



Parish of Fleet
All Saints
St Philip & St James

News Sheet for
Sunday 20 September 2020
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Thank you for sticking with us!

- For joining us on Livestream, if you have been able to, despite the glitches, the awkward moments, and the jittery cameras.
- For joining us in church – despite the uncomfortable chairs, the facemasks and being told not to sing!
- For joining us from home – despite us not being able to see your lovely faces, and it not being the same as when we are all together.
- For joining in leading our worship, by leading prayers, reading a lesson, or helping with the technical stuff.
- For joining us in prayer – for all the overwhelming needs of our church, community, and world.
- For supporting us financially – during these times when we have not been able to use our halls, or do fundraising, or even pass the collection plate!
- For continuing to think of All Saints and P&J as your spiritual home – even if you haven't been able to do any of the above, because everything is so much more difficult now.

Some things are getting easier, some things are getting harder, but we are trying to improve the service we offer – to God and to all of you.

Next Sunday (27th) will be our Harvest Festival – our time of thanksgiving for all the good things God has given us. We will not be able to collect our usual harvest gifts, but we will tell you before then how you can contribute to helping the hungry.

From 7th October we hope to open our Wednesday 9.30 Communion to a live congregation. This service will probably also be livestreamed.

On Sunday 11th October we will be holding another 8 am Eucharist, a 10 am Eucharist with a different flavour, and at the same time a 'one off' Junior Church in P&J Hall. This will be a trial run to see how things go.

Meanwhile let me issue you with another challenge. The rules for broadcasting recorded music are going to get more stringent in October – so please step forward if you would be prepared to sing or play solo or as part of a small ensemble (max 6 people) to provide live music on a Sunday morning. Please let me know also if you would like to read, or lead prayers, or give a short testimony of what God has done for you. You can even record these things from home, outdoors, or even from your place of work if you would prefer. All of these will be vital elements in our worship going forward.

And please do pray for all involved in the leadership of our church and worship – and for the PCC as they meet on Monday.

Stay well, stay safe, and call if you need any help!

May God bless you all,

Mark.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 20 September - 10.00 Morning Service*, Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
livestreamed via our [Facebook page](#) (no 'Zoom coffee' this week).

Wednesday 23 September - 9.30am Midweek Service, [Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#)

Thursday 24 September - 2.00pm Bible Study, [Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#)

Sunday 27 September - 10.00 Morning Service*, Harvest Festival

- please sign up beforehand to attend any services in church in person, see inside for contact details.

St Philip & James Church is open for prayer Wednesdays 10.00am-3.00pm & Sundays 12noon-3.00pm.

PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

TODAY'S COLLECT God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK . . .

Those in urgent need of our prayers including... Ron Bartlett, 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... Matthew Allen, 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.

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time... Ruby Taylor, John Gittins, Hugh Dundas, Esther Lawless, Agnes Yelliah, Arthur Hepper, Stanley Butt, Marjorie Elliott, Frank Hall, Ida Bauden.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 21 SEPTEMBER 2020

Meditation 'Don't cling to a mistake just because you spent a lot of time making it.' *Source Unknown.*

We give thanks for the fruits of God's creation.

Please pray....

Mon - For the PCC meeting this evening. For wisdom, courage and faithfulness in all their deliberations.

Tues - For the Samaritans and others who minister to those in danger of suicide.

Wed - For all who minister to victims of slavery or people trafficking.

Thurs - For those who work in information technology.

Fri - For those who suffer from Parkinson's Disease.

Sat - For the hungry and all the charities and agency that strive to feed them.

Sun - For those who produce, process, transport or retail our food.

ALL WEEK - For victims of coronavirus, for those who work in the health services and medical research.

For those who live in Stockton Avenue, Streamside, Sturmeay Drive, Sunnyside, Sussex Gardens, Swaledale Gardens. For the shops and businesses of our town.

ALL SAINTS UPDATE - We are still waiting for approval from the chancellor of the diocese. Please pray that a positive decision may come soon!

We have now received 4 tenders for the building work and it is clear that there is a significant shortfall between what the project will cost and the money we currently have to pay for it. This is due both to tenders being considerably higher than our advisors anticipated they would be, and the fact that we have been unable to do much fundraising this year.

The PCC when they meet on Monday 21 September will have to consider whether to modify, delay, or abandon the project, or to find new sources of funding.

All this is still conditional on the Chancellor's final decision which we have been awaiting for some months now. Please soak all this in prayer, so that God's will may be done!

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

SERVICE IN CHURCH - Please contact Jane Jones (cjanejones@gmail.com, 01252 628961) by Friday if you would like to attend the service in Ss Philip & James Church on Sunday 27 September. Please note that face masks must be worn in church.

SPONSORED WALK UPDATE - Chris Riley successfully completed 21 miles, in aid of All Saints Fund and is now 94% of the way to his £3,000 target - so if you'd like to sponsor him to hit the target please go to uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ChristopherRiley4 or send cheques to the parish office.

PRAYER MEETING - Monday 21 September, 7.30pm-8.30pm via Zoom, the FACCTS directors would like to invite everyone to participate in a prayer meeting for our local schools and FACCTS' work within them. There never was a time when prayer for schools was more relevant! And it will give you a chance to meet the new workers, to see them in action and to join in commissioning them - connect via <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81393419632?pwd=czhUTkRuREw2bkV5KysyT1ZSNtk5Zz09> Meeting ID: 813 9341 9632, Passcode: 449890. To join by phone: dial 0203 901 7895 and enter the Meeting ID 813 9341 9632 and Passcode 449890.

KIDS CLOTHING BANK - A new project under the Hart Food Bank umbrella is hoping to start in October called "Kids Clothing Bank" providing school aged children's clothes to those in need. It will distribute clothes out of LivingStones. Volunteers are needed to man the bank for 2 hours on a Saturday or to wash, mend or iron clothes for the bank to distribute. Please watch the short video https://www.dropbox.com/s/djosuzdpqul6ib8/IMG_4961.MOV?dl=0 for more information or contact Emma Mabin, Emma@Mabin.co.uk.

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER FARM WALK CANCELLATION - The walk planned for Saturday 26 September, 2pm at Penn Croft Farm has been cancelled due to the new group of 6 meeting restrictions.

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 20 SEPTEMBER

Exodus 16.2-15 - *This is the first of the trials that God set His people; there will be more later. The word 'manna' – the bread – is derived from the Hebrew word 'man-hu' meaning 'What is it?'*

Psalms 105.1-6 & 37-45 - *Psalm 105 briefly recalls the history of the Jews. Verses 37-45 follow today's Old Testament reading and recount how God provided for them whilst in the wilderness.*

Philippians 1.21-30 - *Paul felt particularly close to the young church at Philippi as they had given him financial support earlier. The tenor of this letter was set when Paul was being held in prison whilst the Philippians themselves were experiencing hostility and persecution.*

Matthew 20.1-16 - *Matthew is addressing a Jewish readership who would traditionally regard themselves as being 'the chosen'. The parable runs parallel with a later one where guests fail to attend a master's wedding feast. Both stories end with 'Many are called but few are chosen'.*

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