



Parish of Fleet  
All Saints  

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St Philip & St James

**News Sheet for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019**  
**Third Sunday of Lent (Gift Day)**

**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)**

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

**TODAY'S COLLECT** Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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** Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

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

### **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

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

### **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

FPCC 10.00am Praise and Play  
Ss Philip and James 11.00am Prayer Group  
FPCC 2.30pm Afternoon Tea and Chat

### **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Ss Philip and James 9.30am Eucharist followed by Coffee

### **Thursday 28<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  
Ss Philip and James Hall 8.00pm All Saints Ladies Group

### **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

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

### **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

Church on the Heath 3.00pm Fundraising Concert

## **SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (MOTHERING SUNDAY)**

### **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

**SUNDAY SERVICES** - Please come and join the ministry team and others in praying for our worship and for those attending our services - every Sunday morning in the church at 9.50am.

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

**Those in urgent need of our prayers including...** Beverley, Chris Butterfield, 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, Alwynne Hallam, Jon Harrow, Alan Harvey, 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.

**Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time...** Louise Akerman, Brian Meeres, John Watts, Daniel Barfield, Kenneth Butcher, Derek Vincent, Carrie Stronach.

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

**Meditation** 'Christ, as a light illumine and guide me. Christ, as a shield overshadow me. Christ under me; Christ over me; Christ beside me on my left and my right. This day be within and without me, lowly and meek, yet all-powerful. Be in the heart of each to whom I speak; in the mouth of each who speaks unto me. This day be within and without me, lowly and meek, yet all-powerful. Christ as a light; Christ as a shield; Christ beside me on my left and my right.' *St. Patrick's Breastplate*.

**We give thanks for...** those who work to ensure our safety and security.

**Please pray...**

**Mon** - For our sacristans and servers.

**Tues** - For victims of forced marriage and those seeking to set them free.

**Wed** - For those who work in social services.

**Thurs** - For the people of New Zealand.

**Fri** - For persecuted Christians all around the world, and those working to secure their release.

**Sat** - For the youth organisations that use our halls.

**Sun** - For us all, when we find it difficult to understand why God allows evil and suffering in our world.

**All Week** - For those who live Heathfield Court, Heathland Close, Heckfield Drive, Herbert Rd, Hereford Mead, Hermes Close.

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

**LENT LUNCH** - Today, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, P&J, after the main service. Soup & a roll followed by tea/coffee. Donations to the Bishop's Lent Challenge.

**CHRISTIAN AID TALK** - Today, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 3.00pm, Church on the Heath, come and hear about the dangers of childbirth in Sierra Leone.

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

**ALL SAINTS UPDATE** - Our latest (hopefully final) plans are with the planners and we are awaiting their response. The fundraising campaign is in full swing, please support events if you can, and tell your friends and family about them. Please remember to think about how you can help this campaign. If you have concerns about how the project is progressing, please talk to one of the clergy or a member of the rebuilding group. They will be able to advise you and your comments will be of value.

**FPC SETUP** - Help is needed on Saturday evenings with the setup of the FPC ready for Sunday services, please speak to Mike Benham for more details.

**MOTHERING SUNDAY POSIES** - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 12.15pm, Ss Philip & James Hall, help and greenery would be appreciated for making the posies (for both churches) for Mothering Sunday. Contact Jane Jones/Parish Office.

**MIDWEEK CONCERT AND LUNCH** - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April, Quintessentially Wind will be playing at 12.00pm, lunch will be at 12.30pm.

**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.

**MESSAGE FROM MARK AND TINA** - 'Please Join us to celebrate our wedding on 18th May at 1.30 pm at P&J, followed by afternoon tea in the hall. Sign-up sheets are now available at both churches; please sign up if you would like to come. Offers of help with getting people seated, serving tea, washing up or clearing away, would be much appreciated! We are not expecting people to bring gifts, but if you would like to make a donation to the All Saints Rebuilding Fund on our behalf, that would be lovely!'

**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.

**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 to the Parish Office, details from Jane Jones.

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> March

### Third Sunday of Lent

#### First Reading

#### Isaiah 55.1-9

The LORD says this:

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for  
that which is not bread,  
and your labour for that which  
does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what

is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting  
covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the  
peoples,  
a leader and commander for the  
peoples.

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you  
do not know,  
and nations that do not know you  
shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the

Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be  
found,

call upon him while he is near;  
<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their  
thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that  
he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will  
abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your  
thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says  
the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than  
the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your  
ways  
and my thoughts than your  
thoughts.

**Comment** *Written at the end of the Babylonian Exile this passage recalls a feast which is the traditional image of God caring for His people. 'Seek the Lord' were the words used to invite people into the sanctuary. But the sanctuary had been destroyed – yet God can still be found.*

## **Psalm 63.1-8**

**Refrain: Sing to God, sing praises to his name.**

<sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;  
my soul is athirst for you.

<sup>2</sup> My flesh also faints for you,  
as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.

<sup>3</sup> So would I gaze upon you in your holy place,  
that I might behold your power and your glory.

**Sing to God, sing praises to his name.**

<sup>4</sup> Your loving-kindness is better than life itself  
and so my lips shall praise you.

<sup>5</sup> I will bless you as long as I live  
and lift up my hands in your name.

<sup>6</sup> My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness,  
and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips,

<sup>7</sup> When I remember you upon my bed  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night.

**Sing to God, sing praises to his name.**

<sup>8</sup> For you have been my helper  
and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.

**Sing to God, sing praises to his name.**

**Comment** *The psalm dwells on the intimate relationship between God and a faithful soul.*

## **Second Reading**

### **1 Corinthians 10.1-13**

<sup>1</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that

followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they

rose up to play.’ <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

<sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

**Comment** *Paul retells a familiar OT story but with a Christian slant, water/baptism and a rock/Christ. He likens the ancient Israelites’ subsequent disobedience to the Corinthians’ current lascivious life-style, something not to be copied.*

## **Gospel Reading** **Luke 13.1-9**

<sup>1</sup>There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>He asked them, ‘Do you

think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” <sup>8</sup>He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”’

**Comment** *Christ makes the point that there is no direct relationship between sin and natural disasters but that they are only timely reminders of unexpected and sudden death. For the repentant sinner, though, Christ (the gardener) will always have compassion.*

## 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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