



Parish of Fleet  
All Saints  

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St Philip & St James

**News Sheet for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019**  
**Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

**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)

**TODAY'S COLLECT** Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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** Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August

FPCC 9.00am Morning Prayer

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August

Ss Philip and James 9.30am Eucharist followed by coffee

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

FPCC 2.30pm Parish Summer Tea

## SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST - TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

### All Saints (FPCC)

10.00am Sung Eucharist (CW)

### Ss Philip and James

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)

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

**Those in urgent need of our prayers including...** Angela, Chris Butterfield, Melanie Brant, Ella Clarke and Louise Purton.

**Members of our extended church family in need of our continuing prayers...** Gladys Barber, Marion Brown, Patricia Bull, Pearl (Frances) Draper, Jon Harrow, Alan Harvey, Mollie Hayes, Dexter Heard, Marion King, Bonnie Lewis, 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** Annie Coates

**Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time...**

Monica Meirion-Jones, Florence Vincent, Cyril Holder, Grenville Hankin, Ian McGowan, Arthur Greenway, John Worthington, Christopher Kelleher, Jean Phillips, Agnes Powell, Maurice Holmes, Philip Boyd and Thomas Simmons.

## PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

**Meditation:** "In these times, God's people must trust Him for rest of body and soul." David Wilkerson.

**Please pray...**

**Mon** - For our High Street businesses.

**Tues** - For the work of the Salvation Army.

**Wed** - For all who will face change in the months ahead.

**Thurs** - For our Parish Tea and all those who organise and prepare everything for it.

**Fri** - For all those who have received G.C.S.E. results and ask for God's guidance in the future.

**Sat** - We give thanks for all who try to follow in Christ's footsteps especially we give thanks for Bartholomew, whose faith in Jesus as the Christ was strong, and we ask for that strength in our own faith.

**Sun** - We give thanks for all the activities taking place over the Bank Holiday weekend and pray that God may keep us all safe.

**ALL WEEK** - For the town of Fleet

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

**SUMMER TEA** - Thursday 22 August, 2.30pm, Fleet Parish Community Centre, £5 for a delicious home-made afternoon tea. This will take place come rain or shine. If you need transport, please contact Claire Holt (628884), Sue Benham (622538) or the office. No tickets required.

**WHATSAPP** - Do you use WhatsApp? If so, would you like to be involved in an online group to do Bible study and share in prayer together with other users across the parish? This would be good for busy parents who want to dig a little deeper into matters of faith, but don't/can't often come to church. If you are interested, please email Mark, the Vicar, at [vicar@parishoffleet.org.uk](mailto:vicar@parishoffleet.org.uk).

**RETREAT** - There are a few spaces left on the parish retreat at Douai Abbey, Berks: 24-26 Sept. Theme of 'Bread for the Journey', time for reflection, shared meals and exploring the gardens. All rooms en suite. Cost: £150 for single room & all meals. Please contact Jane Jones (628961).

**ALL SAINTS UPDATE** - There will be no All Saints Updates during August – for the latest information please visit our website.

**IOLANTHE** - Sat 14 Sept, 7.30pm, Fleet Parish Opera present "Iolanthe" at Ss Philip & James Church. Tickets £15 (including refreshments afterwards) from Anne Smith (01252 624171, anne.smith33@btinternet.com).

**RIFLING AROUND** - Does anyone have an adult size toy/replica rifle that we could borrow for this year's G&S production of 'Iolanthe'?

Contact Anne.biffin@gmail.com

**TIME TRAVELLING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - 30 Sept, 14 Oct, 11 Nov, Fleet Infants Y2s will be coming to P&J from 10am-2.20pm to "Time Travel". Volunteers are needed from 9.15am onwards to setup, and to clear-up at the end, as well as helping during the day. Please speak to Revd Carol for details.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER TREASURE HUNT** - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September from 3pm. Join other Christians in the town for a walking Treasure Hunt and Picnic/ BBQ in the grounds of the Catholic Church of Holy Trinity, 124 Aldershot Road, Church Crookham. GU52 8JU. Bring a picnic, BBQ items available to purchase. Plenty of car parking. Great family event and opportunity to spend quality time with other Christians in the area. Church hall available if the sun forgets to come. For catering purposes, please let Jeremy Dunk or Judy Kellett know if you are planning to buy food from the BBQ.

