



Parish of Fleet
All Saints

St Philip & St James

News Sheet for Sunday 8th September 2019
Twelfth 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)
10.00am Sung Eucharist (CW)
12.00pm Baptism Service
6.30pm Choral Evensong

TODAY'S COLLECT Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

Monday 9th September

FPCC 9.00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 10th September

FPCC 10.00am Praise and Play

Ss Philip and James 11.00am Prayer Group

FPCC 7.00pm Craft Group

Wednesday 11th Sept.

Ss Philip and James 9.30am Eucharist followed by Coffee

Thursday 12th September

Ss Philip and James 9.00am Coffee and Play

Friday 13th September

FPCC 10.00am Dribbles and Giggles

FPCC 8.00pm Choir Practice

Saturday 14th September

Ss Philip and James 7.30pm Performance of Iolanthe

SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER - THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

All Saints (FPCC)

10.00am Sung Eucharist (CW)

Ss Philip and James

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)

10.00am Informal Eucharist (CW)

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER - will follow the theme of 'discipleship', how we become, and continue to be, followers of Jesus Christ. The first four Sundays will consider four aspects of this theme – Call! Learn! Serve! and Go! Readings and sermons will address these issues, and the 10.00am 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!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK . . .

Those to be baptised ... Hugo and Rory Maginnes.

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, Molly Wilson, Janice and Peter.

Those who have died recently... Lorraine Field.

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

Reginald Brooks, Elizabeth Barfield, Sara Vincent, Marjorie Leese, Rose Weare, Sydney Wallace, Grace Collins, Hilda Williams, John Goddard and Basil Thorne.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 9th SEPTEMBER

Meditation: 'The pursuit of truth and beauty is a sphere of activity in which we are permitted to remain children all our lives' *Albert Einstein*.

We give thanks for all who protect us through the work of emergency services.

Please pray...

Mon - For the people of New York City, and for all victims of terrorism worldwide.

Tues - For those who work in supermarkets and grocery shops in our town.

Wed - For all our schools as the new term begins.

Thurs - For young people with difficult decisions to make.

Fri - (St. John Chrysostom) For our brothers and sisters in the Eastern Orthodox church.

Sat - (The Holy Cross) for all involved with the performance of Iolanthe.

Sun - For those who struggle with debt and those who help and advise them, including Christians Against Poverty.

ALL WEEK - For those who live in Spring Woods, Springfield Lane, Spruce Way, St. James Close, St. James Road, St. Michael's Close.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

SUCCESSFUL EVENTS - Many thanks to all those involved in most enjoyable events recently. The Garden Party was great fun for all and raised £1,532.

IOLANTHE - Saturday 14th September, 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).

HARVEST LUNCH - Sunday 29th September, 12.00pm, Ss Philip and James (after the joint service). This will be ploughman's followed by Dorset apple cake. Bring your own drink, glasses provided. Donations on the day. Sign up sheets at both churches.

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.

FOODBANK - This month's requests are toilet rolls, rice pudding, custard, jam, instant mash, tinned potatoes, sweet treats, men's grooming products, and washing up liquid.

ANGEL BOMBING - The time is creeping up! So please continue knitting angels! There is wool, patterns and small bags of stuffing in the Parish office or from me, Sue Butterfield. The Angel Blessing Service will be at 5.00pm on Sunday 8th December at P & J's, at the conclusion of the Christmas Tree Festival.

ORGAN RECITAL - Saturday 14th September, 7.30pm, St Michael's Church, Aldershot. Organ recital by Stephen Lacey. Retiring collection for Churchyard fund followed by refreshments.

CLIMATE CHANGE - Care for Our Common Home. 4th- 6th October. Join the Church of Our Lady to celebrate the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology and pray for an end to climate change. Prayer stations in the church from 4th October at 10am and an ecumenical service of prayer, reflection and music at 4pm on 6th October. All are welcome.

FACCTS PRAYER FOR SCHOOLS - Monday 9th September, 7.30pm, Fleet Methodist Church, An Evening of Prayer for schools and Christian work among young people to begin the new school year in prayer, for our schools' workers and increase on what God did last year.

ALL SAINTS UPDATE - Having spent 6 months now considering our planning application, Hart planning department are now proposing a further extension. Please pray that the architects and rebuilding group will work out together how to respond in the most appropriate way! We are all so grateful for all the generous fundraising that has been done over previous months.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

First Reading

Jeremiah 18.1-11

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ²'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.'³ So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. ⁵Then the word of the LORD came to me: ⁶'Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done?' says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster

that I intended to bring on it. ⁹And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

***Comment** There are a number of references in the Bible to clay (earth/dust) being the material from which humans are made. And there is more than one reference to a potter (God) making and breaking his pot in frustration or anger.*

Psalm 139.1-5,12-18

Refrain: You, O Lord, created my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹ O Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

² You mark out my journeys and my resting place
and are acquainted with all my ways.

You, O Lord, created my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

³ For there is not a word on my tongue, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

⁴ You encompass me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.

⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, so high that I cannot attain it.

You, O Lord, created my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹² For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹³ I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.

You, O Lord, created my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁵ Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished;
already in your book were all my members written,

¹⁶ As day by day they were fashioned when as yet there was none of them.

You, O Lord, created my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁷ How deep are your counsels to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!

¹⁸ If I count them, they are more in number than the sand,
and at the end, I am still in your presence.

You, O Lord, created my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

Comment Like Job (7.17-20) the psalmist reflects, in the same vein, how insignificant a person feels when beholding the omnipotence of God.

Second Reading

Philemon 1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do

for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is,

my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Comment *In his letter to Philemon Paul requests that Philemon accepts back and forgives a run-away slave, Onesimus, who had become one of Paul's converts. The letter shows how Paul accepts Roman law and the status of slaves but he says that both slave and owner are equal in God's eyes.*

Gospel Reading

Luke 14.25-33

²⁵Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'

Comment *"Hate" in English is an emotive word and although it is a true translation of the original Greek, in Aramaic the meaning would have a much softer meaning and be more akin to "alienate".*

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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