



Parish of Fleet  
All Saints  

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St Philip & St James

**News Sheet for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019**  
**Sixth 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  
6.30pm Taizé Prayer

**TODAY'S COLLECT** God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May

FPCC 10.00am Praise and Play

Ss Philip and James 11.00am Prayer Group

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Ss Philip and James 9.30am Eucharist followed by Coffee

### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May

*Ascension Day*

Ss Philip and James 7.30pm Sung Eucharist (with incense)

### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

Ss Philip and James 12.15pm Frank Partington's Funeral

## SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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

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

**Those in urgent need of our prayers including...** Beverley, Chris Butterfield, Melanie Brant, Joan Hall 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, 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...** Frank Partington, Susan Pullen.

**Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time...** Maurice Stockdale, Margaret Riddell, Owen Lester, Agnes Ambrick, Sandra Harris, Grace Gidney and Ronald Westlake.

## PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY

**Meditation:** 'One of the marvellous things about community is that it enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn't as individuals. When we pool our strength and share the work and responsibility, we can welcome many people, even those in deep distress, and perhaps help them find self-confidence and inner-healing.' *Jean Vanier*.

**We give thanks for** our families and church family.

**Please pray for....**

**Mon** - All those who travel or on holiday today.

**Tues** - For our Parish and its outreach.

**Wed** - For teachers and teaching assistants. May we pray for Your continued support, inspiration and patience in tough times.

**Thurs** - For the ascended Lord, returning home.

**Fri** - For the visit of Our Lady to Elizabeth to announce the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Sat** - For those coming to the end of their holidays.

**Sun** - For all those who are worshipping the living Christ for the first time.

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

**GALA DINNER** - Thank you to everyone who supported the gala dinner on 18<sup>th</sup> May, it was a great evening and raised over £9,500 for All Saints for Everyone.

**ASCENSION DAY** - Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm, Ss Philip and James Church, Sung Eucharist (with incense) for Ascension.

**FRANK PARTINGTON'S FUNERAL** - Frank's funeral will be on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 12.15pm, Ss Philip and James Church. All welcome.

**FAMILY ACTIVITY AFTERNOON** - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2-4pm, Ss Philip & James - on the theme of Father Figures. If you are able to help in any way please come to the meeting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 7.30pm in P&J or speak to Carol.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 9am-12pm - Revd Carol will be hosting some y1 children from Fleet Infants at P&J to talk about baptism, communion & weddings and needs around 6 volunteers to assist. Please speak to her if you are able to help.

**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.

**MIDWEEK CONCERT AND LUNCH** - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 12.30pm, Emma Mabin and Graham Hix will be performing for the concert. Please sign the list on the noticeboard if you'd like to join us for lunch at 1.00pm.

**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!

**CHURCHES TOGETHER** - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm, LivingStones, come to explore the application of the Paraclesis initiative – “Love with Skin on” from CWR. We will be meeting together to explore whether this initiative can be used by Christians Together in Fleet and Crookham to offer our support to those inside and outside the Church in our community. In particular, “Paraclesis” training offers ways to use the pain and suffering we may have encountered to journey with, and bring comfort to those also suffering. There will be a DVD shown about the Paraclesis principles and providing an overview to set the scene. We will then discuss the practical application of this training, and decide if this is something we can offer as an assistance into our community. Whether you already know all about Paraclesis or are just interested in finding out more, why not come along and join the discussion?

**GLASS WORKSHOPS** - LivingStones are running 2 glass workshops in June with local artist Karen Jones - contact them on 01252 616038 for more details.

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

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## **READINGS FOR SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

### **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

#### **First Reading**

##### **Ezekiel 37.1-14**

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.'

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked,

and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.'<sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will

place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

**Comment** *Ezekiel was a priest at the time of the Babylonian exile; his*

*prophecies used vivid imagery. The dried bones are the broken nation of Israel which he explains with the words 'Then he said to me "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel"'.*

## **Psalm 67**

**Refrain: Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.**

<sup>1</sup> God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,

<sup>2</sup> That your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.**

<sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup> O let the nations rejoice and be glad,  
for you will judge the peoples righteously  
and govern the nations upon earth.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.**

<sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup> Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,  
and God, our own God, will bless us.

<sup>7</sup> God will bless us,  
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.**

**Comment** *Traditionally this psalm has been regarded as a thanksgiving for the harvest.*

## Second Reading

### Acts 16.9-15

<sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.'

<sup>10</sup>When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

<sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup>On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

**Comment** Verse 10 is of great significance in that it is the first time in Acts the use of the word "we" is used thus giving weight to the

*author being an actual eyewitness to the events.*

## Gospel Reading

### John 14.23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: <sup>23</sup>'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

<sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.'

**Comment** *This is part of the 'Last supper Discourse'. In the immediate preceding verse Judas (not Iscariot) asks Jesus "Lord what is all this about? Do you intend to show yourself to us and not the world?" This is now Jesus' reply.*

## 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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