



**News Sheet for
Sunday 23 August 2020
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP, ITS GREAT TO HAVE YOU WITH US.

Whether you join us in person on Sunday morning at P&J, join us online via livestream, or pray at home by yourself, we are all part of one worshipping community.

To worship is to stand before God and admit that we need him – to guide us, provide for us, lead us, defend us, heal us, befriend us, empower us, change us.

To worship is to make the decision to trust in God rather than in ourselves, and the world needs worshippers today as much as at in any time in history.

Worship is something we do on behalf of others as well as ourselves – so when we gather for worship as we do now by a variety of different means and often in different locations, we are worshipping God on behalf of our community, our nation and our world. This is vital work, and we are key workers in God's kingdom! So again, thank you for joining us.

Worship has nothing to do with enjoyment or entertainment. It doesn't matter one bit whether we like the words that are used or the style of worship that is offered. God is not interested in whether or not we like the hymns! He wants it to be the best we can offer, but not necessarily the most slick and accomplished performance that we can come up with. Better a humble prayer offered in sincerity and faith than the greatest anthem sung in order to draw praise for ourselves! Worship is something we offer to God - a sacrifice of praise on behalf of ourselves and God's world.

So thank you, to everyone who over the past weeks has nervously had a go at reading in a service, or helped with the livestream, or suffered the discomfort of worshipping under a mask, or suffered in silence as the service has hissed and spluttered on their phone or tablet. This is the work of Saints in 2020 and God will honour it all!

Mark

THIS WEEK

Sunday 23 August - 10.00am Morning Service from Ss Philip & James Church

(* please contact Mary beforehand if you are attending the service in person, see inside for contact details)

livestreamed via our [Facebook page](#) and followed by

coffee at **11.00am** using this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5089713920>

This is a zoom link [5089713920](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5089713920), or ☎ 0131 460 1196

Wednesday midweek service 26 August at 9.30am [Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#),

No weekly reflections or Bible Study during August .

Next Sunday 30 August - 10.00am Morning Service in church and livestreamed,
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.

Ss Philip & James

**Church is now open for private, individual prayer on
Wednesdays from 10.00am to 3.00pm and Sundays 12 noon to 3.00pm.**

PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 23 AUGUST - ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

TODAY'S COLLECT O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK . . .

Those in urgent need of our prayers including... Alona Beauchamp, Chris Butterfield, David Frost, Duncan and Barbara Main, Timothy Rayment and Isaac Smith.

Members of our extended church family in need of our continuing prayers... Gladys Barber, Marion Brown, Patricia Bull, Dilys Denney, Pearl (Frances) Draper, David and Yvonne Dunk, Jonathan Eddy, Joan Hall, Alan Harvey, Mark Hawes, Mollie Hayes, Dexter Heard, Sue Huddie, Garth Kellett, Bonnie Lewis, Roger Matcham, Gill Page, Matthew Parkes, John and Barbara Simson, Barry Taylor, Eileen Taylor, Erica Taylor, Malcolm Taylor, Jean Thomas, Tyler Thompson, John Tillyer and Molly Wilson.

Those who have died recently... Jim Burke

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time... Jean Phillips, Agnes Powell, Maurice Holmes, Philip Boyd, Thomas Simmons, Pamela Tresialder, William Neville, Josepha Lindsay, Edward Hunt, Deborah Hoar, Michael Westlake, David Scott, Joyce Waller, Bryn Brassington, Beatrice Brooks, David Buss, Anthony Belgrove and Peggy Jackson.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 24 AUGUST 2020

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 our difference and diversity.

Tues - For the business community of our town.

Wed - For those suffering from the effects of stroke.

Thurs - For the people of the Lebanon.

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 Shaldons 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.

FACE COVERINGS - should now be worn in church.

SERVICE IN CHURCH - Please ensure that you contact Mary Goodson (01252 815103) by Friday at the latest if you would like to attend the service in Ss Philip & James Church on Sunday - if there is no answer, please leave a message on the answerphone and Mary will get back to you.

DAILY HOPE - The Church of England has a free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers. Just call 0800 804 8044 at any time of the day or night for hope in this time of lockdown.

THE SOURCE - is a Christian based support service for young people in the Aldershot area. They are looking for volunteer mentors and bike mechanics. News letter available from www.thesourceforyou.co.uk

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER FARM WALK - on Saturday 26th September at 2pm at Penn Croft Farm, Crondall, GU10 5PX. Woodlands and wild flowers. Contact Joe Lindsey-Clark 01252 621556, email: ajlc70@gmail.com

GIVING OPTION - You can now donate to Parish funds by scanning this QR code with any smart phone with a QR reader on it - it takes you directly to a web page where you can make a donation.



NOTES ON THE READINGS FOR SUNDAY 23 AUGUST

Exodus 1.8-2.10

The Hebrew mother and daughter had obeyed Pharaoh's words to the letter by casting Moses, a male born child, into the Nile. However, according to ancient Egyptian mythology, a great leader would be found in a papyrus reed bed – a fact that Pharaoh's daughter might well have been aware of.

Psalm 124

A psalm of thanksgiving for dangers overcome depicted in a series of metaphors.

Romans 12.1-8

The church in Rome was a mixed gathering of Jews and non-Jews with whom Paul was not well acquainted so his remarks were more measured than in some of his other letters. In seeing the church as 'the body of Christ' he explains that whatever our station in life we all have our part.

Matthew 16.13-20

Matthew is writing for a Jewish readership and it is only Matthew who includes this account of Christ's commission to Peter to hold the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. The concept of 'binding' is an allusion to contemporary rabbinical thought when talking about exorcism of the devil.

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