



Parish of Fleet  
All Saints  

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St Philip & St James

**News Sheet for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019**  
**Ss Philip and James Patronal Festival**

**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)

**Ss Philip and James**

10.00am Sung Eucharist (CW) with  
Junior Church and Crèche  
12.00pm "Bangers and Cash" Lunch

**TODAY'S COLLECT** Almighty Father, whom truly to know is eternal life: teach us to know your Son Jesus Christ as the way, the truth, and the life; that we may follow the steps of your holy apostles Philip and James, and walk steadfastly in the way that leads to your glory; 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** Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

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

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Ss Philip and James 9.30am Eucharist followed by Coffee  
Ss Philip and James 1.00pm Funeral of Alwyne Hallam

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Ss Philip and James 9.00am Coffee and Play  
Ss Philip and James 5.00pm Hot Potato Youth Group  
Ss Philip and James 7.30pm Choir Practice

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May

FPCC 10.00am Dribbles and Giggles  
FPCC 8.00pm Choir Practice

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Church on the Heath 7.30am Christian Men's Breakfast  
FPCC 10.00am Christian Aid Plant & Cake Sale

## SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Junior Church and Crèche

### Ss Philip and James

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10.00am Sung Eucharist (CW) with  
Junior Church and Crèche  
12.00pm Baptism Service  
6.30pm Choral Evensong

**SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY** - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May, Barry Hanson will be preaching at FPCC in the 10.00am. Barry will be ordained deacon at Guildford Cathedral on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 10.30am.

## 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...** Alwyne Hallam, Dorothy Hopper and George Lewis.

**Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time...** Edna Kelly, Gladys Hill, Maxwell Logan, Peggy Fenwick, Muriel Kay, Rosemarie Stooles, Eve Squier, Margaret Warwick and Jessie Newson.

## PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY

**Meditation:** 'The secret to living well and longer is: eat half, walk double, laugh triple, and love without measure' – Tibetan Proverb

**We give thanks for** P&J Church and Hall, FPCC and all who care for them. We give thanks that God has given us all we need to serve him in the here and now.

**Please pray....**

**Mon** - For all those travelling today.

**Tues** - For the partially sighted.

**Wed** - (Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer) For all who write today about spiritual matters, and all prayer guides.

**Thurs** - For All Saints School and their SIAMS inspection today.

**Fri** - For our office, magazine, website, and all who help us communicate with one another and with our community.

**Sat** - For the people of Pakistan.

**Sun** - For all who care for others as part of their Christian discipleship.

**ALL WEEK** - For those who live in Abbots Close, Adams Drive, Albany Close, Albany Court, Albany Road, Albert Street.

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

**CALLING ALL SAINTS CHRISTIAN AID WEEK COLLECTORS** - Your envelopes will be available to collect today, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May, at P&J.

**ALL SAINTS UPDATE** - Our latest plans are currently being considered by Hart District council.

The latest response from the Victorian Society was received last week. Predictably it focuses upon preservation of heritage rather than providing a living church for the future. We wait to see what credence is given to it by the DAC and Hart DC.

Meanwhile we will continue to 'Honour the past, and build for the future'. The fundraising group continue to work incredibly hard in working towards our target. Thank you to all who have been involved in this effort.

Once we have planning permission (which we expect to get in the next few weeks), we will move towards tendering the work and appointing builders. The PCC will then decide how much of the project we can begin to build for the money we have at our disposal, whilst resolving to complete the whole project once we have raised full sum needed – and as soon as possible.

MEANWHILE – We rejoice at and celebrate the buildings we have and the congregations that worship within them. We are richly blest in all we have, and are flourishing as the living church of today, not looking back to what we have left behind. Remember what that did to Lot's wife! (Genesis 19)

**THANK YOU** - "A big thank you to all who bought baskets and chicks - we raised £84.50 for All Saints" *from Margaret Tant and Linda Dart, Craft Group*

**ALYWNE'S FUNERAL** - Alywne Hallam's funeral will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 1.00pm in Ss Philip & James Church. All welcome.

**CHRISTIAN AID PLANT AND CAKE SALE** - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am-noon, FPCC. Please support us by bringing spare plants, making cakes, and coming in to see us on the day. Refreshments available so please come for coffee too! Please contact Jenny Thorne, 617108, to donate plants or cakes early.

