



Parish of Fleet
All Saints

St Philip & St James

News Sheet for Sunday 15 March 2020
Third Sunday of Lent

Welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to our worship today. It is a 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)

TODAY'S COLLECT Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life 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 Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

Monday 16 March

FPCC 9.00am Morning Prayer

FPCC 7.30pm PCC Meeting

Tuesday 17 March

Please note that Praise and Play and Afternoon Tea & Chat are not meeting this week.

Ss Philip and James 11.00am Prayer Group

Wednesday 18 March

Ss Philip and James 9.30am Eucharist followed by coffee

Thursday 19 March

Ss Philip and James 9.00am Coffee & Play

Ss Philip and James 5.00pm Hot Potato Youth Group

Ss Philip and James 7.30pm Choir Practice

Ss Philip and James Hall 8.00pm All Saints Ladies Group

Friday 20 March

FPCC 10.00am Dribbles and Giggles

FPCC 8.00pm All Saints Choir Practice

Saturday 21 March

Ss Philip and James Hall 10.30am Mothering Sunday Posy Making

Ss Philip and James 2.00pm Family Activity Afternoon

SUNDAY 22 MARCH - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (MOTHERING SUNDAY)

All Saints (FPCC)

10.00am Sung Eucharist (CW)

Ss Philip and James

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)
10.00am Sung Eucharist (CW)
6.30pm Taizé Prayer

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK . . .

Those in urgent need of our prayers including... Angela, Melanie Brant, Marion Brown, Chris Butterfield, Jonathan Eddy, Cathy Gibbs, Timothy Rayment, Isaac Smith and Malcolm Taylor.

Members of our extended church family in need of our continuing prayers...

Steph, Gladys Barber, Patricia Bull, Pearl (Frances) Draper, David Dunk, Alan Harvey, Mollie Hayes, Dexter Heard, Bonnie Lewis, Roger Matcham, Gill Page, Matthew Parkes, John and Barbara Simson, Barry Taylor, Eileen Taylor, Erica Taylor, Jean Thomas, Tyler Thompson, Molly Wilson, Janice and Peter.

Those who have died recently... Peter Pimm.

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

Anne Pears, James Beale, Joseph Elliott, Mary Clifford, Ethel Westbrook, Edith Brett, Dorothy Burrows, Bunny Hofman, Barry Perrott, Robert Allen, Bob Brown.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 16 MARCH 2020

Meditation: 'It is not we who build. He wills to build the church. No man builds the church but Christ alone. Whoever is minded to build the church is surely well on the way to destroying it; for he will build a temple to idols without wishing or knowing it. We must confess – he builds. We must proclaim – he builds. We must pray to him – he builds. We do not know his plan. We cannot see whether he is building or pulling down. It may be that the times which by human standards are times of collapse are for him the great times of building. It may be that the times which from a human point of view are great times for the church are times when it is pulled down. It is a great comfort which Christ gives to his church; you confess, preach, bear witness to me, and I alone will build where it pleases me.' *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

We give thanks for... Opportunities to stop and enjoy all that God has made.

Please pray...

Mon - For our PCC.

Tues - For those imprisoned because of their race, politics, or faith.

Wed - For those who work in catering and hospitality in our town.

Thurs - For the people of the Korean peninsula.

Fri - For Archbishop Justin and all that is on his shoulders at this time.

Sat - For Fleet Angels and for the Foodbank.

Sun - We pray for grace to welcome Jesus into our lives.

ALL WEEK - For those who live in Hartsleaf Close, Harvest Crescent, Hawkins Way, Hawkley Way, Haywood Drive and Hazeley Drive.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

CORONAVIRUS - It is important that parish and community life continues normally as much as is possible during the Coronavirus outbreak, but at the same time it is important that we take steps to protect the health of one another and especially the most vulnerable. Therefore, until further notice... Communion will only be administered in one kind, bread only.

There will be no bodily contact at the exchange of the peace.

We will ask for a retiring collection rather than passing a plate or bag.

Everyone coming into our buildings will be asked to use hand sanitiser as they arrive and leave.

We would also ask that you let the Parish Office know on 01252 812114 if

- you become ill
- you are advised to self isolate
- you choose to stay indoors.

