



Parish of Fleet  
All Saints  

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St Philip & St James

**News Sheet for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019**  
**Fifth 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 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** Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April

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

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April

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

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Ss Philip and James 9.30am Eucharist followed by Coffee

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April

Ss Philip and James 7.30pm Choir Practice

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

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

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Church on the Heath 7.30am Christian Men's Breakfast

## SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - PALM 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  
6.30pm Words and Music for Holy  
Week

**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, Iris Molyneux-Carter 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...** Ian Passfield.

**Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time...** Geoffrey Crossman, Theodore Wollwebber, Bunty Hunt, Trudie Moore, Joan Butt, Maggie Riddell, Andrew McGowan and Caroline McGowan.

## **PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019**

**Meditation** 'Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.' *Max Lucado*

**We give thanks for...** nature in springtime, and the promise of new life.

**Please pray...**

**Mon** - For our social committee, Coffee teams, Coffee Bar, Lunch providers and all who offer hospitality in our churches.

**Tues** - For victims of war and violence in Syria and throughout the Middle East.

**Wed** - For 'Step by Step' and their work with the homeless.

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

**Fri** - For those who draw near to death, and all who care for them.

**Sat** - For those who work in child care.

**Sun (Palm Sunday)** - We repent of those times when we have failed to speak up in Jesus name.

**All Week** - For those who live in Howard Close, Hugh De Port Lane, Hursley Drive, Ibworth Lane, Inholmes Drive, and Itchell Drive.

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

**EASTER LILIES** - If you would like to buy a lily in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the sheets in the Narthex in P&J. You also have the option for your loved ones name to be recorded and displayed over Easter near the memorial book in P&J. The cost of the lilies are £3 each, monies to be paid to Claire Holt Tel: 01252 628884.

### **NOTICE OF CHURCHWARDENS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** -

Notices are up in both P&J and the FPCC. The annual Churchwardens and APCM will take place on Monday 29th April at 7.30pm in S's Philip and James Church. There will be an election for two Churchwardens at the Church wardens meeting. At the APCM there will be an election for four members of the PCC, ideally two from All Saints and two from P&J. Nomination forms for Churchwarden and PCC can be found in pouches underneath the Meeting Notices in the FPCC and P&J. Completed forms can be handed in to the Parish Office.

**LENT COURSE** - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 7.00pm, P&J, "Sharing Faith" continues.

**PARISH ANNUAL REPORT** - There will be a single printed copy of the Parish Annual Report viewable in each church and also on our parish website.

**ALL SAINTS QUIZ SHEETS** - Quiz sheets will be on sale after the Sunday services. Please take some to sell to your friends, families and neighbours and swell the *All Saints for Everyone* coffers!

**BOOKCASE WANTED** - Could you lend us a small bookcase for a short time to have a Second Hand Book Stall in the Coffee Bar? If so, please speak to Elizabeth Waller (01252 613156).

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

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

**BANGERS AND CASH** - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 12.00pm, Ss Philip & James, join us for a lunch of sausages, mash & onion gravy - all proceeds to All Saints Fund.

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

**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 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, please speak to Elizabeth Waller for more information.

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## READINGS FOR SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> April

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

#### First Reading

#### Isaiah 43.16-21

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched  
like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former  
things,  
or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not  
perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness

and rivers in the desert.

<sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honour me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for  
myself  
so that they might declare my  
praise.

**Comment** *Written just before the return from the Babylonian Exile Isaiah anticipates and likens the forthcoming release to a more glorious exodus than that of Moses' crossing the Red Sea.*

## Psalm 126

### Refrain: The Lord has indeed done great things for us.

- <sup>1</sup> When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.
- <sup>2</sup> Then was our mouth filled with laughter  
and our tongue with songs of joy.
- <sup>3</sup> Then said they among the nations,  
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
- <sup>4</sup> The Lord has indeed done great things for us,  
and therefore we rejoiced.

### The Lord has indeed done great things for us.

- <sup>5</sup> Restore again our fortunes, O Lord,  
as the river beds of the desert.
- <sup>6</sup> Those who sow in tears  
shall reap with songs of joy.
- <sup>7</sup> Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed,  
will come back with shouts of joy,  
bearing their sheaves with them.

### The Lord has indeed done great things for us.

**Comment** *This psalm dwells on the joyful prospect of returning from the Babylonian Exile. The 'riverbeds of the desert' (the Negev) were known for their winter flash floods that swept all before them and irrigated and fertilised the soil.*

## Second Reading

### Philippians 3.4b-14

<sup>4</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:  
<sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness

under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be

found in him, <sup>9</sup>not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

**Comment** *Immediately prior to this passage Paul warns against rogue teachers who insist on all new Christians observing the Jewish Laws. Paul here explains that nobody could be more Jewish than he yet he considers The Law nothing when he “presses on towards the goal for the prize ... in Jesus Christ”.*

## Gospel Reading

### John 12.1-8

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>“Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

**Comment** *There are many threads that can be drawn from this story; just one is remembering that the scent of the lovingly applied perfume would be lingering on Jesus' body throughout the forthcoming Passion and burial.*

## 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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