



Parish of Fleet
All Saints

St Philip & St James

News Sheet for Sunday 31st March 2019
Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

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

TODAY'S COLLECT God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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. Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

Monday 1st April

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

Tuesday 2nd April

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

Wednesday 3rd April

- Ss Philip and James 9.30am Eucharist followed by Coffee
Ss Philip and James 8.00pm Fleet Orchestra Soirée

Thursday 4th April

- Ss Philip and James 9.00am Coffee & Play
FPCC 12.00pm Midweek Concert followed by lunch at 12.30pm
Ss Philip and James 3.00pm Thanksgiving for the life of Jennette Wickes
Ss Philip and James 7.30pm Choir Practice
Ss Philip and James Hall 8.00pm All Saints Ladies Group

Friday 5th April

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

Saturday 6th April

- Ss Philip and James 4.00pm Together @ 4

SUNDAY 7TH APRIL - FIFTH SUNDAY OF 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

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 and Louise Purton.

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... Karen Russell, Laura Long, Rebecca Whitehead and Jennette Wickes.

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time... Chris Bull, Thomas Crossman, Norman Mann, Gladys Wallace, Leslie Hudson, Kenneth Barraclough, George Shaw, Alfred Rudd, Winifred Talbot, William Freeman and Anna Boyton.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 1ST APRIL 2019

Meditation 'Telling people that God loves them is good theology, showing people that you love them is what transforms the world'. *Jim Palmer*

We give thanks for... the mistakes we make that help us to learn and grow.

Please pray...

Mon - For our Church wardens and their deputies.

Tues - For victims of flood in Zimbabwe, Malawi, and Mozambique.

Wed - For those who work in social care.

Thurs - For those suffering from arthritis.

Fri - For our Rebuilding Group meeting today, and for our Architects.

Sat - For those soon to be baptised.

Sun - For all who are unjustly imprisoned.

All Week - For those who live in Highdown, Highland Drive, Hillcrest, Hitches Lane, Holland Gardens, Honister Gardens.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

ELECTORAL ROLL - Today, 31st March, is the last Sunday to apply to go on the new Electoral Roll 2019 before it closes on 4th April. Application forms can be found in each church and at the Parish Office. The last time to submit application forms is noon on Thursday 4th April 2019.

LENT COURSE - Monday 1st April, 7.00pm, P&J, "Sharing Faith" continues.

SUNDAY 7 APRIL - Sunday 7th April, 10.00am, we will welcome archdeacon Paul Davies to licence Mark as Area Dean in our Sunday morning service.

FLEET ORCHESTRA SOIREE - All are welcome to a Soirée by Fleet Orchestra on Wednesday 3 April at 8.00 pm in Ss Philip & James Church. A short classical programme will be followed by light refreshments in the Crèche room. There are no tickets, but donations are very welcome.

MIDWEEK CONCERT AND LUNCH - Thursday 4th April, Quintessentially Wind will be playing at 12.00pm, lunch will be at 12.30pm. Please sign up for lunch by Tuesday.

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

TOGETHER @ 4 - Saturday 6th April, 4.00pm, Ss Philip and James Church, "Can bad things lead to good?". Join us for activities, coffee & cake.

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE HARD STUFF - Monday 15th April, 7.30pm, Ss Philip and James Church, all welcome to bring your difficult faith based questions for discussion.

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

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!'

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

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

PHYLLIS TUCKWELL EVENT - Wednesday 10th April, Curry Night at WE Indian Restaurant in Fleet. Tickets £25 from the Phyllis Tuckwell shop on Fleet High Street, 01252 729446, fundraising@pth.org.uk, or by contacting Barry Watson of the Fleet Support Group on 01252 683730.

FOODBANK - This month Hart Foodbank would particularly appreciate sponge pudding, long life juice, UHT milk, custard, rice pudding, coffee and tinned meat.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 31st March

Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading Exodus 2.1-10

¹A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. ⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's

daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?'

⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Comment *The passage immediately before this describes how Pharaoh instructed the midwives to cast all male Hebrew babies into the Nile. Interestingly it was a feature of Egyptian mythology that a newly born great leader would be hidden in a rush basket in a reed bed.*

Psalm 34.11-20

Refrain: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

¹¹ Come, my children, and listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

¹² Who is there who delights in life
and longs for days to enjoy good things?

I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

¹³ Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.

¹⁴ Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous
and his ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶ The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

¹⁷ The righteous cry and the Lord hears them
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

¹⁸ The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and will save those who are crushed in spirit.

I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

¹⁹ Many are the troubles of the righteous;
from them all will the Lord deliver them.

²⁰ He keeps all their bones,
so that not one of them is broken.

Refrain: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

***Comment** This is the second part of Psalm 34 which takes the form of instruction and teaching in the manner of the Book of Proverbs.*

Second Reading **Colossians 3.12-17**

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Comment *Paul, having just listed many sins of the body and mind, now applies balm by exhorting his readers to embrace Christian virtues.*

Gospel Reading **John 19.25-27**

²⁵Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Comment *This can either be read as a loving and dutiful son caring for his mother or an implied invitation to us to regard Mary as the New Eve, a mother to us all.*

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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