, James Beale, Joseph Elliott and Mary Clifford.

## **PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019**

**Meditation :** 'Jesus alone refused to be a crucifier, even at the cost of being crucified. He never asked for sympathy, played the victim, or asked for vengeance. Instead, in perfect love, he breathes forgiveness and invites us beyond cycles of illusion and violence' *Richard Rohr*.

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

**Please pray...**

**Mon** - For those who care for disabled adults.

**Tues** - For victims of sexual violence around the world.

**Wed** - For the charity shops of our town and the causes they support.

**Thurs** - For the people of Haiti.

**Fri** - For those who welcome people to our services and events.

**Sat** - For the people of Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic.

**Sun** - That Christ might break down barriers of fear and suspicion between nations and form us into one humanity.

**ALL WEEK** - For those who live in Hagley Road, Hall Drive, Hanover Drive, Harlington Way, Harrow Drive, Hartford Road.

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

**SHARING FAITH LENT COURSE** - This year's Lent Course starts tomorrow, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March in P&J Church (7.00pm). 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'.

**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.

**ALL SAINTS UPDATE** - Following some minor revisions to the proposed plans, and some new work on landscaping of the site, plans should finally be submitted for final planning permission in the next two weeks. The PCC will meet for an all day meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March to consider options and priorities should the full fundraising target not be reached by the time we are ready to start rebuilding. Please pray for this meeting.

**LENT LUNCH** - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, Ss Philip & James - following the Gift Day joint service. No charge but donations towards the Bishops Lent Challenge. Lunch will consist of soup & roll followed by tea or coffee. Please sign up via the sheet on the noticeboard, ChurchSuite or our website.

**MOTHERING SUNDAY POSIES** - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 12.15pm, Ss Philip & James Hall, help would be appreciated for making the posies (for both churches) for Mothering Sunday. If you are able to bring greenery on the day that would be very helpful. Contact Jane Jones or the Parish Office.

**TOGETHER @ 4 PLANNING MEETING** - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm, FPCC small meeting room, a meeting to plan for the next Together @ 4 (which will be on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April).

**FREEDOM FROM BAD HABITS** - Find freedom from life-controlling habits at a confidential 7-week course starting at Church on the Heath on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm. Contact Rosemary 07935 678419, coth.recovery@gmail.com.

**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.

**OBERRAMMERGAU TRIP** - June 2020, a trip to see the Oberammergau Passion Play combined with a stay in Venice and Lucerne. For more details contact Revd. Haydon Wilcox via haydonwilcox@mac.com, 07843770234.

# READINGS FOR SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> March

## First Sunday of Lent

### First Reading

#### Deuteronomy 26.1-11

Moses spoke to the people, saying:  
<sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice

and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

**Comment** *The Book of Deuteronomy is a set of laws (given by God through Moses) to a nomadic people who are about to settle down and become a farming community. In an earlier chapter (8) the priestly tribe of Levi were told not to own wealth but to rely on the prescribed tithes of others in recompense for their duties.*

## Psalm 91.1-2,9-16

**Refrain: Be with me, O Lord, in trouble.**

<sup>1</sup>Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,

<sup>2</sup>Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold,  
my God, in whom I put my trust.'

**Refrain: Be with me, O Lord, in trouble.**

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the Lord your refuge  
and the Most High your stronghold,

<sup>10</sup>There shall no evil happen to you,  
neither shall any plague come near your tent.

**Refrain: Be with me, O Lord, in trouble.**

<sup>11</sup>For he shall give his angels charge over you,  
to keep you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>They shall bear you in their hands,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

**Refrain: Be with me, O Lord, in trouble.**

<sup>13</sup>You shall tread upon the lion and adder;  
the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

<sup>14</sup>Because they have set their love upon me,  
therefore will I deliver them;  
I will lift them up, because they know my name.

**Refrain: Be with me, O Lord, in trouble.**

<sup>15</sup> They will call upon me and I will answer them;  
I am with them in trouble,  
I will deliver them and bring them to honour.

<sup>16</sup>With long life will I satisfy them  
and show them my salvation.

**Refrain: Be with me, O Lord, in trouble.**

**Comment** *A promise that God will protect a virtuous being. Verses 11 & 12 were quoted by Satan to tempt Christ in the wilderness as we see in today's Gospel.*

## Second Reading Romans 10.8b-13

<sup>8</sup>What does scripture say?  
'The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart'  
(that is, the word of faith that we

proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess  
with your lips that Jesus is Lord and  
believe in your heart that God  
raised him from the dead, you will  
be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with  
the heart and so is justified, and

one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

**Comment** *This passage is full of quotations from the Old Testament particularly from Isaiah. Paul stresses again how God's promises are not new but can be traced back and found in the Scriptures.*

## **Gospel Reading**

### **Luke 4.1-13**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for

it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, 'It is written,

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you",

<sup>11</sup>and

"On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

**Comment** *As Christ would have been alone the source of this account can only be what Christ himself recounted later to His disciples. It is an insight into how He was tempted namely through thoughts and desires whilst praying and fasting. The final sentence ominously warns that the devil would be striking again later.*

## 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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