



Parish of Fleet  
All Saints  

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St Philip & St James

**News Sheet for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019**  
**Fourth 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 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  
12.00pm Baptism Service  
6.30pm Choral Evensong

**TODAY'S COLLECT** Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May

FPCC 9.00am Morning Prayer

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May

*Magazine Press Day*

FPCC 10.00am Praise and Play

Ss Philip and James 11.00am Prayer Group

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Ss Philip and James 9.30am Eucharist followed by Coffee

### Thursday 16<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

Ss Philip and James 8.00pm All Saints Ladies Group

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May

FPCC 10.00am Dribbles and Giggles

FPCC 8.00pm Choir Practice

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Ss Philip and James 1.30pm Wedding of Mark & Tina

North Hants Golf Club 7.00pm Gala Dinner (Sold Out)

## SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**All Saints (FPCC)**

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)

**Ss Philip and James**

10.00am Sung Eucharist (CW) with  
Junior Church and Crèche

12.00pm Baptism Service

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

**Those being baptised today** Amy Gibbs.

**Those in urgent need of our prayers including...** Beverley, Chris Butterfield, Joan Hall, 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...** Graham Bentley.

**Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time...** Jeremy Durrant, Cecil Maxwell-Lefroy, Mary Thorne, Irene Hayne, Rowland Brown, Winifred Sedden, Beryl Penn, Doris Leng and Robert Moores.

## PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY

**Meditation:** 'Prayer is sitting in the silence until it silences us, choosing gratitude until we are grateful and praising God until we ourselves are an act of praise.' *Richard Rohr*

**We give thanks for** the glimpses of Jesus we see in one another.

**Please pray...**

**Mon** - For all new parents, and all who support them.

**Tues** - For the deaf.

**Wed** - For Chantelle, Elly and all who work as Parish Administrators.

**Thurs** - For Christian Aid.

**Fri** - For those who have to travel long distances just to find water.

**Sat** - For our parish Fundraising Dinner and Auction – and all being married today!

**Sun** - For the Kingdom of God to come into the lives of all whom we know.

**ALL WEEK** - For those who live in Le Frith Drive, Lea Springs, Leawood Road, Lefroy Park, Lestock Way, Lime Drive.

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

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

**SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY** - Please note that on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May the 8.00am service will be at FPCC and there will be a joint 10.00am service at Ss Philip & James.

**EAVESTAFF PIANO** - Free to a good home. Will require tuning. Could be delivered free of charge but only on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May (evening) within the Fleet/Church Crookham area. Please contact the Vicar if interested.

**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.

**HART FOODBANK** - This month's requests are: tinned fruit, rice pudding, jam, custard, coffee, biscuits, toothbrushes and men's grooming products.

**TALK AND CURRY** - Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm, St Peter's Church, Yateley - an Evening with Sgt Neil Obbard. Neil became an expert sniper who was engaged in special operations combat missions and it was during this time he gave his life to Christ. Today, Neil's ministry focus is on sharing the Gospel and equipping Christians to share their faith. Tickets £15 per head, including a curry meal provided by Cinnamon Bay in Yateley. Book by 24<sup>th</sup> May via St Peter's Parish Office, Café 46 & Discoveries 01252 912761.

**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!

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

### First Reading

**Genesis 7.1-5,11-18; 8.6-18; 9.8-13**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Noah, 'Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. <sup>2</sup>Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; <sup>3</sup>and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. <sup>4</sup>For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.' <sup>5</sup>And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him.

<sup>11</sup>In the six-hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. <sup>12</sup>The rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights. <sup>13</sup>On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons, entered the ark, <sup>14</sup>they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind – every bird, every winged creature. <sup>15</sup>They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. <sup>16</sup>And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had

commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.

<sup>17</sup>The flood continued for forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. <sup>18</sup>The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

<sup>6</sup>At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made <sup>7</sup>and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; <sup>9</sup>but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. <sup>10</sup>He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; <sup>11</sup>and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. <sup>12</sup>Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

<sup>13</sup>In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. <sup>14</sup>In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the

earth was dry. <sup>15</sup>Then God said to Noah, <sup>16</sup>'Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. <sup>17</sup>Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh – birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth – so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.' <sup>18</sup>So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives.

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as

many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' <sup>12</sup>God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

**Comment** *This familiar story is a synthesis of two Judaic traditions that have their roots in a much older narrative found on ancient clay tablets. Interestingly the older version has the flood lasting only 6 days.*

## Psalm 23

**Refrain: I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd;  
therefore can I lack nothing.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.

**I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

<sup>3</sup> He shall refresh my soul  
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

<sup>5</sup> You spread a table before me  
in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil  
and my cup shall be full.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## **I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

**Comment** *The two images invoked are of the shepherd looking after his sheep and a Messianic banquet – God’s gift to the faithful.*

### **Second Reading**

#### **Acts 9.36-43**

<sup>36</sup>In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, ‘Please come to us without delay.’ <sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, ‘Tabitha, get up.’ Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

**Comment** *Much of Acts recounts Paul’s mission to the Gentiles but here it is as if the author (Luke) is anxious to remind us that Peter is also a founder member of the young church. The*

*names ‘Tabitha’ (Aramaic) and ‘Dorcas’ (Greek) mean Gazelle.*

### **Gospel Reading**

#### **John 10.22-30**

<sup>22</sup>At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, ‘How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.’ <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, ‘I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one.’

**Comment** *Up to now Jesus had only claimed to be the Son of God by allusion (‘I am the good shepherd’ etc.) but here the authorities have pressed Him for a ‘yes’ or ‘no’ answer. When they received it they could not accept it and so they endeavoured to stone Him for blasphemy - as recounted in the verses that follow.*

## 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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