

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

In these difficult times it is great to have some good news to share.

Next July we will be welcoming a Curate to our Parish. Her name is Cally Burch and she is currently in the last year of her training for the stipendiary ministry at St. Mellitus College in London. Like all the best people, Cally was born in Kent, but now lives near to Guildford. She is married to Rob and they have teenage children Emily and James.

Cally will be coming to train with us for Stipendiary ministry and is likely to be with us for three years or so. Please pray for her and for the family as they prepare for this new beginning.

Despite the difficult times we are in we are trying some new initiatives in the next week or so.

From 7th October we hope to open our Wednesday 9.30am Communion to a live congregation - no need to sign up, just come along. This service will also be livestreamed via Zoom - please note that you will need to connect on Zoom before 9.30am in order to join us.

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.

Stay well, stay safe, and call if you need any help! Remember Jesus is with you always - no matter where you are or what you are doing – you are never alone!

*May God bless you all,
Mark*



THIS WEEK

Sunday 4 October - 10.00am Morning Service*, Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
livestreamed via our [Facebook page](#) (no 'Zoom coffee' this week).

Wednesday 7 October - 9.30am Midweek Service, [Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#)

Thursday 8 October - 2.00pm Bible Study, [Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#)

Sunday 11 October - 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)* in Ss Philip & James Church (only)

10.00am Morning Service* in Ss Philip & James Church with Junior Church in Hall

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

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

PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER - SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

TODAY'S COLLECT Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK . . .

Those in urgent need of our prayers including... Ron Bartlett, Alona Beauchamp, Chris Butterfield, Angus Cairns, Barbara Main, John Simson and Timothy Rayment.

Members of our extended church family in need of our continuing prayers... Baby twins Aidan and Finn, Matthew Allen, 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, Barbara Simson, Barry Taylor, Eileen Taylor, Erica Taylor, Malcolm Taylor, Jean Thomas, Tyler Thompson, John Tillyer and Molly Wilson.

Those who have died recently... baby Luca.

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time... Graham Pool, Irene Bishop, Elizabeth Moon, John Lean, Ronald Sweetapple, Alan Roberts, Horace Dolton, Dorothy Main, Alice Clayson, Edward Brown.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 5 OCTOBER 2020

Meditation 'God is always bigger than the boxes we build for God.' *Richard Rohr*

We give thanks for those who minister to the hurt and traumatised in time of disaster.

Please pray...

Mon - For our gardeners and flower arrangers.

Tues - For the work of our local Anna chaplaincy with elderly people.

Wed - For children dealing with illness or disability, including young carers.

Thurs - For those who work in public services - especially those who work in local government in these turbulent times.

Fri - For those who suffer from heart disease.

Sat - For the care and nurture of our planet and the control of climate change.

Sun - For God's continuing ministry of healing amongst his people.

ALL WEEK, those who live in – The Bourne, The Brambles, The Cedars, The Croft, The Key, The Laurels.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

SERVICE IN CHURCH - Please contact Mary Goodson (01252 815103) **by Friday morning** if you would like to attend the service in Ss Philip & James Church on Sunday. Please note that face masks must be worn in church.

SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER - If you have children who would like to attend the Junior Church on 11 October please contact the Parish Office for more information.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) - Notice is given of a Meeting for the Election of Church Warden's followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Monday 19 October 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom. Access details for Zoom will be given nearer the date. The APCM will include the election of three members to the Deanery Synod and five members to the PCC. If you would like to stand for either the Deanery Synod or PCC please contact the Parish Office for nomination forms. Those elected to the Deanery Synod and PCC will be required to complete a Trustee Eligibility Declaration.

PARISH ANNUAL REPORTS - The Parish Annual Report and Annual Accounts are now available for viewing via the [Parish Website](#). If you are unable to download these documents please contact the Parish Office to obtain a copy. Please submit questions on the accounts prior to the APCM if possible to Mike Ford, mike.ford@ntlworld.com.

HART FOODBANK - Hart Foodbank are looking to appoint a Deputy Manager - this is a part-time role, details available in [this advert](#), or via Will Parker on 01252 622491, willandjan.parker@ntlworld.com.

RAISING FAITH - Join Katharine Hill and Andy Frost as they share ideas to help you explore your children's questions, inspire them to discover God in the everyday and more. Viewing dates: 6-8 October, 7.30pm. Book via the [Care for the Family website](#).

OCTOBER PARISH MAGAZINE - The Fleet Parish Magazine for October is available for collection from Ss Philip & James Church on Wednesday 10am-3pm and Sunday 12-3pm. This month's magazine is also available online via our parish website.

STEP BY STEP FUNDRAISER - 'Sleep out at Yours' - Friday 9 October, sleep out in your garden to support young people at risk of homelessness - see stepbystep.org.uk/sleepout for more details. £5 a ticket, and organise your own sponsorship using their JustGiving page or downloadable sponsorship form - the aim is to get sponsored and raise money for local young people facing homelessness but there's plenty of virtual entertainment lined up to make this a great evening.

ALL SAINTS UPDATE - The Covid 19 pandemic has changed everything, as you know, and has had its effect on every business and every project. For our rebuilding project it has made things harder, more complicated and more difficult to predict. We are still waiting for approval for our faculty application, which has been further complicated by the formal opposition of the Victorian Society. We have also found that the changing times and the passing of time have had an effect on the cost of the project, which together with our inability to fundraise for the last 6 months means we are falling seriously short of the funds necessary to complete the project. That being said, we are still waiting for the insurers to tell us how much they will be giving us, so the actual shortfall is still unknown. The intervention of the Victorian Society at this late stage may also mean that we may have to re-submit our plans to the planning authority! The PCC are of course resolved to rebuild All Saints for the benefit of the whole community, I am convinced that all will eventually come together for good, and we will get the building we need, but some challenging hurdles still lie ahead of us, and that is very frustrating. Our Parish AGM will be held VIA ZOOM on 19th October at 7.30 pm and there will be a fuller report and discussion there, by which time we hope to have a few more tangible facts and perhaps some good news for a change! Please continue to pray for this project!

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. New planned giving donors are always welcome, please contact the Parish Office if you'd like more details on the options available.



NOTES ON THE READINGS FOR SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER

[Exodus 20.1-17](#)

According to Jewish scriptures God had already given seven laws to all mankind at the time of Noah (the Noahide Laws). The significance of the Mosaic Law, that included the Ten Commandments, was that it was a New Covenant which, unlike the old, insisted that The Lord God was the only god and He should not be depicted in any material way (an idol or image) - unlike other religious practices of the time.

[Psalm 19](#)

The psalm celebrates God as the creator of Heaven, Nature and the Law. In ancient times the sun (v.4) was seen as a symbol of justice.

[Philippians 3.4b-14](#)

Earlier in the epistle Paul cautions his readers against itinerant preachers who insist that Christians must also follow Jewish practices. Paul here asserts that notwithstanding his Jewish credentials he now regards 'everything as a loss' and that he now sees the Law 'as rubbish in order that (he) may gain Christ'.

[Matthew 21.33-46](#)

This is one of the biting parables Jesus told in answer to the question by what authority did He preach. It appears in all three Synoptic Gospels but Matthew's account is the most acerbic by adding glosses, for example, "and stoned another" – a possible retrospective reference to the death of James.

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