



Parish of Fleet
All Saints
St Philip & St James

News Sheet for Sunday 30 August 2020 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP, IT'S GREAT TO HAVE YOU WITH US.

I hope very much that you enjoy our worship this week and that through it you have an encounter with the living God – whether you join us in person or via livestream.

It has been a great blessing during these difficult times that we have been able to worship, pray, study the Bible, and generally keep in touch via the internet.

My feeling is that whatever the weeks and months ahead may have in store for us, we will be 'online to stay' – worshipping together in church for those who are able to but also worshipping online with those who are not. It is notable that livestreaming has enabled people who are housebound, isolating, living far away, on holiday or working at the time of our service to participate in our worship as much as those who are able to be physically present - which has been a great blessing. It would be wrong for us to cut these people off when we are able to be in church in greater numbers - not to mention a squandered mission opportunity!!

With all this in mind we are working on ways of developing our mix of live and livestreamed activities for the future.

Online Bible study will recommence this Thursday at 2pm - please join us for that if you would like to.

On **Sunday 13th September** we will be holding an **8 am, BCP communion** service at P&J church. This will not be livestreamed, will be limited to 30 attendees and will be the only communion service available on that day. **At 10 am** on that day there will be a livestreamed service of the word (i.e. not communion) which can be attended by 30 live participants. More details about this next week.

I also hope that Wednesday communion might involve both live attendees and zoom participants in the near future.

We are also working on how best to restart activities in our halls and our programme of children's and youth activities soon. Please be patient with us – we are working hard to establish 'new normal' service as quickly (but safely) as we can. Please pray for God's blessing on all these endeavours!

Restrictions still do not permit us to sing hymns together in church, which is a great sadness, but we are now permitted to have small ensembles of 3 or 4 people singing in worship, and instruments including brass and wind, so I am issuing a challenge to all our great musicians out there to come up with ideas for how we can introduce 'small scale' live music to our worship over the next few weeks!

Meanwhile thank you to all those who continue to help with our worship and other activities. If you would like to read or lead prayers at any of our services, in person or on video please step forward – we would love to hear from you! Likewise, if you feel you could talk or be interviewed in one of our services about your own experience of God's love that would be a wonderful thing!

As I said, online worship is here to stay, and in order to facilitate this we will need very soon to invest in some new equipment so that our online ministry can be clearer, more reliable, and easier to put together. This will probably require upwards of £4000 - but must I feel be a priority for us as a parish. We are exploring what grants might be available to us, but if anyone feels they might like to support this ministry financially, I would be grateful to hear from them.

Sorry there is so much to say this time - but we live in exciting, if sometimes difficult times!

May God bless you all,

Mark

Sunday 30 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](#)

The service is 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

THIS WEEK

Wednesday midweek service 2 September at 9.30am [Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#),

Thursday Bible Study 3 September at 2pm. [Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#),

Next Sunday 6 September - 10.00am Morning Service in church and live

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 30 AUGUST - TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

TODAY'S COLLECT God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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.

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 and Timothy Rayment.

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... Clementina Parsons-Smith, Sylvia Worthington, Walter Warner, Ethel Dyer, Douglas Roberts, Sidney Brown, Ethel McGee and Irene Rudd.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 31 AUGUST 2020

Meditation: 'A mistake that makes you humble is better than an achievement that makes you arrogant'
Anon.

We give thanks for opportunities to serve God and other people.

Please pray...

Mon - For those who have become unemployed or whose business is yet to restart.

Tues - For victims of violence.

Wed - For those who face unexpected challenges or unwelcome news this week.

Thurs - For those suffering from breast cancer.

Fri - For those who work in the banks and building societies located in our town.

Sat - For those who feel they have been passed over or treated unjustly.

Sun - For those who have suffered as a result of fires or natural disaster in recent weeks.

ALL WEEK - For those who live in Silverdale, Snowdrop Walk, Sorrell Court, South Grove, Southby Drive and Spreadbury 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 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 or leave a message on the answerphone and Mary will get back to you if necessary.

MAGAZINES - for September will be at the back of P&J on Sunday and outside the FPCC from Tuesday.

FUNERAL SERVICE - for Jim Burke will be on Wednesday 9th September at 11am at Ss Philip and James Church. The cortege will be leaving his home in Avondale Road 20 minutes beforehand to travel to the church. Unfortunately we are not able to join the family at the service as numbers are restricted. However, the service will be livestreamed through Zoom. Please contact the parish office, ideally by e mail, for the link.

SPONSORED WALK - Chris Riley is walking 10.5 miles in aid of All Saints Fund. He is offering to do the route twice so you have the option of doubling your sponsorship! See <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ChristopherRiley4> or the parish office.

LODGINGS - sought by young working man, contact the parish office.

CARE FOR THE FAMILY - have a range of new, free resources online. See www.careforthefamily.org.uk

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 30 AUGUST

Exodus 3.1-15

By knowing a person's name it was thought that one had some influence over them so by asking God for his name Moses was on exceedingly dangerous ground. God's reply was very subtle because the name 'Yahweh' is formed from part of the ancient Hebrew word 'to be'.

Psalms 105.1-6 & 23-26 & 45

Psalms 105 briefly recalls the history of the Jews. Verses 23-26 recount how they became increasingly unpopular with the Egyptians until Moses led them out of bondage.

Romans 12.9-21

Having earlier said the Christians were no longer bound by the Law Paul now sets up some goal posts for Christian behaviour which recall Christ's teaching.

Matthew 16.21-28

This passage, which immediately follows Peter's confession of faith, shows Christ identifying himself with the suffering servant of Isaiah. After this there follows the account of the Transfiguration.

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