



Parish of Fleet  
All Saints  
St Philip & St James

**News Sheet for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019**  
**Second 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 Informal Eucharist

**TODAY'S COLLECT** Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord

## **THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

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

### **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

FPCC 9.00am Morning Prayer

FPCC 7.30pm PCC Meeting

### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

FPCC 10.00am Praise and Play

Ss Philip and James 11.00am Prayer Group

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

FPCC 9.30am Eucharist followed by Coffee

All Saints School 2.30pm Prayer Meeting

### **Thursday 21<sup>st</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

Ss Philip and James Hall 8.00pm All Saints Ladies Group

### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

FPCC 10.00am Dribbles and Giggles

FPCC 8.00pm All Saints Choir Practice

Ss Philip and James 12.00pm Thanksgiving for life of Pamela Pool

## **SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (GIFT DAY\*)**

### **All Saints (FPCC)**

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)

12.00pm Baptism Service

### **Ss Philip and James**

10.00am Sung Eucharist (CW) with  
Junior Church and Crèche

6.30pm Taizé Prayer

\* Our Gift day will be in aid of Tearfund's "Toilet Twinning" project - we will be aiming to raise money to twin the church's toilets with toilets and sanitation projects elsewhere in the world. You can find out more next week but for a preview see <https://www.toilettwinning.org/>

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

**Those in urgent need of our prayers including...** Beverley, Chris Butterfield, Alan Harvey, Dorothy Hopper, 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, Frank Partington, 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, Ruby Mehrtens and Pam Pool.

**Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time...** Ethel Westbrook, Edith Brett, Dorothy Burrows, Bunny Hofman, Barry Perrott, Robert Allen, Bob Brown, Mona Seaver, Peter Callop, Gladys Butterworth and Mary Boulcott.

## **PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019**

**Meditation** 'The most important hour is always the present. The most significant person is precisely the one sitting across from you right now. The most necessary work is always love.' *Meister Eckhart*

**We give thanks for...** Opportunities to stop and enjoy all that God has made

**Please pray...**

**Mon** - For our PCC.

**Tues** - For those imprisoned because of their race, politics, or faith.

**Wed** - For those who work in catering and hospitality in our town.

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

**Fri** - For Fleet Angels and for the foodbank.

**Sat** - For our PCC Special Meeting.

**Sun** - We pray for grace to welcome Jesus into our lives.

**All Week** - For those who live in Hartsleaf Close, Harvest Crescent, Hawkins Way, Hawkley Way, Haywood Drive and Hazeley Drive.

**SCHOOL PRAYER MEETING** - Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2.30pm, All Saints School, all welcome to join us in the community room to pray for the school & community. For more details please contact the Parish Office or Jane Jones.

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

**PARISH NEWS** - The Bishop of Guildford has appointed Mark, our Vicar, to be Area Dean of the Aldershot Deanery. This **does not mean that he will be moving from the parish**, or that there will be any change to his duties here. It does mean that **in addition** to his parish duties, he will have a pastoral and leadership ministry to the other parishes of the Aldershot Deanery. Please pray for him in this.

**LENT COURSE** - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00pm, P&J, "Sharing Faith" part 2.

**FUNDRAISING CONCERT** - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 3.00pm, Church on the Heath, Roy & Martha Woodhams performing in aid of All Saints - tickets available via the Parish Office, Elizabeth Waller and our parish website.

**PARISH RETREAT** - Parish retreat at Douai Abbey: 24 - 26 Sept 2019. Booking open, deposit £50 p/person to the Parish Office, details from Jane Jones.

**MIDWEEK CONCERT AND LUNCH** - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 12.00pm for the concert and 12.30pm for lunch - please note the earlier time.

**LENT LUNCH** - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, Ss Philip & James, after the main service. Soup & a roll followed by tea/ coffee. Donations to the Bishop's Lent Challenge. Please sign up via the sheet on the noticeboard or our website.

**CHRISTIAN AID** - 'Christian Aid supporters and collectors, gain inspiration for Christian Aid week. A Sierra Leonian aid worker is coming to talk to us about the dangers of child-birth in her home country. Upstairs at Church on the Heath, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 3pm - after soup at P&J come for tea & a cookie with us.'

**FRANK PARTINGTON** - Frank Partington has been moved to Fleet Hospital.

**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. Contact Jane Jones or the Parish Office.

**ELECTORAL ROLL** - In preparation for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> April, a new church electoral roll is being prepared. **All persons who wish to have their names entered on the roll, whether their names are entered on the present roll or not, are requested to apply** for enrolment not later than 4<sup>th</sup> April. Enrolment forms are available at church and the Parish Office - once complete please hand in to the Parish Office or send to the Electoral Roll Officer, Mrs Pamela Pimm, 5 Rosedene Gardens, GU51 4NQ

**PAMELA POOL** - The thanksgiving for the life of Pamela Pool will be on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 12.00pm in Ss Philip & James Church.

**JENNETTE WICKES** - The thanksgiving for the life of Jennette will be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 3.00pm in Ss Philip & James Church.

**GALA DINNER** - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00pm (for 7.30pm) Gala Dinner & Auction at North Hants Golf Club in aid of All Saints, tickets £60 per person.

# READINGS FOR SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> March

## Second Sunday of Lent

### First Reading

#### Genesis 15.1-12 & 17-18

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup>Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' <sup>8</sup>But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' <sup>9</sup>He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years

old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' <sup>10</sup>He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. <sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

**Comment** *It was the custom for parties making a pact (covenant) to sever a sacrificed creature and to pass between the two halves; the idea being should one party default then he would suffer a similar fate to the sacrificed animal. Here, only God passes between them (the fire and the smoke) symbolising that it is a one-sided covenant, it being a gift from God.*

### Psalm 27

#### Refrain: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup> When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,  
came upon me to eat up my flesh,

they stumbled and fell.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

Though a host encamp against me,  
my heart shall not be afraid,  
and though there rise up war against me,  
yet will I put my trust in him.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

One thing have I asked of the Lord  
and that alone I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord  
and to seek his will in his temple.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

For in the day of trouble  
he shall hide me in his shelter;  
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me  
and set me high upon a rock.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

And now shall he lift up my head  
above my enemies round about me;  
Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with great gladness;  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call;  
have mercy upon me and answer me.  
My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.'  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me,  
nor cast your servant away in displeasure.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

You have been my helper;  
leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.  
Though my father and my mother forsake me,  
the Lord will take me up.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

Teach me your way, O Lord;  
lead me on a level path,  
because of those who lie in wait for me.

Deliver me not into the will of my adversaries,  
for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and those who breathe out violence.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord;  
 be strong and he shall comfort your heart;  
 wait patiently for the Lord.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

**Comment** *In God's company there is no fear. The psalm is a somewhat lengthier version of Psalm 23.*

## Second Reading

### Philippians 3.17-4.1

<sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

**Comment** *A brief paraphrase of this passage would be 'Follow my example and not that of those adhering to and relying on the Jewish tradition of the dietary laws ("the belly") and the rite of circumcision ("their shame")'.*

## Gospel Reading

### Luke 13.31-35

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' <sup>32</sup>He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work." <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.'" <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

**Comment** *It is difficult to know how much hindsight has affected the recalling of this incident or how much Christ was prophesying His own fate. In either case what emerges is that Christ's mission was not yet complete and the degree of affection He held for Jerusalem.*

## 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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