**QUIZ NIGHT** - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm at the De Havilland Arms, Elvetham Heath. £2 per person, no booking required. Come alone or with a team of friends and indulge your competitive side. All proceeds to the All Saints Fund.

**CHRISTIANS TOGETHER** - Christians Together is forming a Christmas Group to plan a unified Christmas experience at this year's Fleet Christmas Festival. The first meeting will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00pm, in LivingStones Community Room to agree the make-up of the organising group and the basic vision for the "experience" we want to offer at this important community event.

Representatives are needed from all churches and should love Christmas and care deeply about the message we share. Please email Mark Mabin (Mark@Mabin.co.uk) to find out more or register to attend the meeting.

**SILENT AUCTION** - The auction catalogue is now available for the charity auction on 18 May in aid of All Saints Fund, please check the noticeboards for a copy or enquire at the Parish Office if you'd like to make a bid.

**HEALING SERVICE** - Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June, Revd Wes Sutton will be preaching at the 10.00am joint service in Ss Philip & James Church.

**GREEN TOKENS** - If you are shopping in Waitrose this month please pop a green token in the box in support of All Saints Church fund!

**BAKE THROUGH THE BIBLE** - FACCTS are looking for bakers & storytellers. Please contact Julie Clark: 07973790925, clark.julie@rocketmail.com.

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY - P&J PATRONAL FESTIVAL

### First Reading

#### Isaiah 30.15-21

<sup>15</sup>Thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel:

In returning and rest you shall be saved;

in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

But you refused and said,  
'No! We will flee upon horses' –  
therefore you shall flee!  
and, 'We will ride upon swift steeds'

–  
therefore your pursuers shall be swift!

<sup>17</sup>A thousand shall flee at the threat of one,

at the threat of five you shall flee,  
until you are left

like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain,

like a signal on a hill.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you;

therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you.

For the LORD is a God of justice;

blessed are all those who wait for him.

<sup>19</sup>Truly, O people in Zion, inhabitants of Jerusalem, you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when he hears it, he will answer you. <sup>20</sup>Though the Lord may give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself any more, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. <sup>21</sup>And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'

**Comment** *Assyria, having overrun Israel to the north, now threatened Judah. Contrary to the advice of Isaiah Hezekiah resisted Assyria and sought protection with Egypt, advice which was to prove disastrous for Judah. However, Isaiah urges Judah to turn to the Lord with the promise that he will ultimately look after his people.*

## Psalm 119.1-8

ⲛ Aleph

**Refrain: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes.**

<sup>1</sup> Blessed are those whose way is pure,  
who walk in the law of the Lord.

<sup>2</sup> Blessed are those who keep his testimonies  
and seek him with their whole heart,

**Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes.**

<sup>3</sup> Those who do no wickedness,  
but walk in his ways.

<sup>4</sup> You, O Lord, have charged  
that we should diligently keep your commandments.

**Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes.**

<sup>5</sup> O that my ways were made so direct  
that I might keep your statutes.

<sup>6</sup> Then should I not be put to shame,  
because I have regard for all your commandments.

**Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes.**

<sup>7</sup> I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,  
when I have learned your righteous judgements.

<sup>8</sup> I will keep your statutes;  
O forsake me not utterly.

**Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes.**

*Comment* Psalm 119 extols the various aspects of the Law; it is divided into 22 sections of 8 verses, each section starts the verses with a new letter of the Hebrew alphabet - the first here being Aleph (ⲛ)

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## Second Reading

### Ephesians 1.3-10

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ <sup>4</sup>before the foundation of the world

to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>God destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of God's will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In

him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace<sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight<sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ,<sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth.

**Comment** *This is the opening of Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus in which he starts off with an extended blessing and prayer of thanksgiving before he embarks on the central point of the letter which comes later.*

## **Gospel Reading**

### **John 14.1-14**

Jesus said to his disciples: <sup>1</sup>Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.' <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth,

and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.'

<sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"?' <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

<sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

**Comment** *Here is the start of the great Last Supper discourse. Christ's opening words were to allay the disciples' anxieties and doubts after they had been warned earlier of a betrayal. The disciples sought reassurance.*

## 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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