

News Sheet for Sunday 28th April 2019 Second Sunday of Easter

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 Service of the Word (does not include Holy Communion)

Ss Philip and James

8.00am Holy Communion (1662) 10.00am Sung Eucharist (CW) with Junior Church and Crèche 6.30pm Taizé Prayer

TODAY'S COLLECT Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

Monday 29th April

FPCC 9.00am Morning Prayer

Ss Philip and James 7.30pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Tuesday 30th April

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

Wednesday 1st May

Ss Philip and James 9.30am Eucharist followed by Coffee FPCC 7.30pm Together@4 Planning Meeting

Thursday 2nd May

Ss Philip and James 9.00am Coffee and Play

FPCC 12.30pm Midweek Concert followed by

lunch at approx. 1.00pm

Ss Philip and James

Friday 3rd May

FPCC 10.00am Dribbles and Giggles

FPCC 8.00pm Choir Practice

SUNDAY 5TH MAY - P&J PATRONAL FESTIVAL

7.30pm Choir Practice

All Saints (FPCC)

Ss Philip and James

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)

10.00am Sung Eucharist (CW) with

12.00pm Bangers and Cash

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK . . .

Those in urgent need of our prayers including... Beverley, Chris Butterfield, Frank Partington and Louise Purton.

Members of our extended church family in need of our continuing prayers... Gladys Barber, Patricia Bull, Jon Harrow, Alan Harvey, Mollie Hayes, Dexter Heard, Bonnie Lewis, Iris Molyneux-Carter, Gill Page, Matthew Parkes, Frank Partington, Peter Pimm, Peter and Suzanne Rogers, John and Barbara Simson, John Stocks, Erica Taylor, Jean Thomas, Tyler Thompson and Molly Wilson.

Those who have died recently... Alwynne Hallam, Dorothy Hopper and David Osbourne.

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time... Geoffrey Linton, Joyce Gordon, Philip Nicholson, Gordon Grainger and John Cattell.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 29TH APRIL

Meditation: 'In a world so torn apart by rivalry, anger, and hatred, we have the privileged vocation to be living signs of a love that can bridge all divisions and heal all wounds.' *Henri Nouwen*

We give thanks for those who work to bring us the goods and services we rely upon.

Please pray....

Mon - For those elected to serve as Wardens, PCC members, Sidespeople today.

Tues - For our Deanery, of Aldershot.

Wed - (St. Philip and St. James) For the congregation of P&J and all other Churches dedicated to these Saints.

Thurs - (St. Athanasius, Bishop) For unity among Christians and all people of faith.

Fri - For victims of terrorist violence in Sri Lanka and New Zealand.

Sat - For those suffering from Dementia.

Sun - For those in need of forgiveness, and those we need to forgive.

ALL WEEK - For those who live in Kings Worthy Road, Kingscroft, Kingsley Square, Kintbury Close, Knights Enham Drive, Knoll Close.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Please note that items with headlines underlined are <u>new</u> this week.

NOTICE OF CHURCHWARDENS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

- Monday 29th April, 7.30pm, Ss Philip and James Church. The meetings include elections for two Churchwardens and 4 PCC members.

MIDWEEK CONCERT AND LUNCH - Thursday 2nd May. Graham Hix with a possible surprise guest will be playing at 12.30pm, lunch will be served at 1.00pm. Please put your name on the sheet if you would like to come.

<u>CALLING ALL SAINTS CHRISTIAN AID WEEK COLLECTORS</u> - Your envelopes will be available to collect today, 28th April, at the FPCC and next Sunday at P&J.

EASTER FLOWERS AT FPCC - Thank you to everyone who generously donated to All Saints Easter Flowers, £50 will be donated to the All Saints fund.

BANGERS AND CASH - Sunday 5th May, 12.00pm, Ss Philip & James, join us for a lunch of sausages, mash & onion gravy after the joint service - all donations to All Saints Fund. Please sign the lists at the back of both churches.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - David Hart is running the London Marathon in aid of All Saints today, 28th April - if you haven't sponsored him but would like to please go to https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-portal/fundraiserPage?pageId=1027139

Two Ruths and a Jane are among those doing the 10 mile walk 4th May in aid of All Saints. See https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RuthLewis14/1 or catch them after church if you would like to sponsor them.

<u>CHRISTIAN AID PLANT AND CAKE SALE</u> - Saturday 11th May 10.00am-noon, FPCC. Please support us by bringing spare plants, making cakes, and coming in to see us on the day. Refreshments are available and if you just purchase a cup of coffee that will help us too. If you are busy on that day please contact Jenny Thorne on 617108 to donate plants or cakes early.

<u>ALL SAINTS FUNDRAISING</u> - The All Saints Church Fundraising Campaign has been nominated for the Waitrose Fleet "green token" scheme during May. Please support this initiative as much as you can during this month.

BAKE THROUGH THE BIBLE - FACCTS are looking for bakers and storytellers to help us expand a successful Infant School after school club. To find out more with no obligation, please come along to an information session at Church on the Heath, Thursday 9th May, 1.15-2.45pm. Please contact Julie Clark for details or to confirm your place: 07973790925, clark.julie@rocketmail.com **PHYLLIS TUCKWELL** - Monday 13th May, 3-5pm, Ritz-style Afternoon Tea at The Elvetham. Tickets, £22, from the Hospice Shop, 684431 or Judy on 612527.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 28th APRIL - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading Exodus 14.10-31 & 15.20-21

¹⁰As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. ¹¹They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done

to us, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, "Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.' ¹³But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the

Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. ¹⁴The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.'

¹⁵Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. 16 But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. 17Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. ¹⁸And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.'

¹⁹The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued,

and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for

them against Egypt.'

²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses,

'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.'

Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea.

²⁸The waters returned and covered

the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ³⁰Thus the LORD saved Israel that day

from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

³¹Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

²⁰Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. ²¹And Miriam sang to them: 'Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into

the sea.'

Comment This vivid account is a synthesis of various sources hence the variation in some of the detail. However the story is often referred to by later generations and New Testament writers to illustrate an act of God's deliverance.

Psalm 150

Refrain: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

¹ Alleluia.

O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Refrain: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

³ Praise him with the blast of the trumpet; praise him upon the harp and lyre.

⁴ Praise him with timbrel and dances; praise him upon the strings and pipe.

Refrain: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

⁵ Praise him with ringing cymbals; praise him upon the clashing cymbals.

⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Alleluia.

Refrain: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Comment This is the final psalm in the Psalter; it forms a wonderful doxology (end piece) to all that goes before it.

Second Reading Acts 5.27-32

²⁷When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, ²⁸'We gave you strict orders not to

teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our

ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Comment Immediately before this passage Peter and his companions had been placed in gaol but had been miraculously released by an angel during the night. It is no wonder that the High Priest felt wrong-footed in seeing them again in the temple precinct.

Gospel Reading John 20.19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the

Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 27Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' 28Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Comment This passage was the original end of St John's gospel. He uses Thomas' acclamation 'My Lord and my God' as the culmination of the gospel's principal message which is that Christ manifests himself to those who believe in him.

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 maili prayer request/visit request/information about services)	ing list
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.

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