



Parish of Fleet
All Saints

St Philip & St James

News Sheet for Sunday 25th August 2019
Tenth 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)

10.00am Sung Eucharist (CW)

Ss Philip and James

8.00am Holy Communion (1662))

TODAY'S COLLECT Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

Tuesday 27th August

FPCC 7.00pm Craft Group

Wednesday 28th August

Ss Philip and James 9.30am Eucharist followed by coffee

SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER - ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

All Saints (FPCC)

10.00am All Age Worship

Ss Philip and James

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)

10.00am Sung Eucharist (CW)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK . . .

Those being married... Harriet Anscombe and John Thomson

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, 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 Joan Burford.

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

Pamela Tresidder, William Neville, Josepha Lindsay, Edward Hunt, Deborah Hoar, Michael Westlake, David Scott, Joyce Waller, Bryn Brassington, Beatrice Brooks, David Buss, Anthony Belgrove, Peggy Jackson, Clementina Parsons-Smith and Sylvia Worthington.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 26TH AUGUST

Meditation: 'Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with him, familiarly and with confidence and love, as to the dearest and most loving of friends.' S. Alphonsus Ligouri

We give thanks for times of rest and refreshment..

Please pray...

Mon - That all the world might celebrate humanity's difference and diversity.

Tues - For the business community of our town.

Wed - For those suffering from the effects of stroke.

Thurs - (S. John the Baptist) For those awaiting execution in various nations of the world.

Fri - For children changing schools or starting school for the first time.

Sat - For victims of domestic violence.

Sun - For courage and faith to take up our cross and follow Jesus.

ALL WEEK - For those who live Sheldons Way, Sheepmoor Drive, Shelley Close, Shetland Way, Shire Ave, Silchester Drive.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER - The Sunday services in September will follow the theme of 'discipleship', looking at how we become, and continue to be, followers of Jesus Christ. The four Sundays will consider four aspects of this theme – Call! Learn! Serve! and Go! Readings and sermons will address these issues, and the 10 am services will include interviews with various people from our church family discussing their own experience of discipleship. This should be an exciting month, do come along!

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.

OH BAA! - Following on from successful rifle request. Does anyone have a shepherd's crook we could borrow for Iolanthe, before I ask the bishop for his? Contact Anne.biffin@gmail.com 01252 616692.

CAR BOOT - Jenny Thorne is taking items to a car boot sale this Bank Holiday Monday 26th August in aid of All Saints Fund. She only has a small car but call Jenny on 617108 if you have something that may be suitable.

GUTTER CLEARING - around the FPCC. Could anyone help? Contact Mike Benham 622538 or the office.

MID-WEEK LUNCH - will be on Thursday 5th September. Graham Hix will be providing some musical entertainment at 12.30pm and lunch follows at 1pm. Please add your name to the list on the noticeboard for lunch.

ROCK CHOIR - will be at Guildford Cathedral on Thursday 29th August at 11.15am singing favourites in a free concert. See www.guildford-cathedral.org.

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER TREASURE HUNT - Sunday 1st September from 3pm. Join other Christians for a walking Treasure Hunt and Picnic/BBQ in the grounds of the Catholic Church of Holy Trinity, 124 Aldershot Road, Church Crookham. 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 cool. For catering, please let Jeremy Dunk or Judy Kellett know if you are planning to buy BBQ food.

CHARITY CONCERT - on Wednesday 4th 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 or tickets from www.ticketsource.co.uk/charityconcert-elvetham. £8.50 adult.

IOLANTHE - Sat 14th 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).

OPEN DAY - at Waverley Abbey House in Farnham on Sunday 15th 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

RETREAT - at Douai Abbey, Berks: 24-26 Sept. Theme of 'Bread for the Journey', time for reflection, shared meals and exploring the gardens. £150 for single ensuite room & all meals. Please contact Jane Jones (628961).

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. See Revd Carol for details.

LIVINGSTONES - will be holding artistic workshops on 11th, 18th and 28th September 10am - 12pm painting flowers in acrylic paint. Contact LivingStones on 01252 616038 or email sue@livingstones.org.uk. Cost £25.

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

FAIRTRADE EVENT - Friday 4th October at 7.30pm at Church on the Heath.

LOST PROPERTY - gentleman's thin coat and jumper left in the FPCC.

COMPASSION - job opportunities, full and part time
www.compassionuk.org.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST - TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

First Reading

Jeremiah 1.4-10

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁵'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you;

I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'

⁶Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.'⁷ But the LORD said to me,

'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.'

⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

'Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms.'

Comment *Jeremiah was born in 646BC when Judah was in decline and was about to be overrun by the army of Nebuchadnezzar who later deported Judah's people into Babylonian captivity.*

Psalm 71.1-6

Refrain: You are my hope, O Lord God

¹ In you, O Lord, do I seek refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

² In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me.

³ Be for me a stronghold to which I may ever resort;
send out to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

⁴ Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the evildoer and the oppressor.

Refrain: You are my hope, O Lord God

⁵ For you are my hope, O Lord God,
my confidence, even from my youth.

⁶ Upon you have I leaned from my birth,
when you drew me from my mother's womb;
my praise shall be always of you.

Refrain: You are my hope, O Lord God

Comment This is a prayer of an old man who, since his birth, has put his trust in God.

Second Reading

Hebrews 12.18-29

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, ¹⁹and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the

sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.')

²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!

²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' ²⁷This phrase, 'Yet once more,' indicates the removal of what is shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Comment *A short paraphrase would be:- In former times when God spoke it was in the blazing fire or the tempest etc. It was so terrible that His people chose not to listen but today you have been allowed to hear His voice through Jesus. So there is no excuse but to listen. Moreover God will shake both earth and heaven but only heaven will remain.*

Gospel Reading **Luke 13.10-17**

¹⁰Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman

with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.'

¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.'

¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?' ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?'

¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Comment *Luke's account of this miracle assumes the nature of a parable. Christ uses it as a teaching aid making the point that the crippled woman was as much a child of Abraham as were the synagogue elders and that a release from bondage is more important than observing the letter of the Law.*

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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