We will then endeavour to contact you regularly by phone to make sure you are okay and to arrange any other support you might need.

If anyone would like us to hold contact details for anyone you might want us to contact on your behalf, please let the Parish Office have these.

We will at all times be practicing the highest standards of hygiene possible, and offering whatever support and encouragement might be needed during these difficult times. We have detailed plans in place to keep services and activities going, and to communicate with you all should the situation change.

If you would like to speak to the clergy at any time please ring 01252 219281 for Mark or 01252 444872 for Carol.

Please consult our website www.parishoffleet.org.uk for regular updates.

ELECTORAL ROLL - The Electoral Roll 2019 is on display at the back of the church. If your name is not on this roll or if your details are incorrect please complete a form and put it in the box provided. To be included you must satisfy the provision stated on the form. Unless you are on the electoral roll you cannot hold any official position in the parish or vote at the Annual Church Meeting. Forms must be in by 2 April 2020.

POSY MAKING- Saturday 21 March, 10.30am at P and J hall: Posy making for Mothering Sunday. All welcome to help from both churches. Coffee provided. If you can offer greenery, bring along or contact Jane Jones.

LENT COURSE - "Caring for God's world" - there is no lent course this week due to the PCC meeting. The remaining sessions are: Monday 23 and 30 March in P&J church, 7.30pm. All welcome to any/all of the sessions.

CANCELLATIONS - Please note that Archbishop Justin has cancelled his visit to the Guildford Diocese next week. We have also cancelled Praise and Play for Tuesdays 17 & 24 March and the Afternoon Tea & Chat on 17 March.

FAMILY ACTIVITY AFTERNOON - Saturday 21 March, 2.00-4.00pm, Ss Philip and James, a free & fun afternoon of activities themed around mothers.

PETER PIMM - Peter Pimm's funeral will be on Monday 23 March at 10.00am in Aldershot Crematorium. It would be helpful if you could let Pamela know if you are planning to attend.

FUNDRAISING CONCERT - Saturday 28 March, 7.30pm, Ss Philip and James Church, Fleet Choral Ensemble present a concert for everyone in aid of All Saints with special guest stars Crookham Handbell Ringers and Emma Mabin. Tickets via Parish Website, Parish Office and Serendipity in Fleet.

JOBS AVAILABLE - Church on the Heath are seeking to appoint a Children & Families Minister, see churchontheheath.org.uk.

The Bishop of Dorking is advertising for a new PA, see <https://tinyurl.com/t9p8wpu>.

LivingStones in Fleet are advertising for a part time (paid) co-worker, see <https://newlivingstones.org.uk/news/>

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 15 MARCH - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading - Exodus 17.1-7

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

²The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' ⁵The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take

some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

Comment *After escaping from Pharaoh's Egypt Moses had led the Israelites into the wilderness. Here they started to complain first because the water tasted bitter then because there was no bread and now because there was no water at all.*

Second Reading - Romans 5.1-11

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Comment *To be "justified" in this context means to be brought into a right relationship with God. St Paul's constant message is that it is not by observing the Law that we are justified but by accepting God's gift of Grace.*

Gospel Reading - John 4.5-42

⁵Jesus came to a Samaritan city called

Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' ¹⁵The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

¹⁶Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' ¹⁷The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' ¹⁹The woman said to him,

‘Sir, I see that you are a prophet.’²⁰ Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.’²¹ Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.’²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.’²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.’²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’²⁵ The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming’ (who is called Christ). ‘When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.’²⁶ Jesus said to her, ‘I am he, the one who is speaking to you.’

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, ‘What do you want?’ or, ‘Why are you speaking with her?’²⁸ Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,²⁹ ‘Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?’³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, ‘Rabbi, eat something.’³² But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’³³ So the disciples said to one another, ‘Surely no one has brought him something to

eat?’³⁴ Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.’³⁵ Do you not say, “Four months more, then comes the harvest”? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.’³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.’³⁷ For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.”³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days.⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word.’⁴² They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.’

Comment *Up to this point in Christ’s ministry He had called people to Himself on a one-to-one basis. This was the first time that an individual had brought others to him. “Many Samaritans believed in Him because of the woman’s testimony”. She was the first missionary and not only were her people non-Jews but also she was a woman. In truth His message was to all people.*

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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