



Parish of Fleet

All Saints

St Philip & St James

**News Sheet for  
Sunday 6 September 2020  
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

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

The other day I saw a photo of someone in a tee shirt which carried the message 'The church has left the building'. Presumably this was a pun on the old saying 'Elvis has left the building', but I found it quite profound. For a long time when people thought of church they thought of a place – a building - quite often an empty one!

In these changing times that is no longer so. The church has operated, some would say flourished, for many months without its buildings. The church has been people, worshipping together by whatever means they can find, serving one another in difficult circumstances, serving God by serving the community, proclaiming the gospel in a variety of ingenious ways.

One might say that the church has left the building and gone out into the world – which sounds a bit like what Jesus said we should do in the first place!

I am sure that in future our buildings will still be important to us, but I hope and pray that they will never again be what defines us, or occupies all our time, attention or money! The Church is a living breathing, active, dynamic, spirit-filled, ever changing body of people, working together to build the Kingdom of God, and by his grace we have been set free to do just that!

Nevertheless, we are blest in being able to use our church building for worship, albeit in a limited way, and if you would like to join us please give us a ring and book a place. We have worked hard to make coming to church as safe, and as comfortable as possible. If however you are still not ready to come to the building, then you can join us by livestream, or in Spirit – just don't forget to join us, by one means or another.

Next 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 Celtic morning prayer with a theme of forgiveness (i.e. not communion) which can be attended by 30 live participants.

May God bless you all,

*Mark*

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday 6 September- 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** 9 September at 9.30am [Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#),

**Thursday Bible Study** 10 September at 2pm. [Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#),

**Next Sunday** 13 September - 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Celtic Morning Prayer in church (no communion)

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.

## PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER - THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**TODAY'S COLLECT** Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK . . .

**Those in urgent need of our prayers including...** Chris Butterfield, David Frost, Barbara Main, Timothy Rayment and baby twins Aidan and Finn.

**Members of our extended church family in need of our continuing prayers...** Gladys Barber, Alona Beauchamp, 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...** Duncan Main and Jim Burke.

**Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time...** Elsie Wilmot, David Talbot, Ellen Armstrong, Reginald Brooks, Elizabeth Barfield, Sara Vincent, Marjorie Leese, Rose Weare, Sydney Wallace and Grace Collins.

### PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 7 SEPTEMBER 2020

**Meditation:** Your diet is not only what you eat. It is what you watch, what you listen to, what you read, the people you hang around. Be mindful of the things you put into your body emotionally, spiritually, and physically.

We give thanks for all those who always look for the good in other people.

Please pray that God will drive the Covid 19 virus from our world and that we may emerge to a new and better world beyond.

**Mon** - For all the schools of our parish as the new school year begins.

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

**Wed** - For God's guidance and providence for the future of our ministry to children and young people.

**Thurs** - For everyone who is struggling with a relationship of any kind.

**Fri** - For the people of New York City and for all victims of terrorist violence around the world.

**Sat** - For the ongoing negotiations between the UK and the EU.

**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 Rd, St. Michael's Close.

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

**FACE COVERINGS** - must now be worn in church.

**SERVICE IN CHURCH** - Please contact Mary Goodson (01252 815103) by Friday if you would like to attend the service in Ss Philip & James Church on Sunday - or leave a message on the answerphone for return call.

**MAGAZINE PRESS DAY** - for the October edition will be Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

**FUNERAL SERVICE** - for Jim Burke is Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 11am at Ss Philip and James Church. As numbers are restricted, the service will be livestreamed. Please contact the parish office and the code can be given to you. The cortege will be leaving his home in Avondale Road at 10.40am to travel to the church.

**SPONSORED WALK** - Chris Riley has successfully completed 21 miles, twice the route, in aid of All Saints Fund. His blisters can be eased by sponsoring him at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ChristopherRiley4> or through the parish office. So far he has raised over £2,000 which is encouraging!

**LIVINGSTONES** - workshops restarting upstairs in airy room. Also planning a second hand children's clothing distribution service to run alongside the food bank. If able to volunteer, contact Sue@livingstones.org.uk

**ASHANTI DEVELOPMENT CHARITY SPONSORED WALK** - on 19th September: Please contact Judy Keep on 01252 612527 or judykeep@yahoo.co.uk for details.

**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 6 SEPTEMBER

Exodus 12.1-14

*This account of the first Passover has its origins in two ancient Jewish traditions that have been woven together and incorporated into the story of the escape from Egypt. They are the sacrifice of the first-born of a flock, before a migration from winter to summer pasture, and the annual thanksgiving for the cereal harvest.*

Psalms 149

*A hymn of praise. Verses 1-4 praise God with song and dance. Verses 5-9 praise him for leading his people to victory.*

Romans 13.8-14

*In the verses immediately before this passage St Paul tells his readers that Christians should obey the laws of the secular authority and at the same time the laws of Christ.*

Matthew 18.15-20

*One remembers that Matthew is writing for a Jewish readership. He places Christ's comments into the context of rabbinical thought when using such words as 'Gentiles and tax-collectors' and 'binding' (a word used when exorcising the devil). The word 'church' (ecclesia) here only means the gathering, not the establishment that we know today.*

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