**CHARITY CONCERT** - on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 6.15pm at Church on the Heath. Classical and jazz music by former music scholars from Sixth Form College Farnborough in aid of the Mental Health Foundation. Information from [suzannahrose moss@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:suzannahrose moss@yahoo.co.uk) or tickets from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/charityconcert-elevetham](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/charityconcert-elevetham). £8.50 adult.

**OPEN DAY** - at Waverley Abbey House in Farnham on Sunday 15 September 10am-4pm. The house will open its doors to the public for free, as part of the Heritage Open Days weekend. Free guided tours of the house throughout the day with a history display. Café will be open for delicious homemade refreshments. No booking necessary. [www.waverleyabbeyhouse.org.uk/events](http://www.waverleyabbeyhouse.org.uk/events)

**LIVINGSTONES** - will be holding artistic workshops on 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September 10am - 12pm painting flowers in acrylic paint. Contact LivingStones on 01252 616038 or email [sue@livingstones.org.uk](mailto:sue@livingstones.org.uk). Cost £25.

**FOODBANK** - Requests include: toilet rolls, rice pudding, custard, jam, tinned pudding, instant mash, tinned potatoes, sweet treats: sweets, chocolate bars, toffees, men's grooming products , shampoo and washing up liquid.

**HART VOICES** - have an open rehearsal on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm in the FPCC. Welcome to try it out. Details at [www.hartvoices.org.uk/open-rehearsal](http://www.hartvoices.org.uk/open-rehearsal)

# READINGS FOR SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST - NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

## First Reading

### Isaiah 5.1-7

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup>And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? <sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

<sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

***Comment** The image of a vine or a vineyard as referring to a person or people is a constant theme in both the Old and New Testaments. One recalls Christ's remarks about Him being the 'true vine' and the discarding and the burning of the dead wood when a vine is pruned. (John 15.6)*

## Psalm 80.1-2,9-20

**Refrain: Show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.**

<sup>1</sup> Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock;

<sup>2</sup> Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

**Show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.**

<sup>9</sup> You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

<sup>10</sup> You made room around it, and when it had taken root, it filled the land.

<sup>11</sup> The hills were covered with its shadow and the cedars of God by its boughs.

<sup>12</sup> It stretched out its branches to the Sea and its tendrils to the River.

**Show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.**

<sup>13</sup> Why then have you broken down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

<sup>14</sup> The wild boar out of the wood tears it off,  
and all the insects of the field devour it.

<sup>15</sup> Turn again, O God of hosts, look down from heaven and behold;

<sup>16</sup> Cherish this vine which your right hand has planted,  
and the branch that you made so strong for yourself.

**Show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.**

<sup>17</sup> Let those who burnt it with fire, who cut it down,  
perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

<sup>18</sup> Let your hand be upon the man at your right hand,  
the son of man you made so strong for yourself.

<sup>19</sup> And so will we not go back from you;  
give us life, and we shall call upon your name.

<sup>20</sup> Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**Show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.**

**Comment** *The image of the vine is continued but this time it is seen as the beloved of God.*

## Second Reading

### Hebrews 11.29 - 12.2

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people of Israel passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – <sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured,

refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.

<sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – <sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Comment** Paul here continues listing examples of ancestors who acted by faith yet who sometimes were unable to see their immediate rewards. But their rewards did eventually come. Being sawn in half was the apocryphal fate of Isaiah.

## Gospel Reading

### Luke 12.49-56

Jesus said to his disciples: <sup>49</sup>‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?’

**Comment** The language Christ uses echoes passages from the Old Testament particularly the references to father against son and mother against daughter etc. (Micah 7 v 6.)

## 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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