



Parish of Fleet
All Saints
St Philip & St James

News Sheet for Sunday 17 January 2021 Second Sunday of Epiphany

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

I hope you are well and coping with these difficult and rapidly changing times.

'With angels and Archangels and all the company of heaven...'

We use these words when we gather to worship through the Eucharist as a reminder that when we pray or worship we do so as part of a vast network of Christian people, living and departed, all connected through our common faith in Jesus Christ.

I am struck by how important these words are at this time. The pandemic has meant that although we continue to pray and worship, we are often physically separated as we do so – some of us in church, some online, some joining later, some alone at home, some with a lively family. Though we are physically apart, the wonderful thing about prayer and worship is that they bring us together, in a way that nothing else – not even the phone or the internet – can!

Through Jesus we are connected, always, to one another, through him who is the true vine, and nothing can ever really separate us. As Paul wrote...

'For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.' Romans 8.38

So, prayer and worship, the bedrock of our lives as Christians, are not only needed more than ever because of the peril our world faces, but because it helps us to feel, and to be, less alone and more connected to all those we know and love - living and departed.

So please do stay connected! Join us for worship whenever you can – even if you are not able to join us in person or online, by saying your own prayers at the time that we are all worshipping. Please also 'double-down' on prayer at this crucial time – set aside some time to pray, every day, even if just for 5 minutes. You don't need special words (though you can find some [here on the Church of England website](#) if that would help) just tell God how you are feeling, and ask him to look after all those in need at this time. You might want also to ask him to look after NHS workers, teachers, food retailers, delivery drivers, emergency services, and all those who are on the frontline right now.

This Wednesday, instead of the Eucharist, we will be praying together via Zoom at 9.30am. This will be more interactive than in the past, but please join us to pray, even if you don't feel like praying aloud that will be fine! We will continue for now to offer services that can be attended in church because we believe it is right to do so. I would however encourage you to think whether if you are able to attend online, you might prefer to do so at this time, for the sake of us all.

God is faithful. He can and does answer our prayer and he will see us through these difficult times. Meanwhile, please stay safe, follow the rules, help others when you can safely do so, and keep praying!

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THIS WEEK

Sunday 17 January - 10.00am Morning Service, Ss Philip & James Church*,
livestreamed via our [Facebook page](#)
followed by 'Zoom Coffee', [Meeting ID: 761 9820 6224](#), Passcode: 1eGHjT

Wednesday 20 January - 9.30am Prayer Together, online only, [Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#)

Thursday 21 January - 2.00pm Bible Study, [Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#)

Sunday 24 January - 10.00am Morning Service, Ss Philip & James Church*, livestreamed via [Facebook](#)

* please sign up beforehand to attend Sunday 10.00am services in church in person, see inside for details.

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

PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 17 JANUARY - SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

TODAY'S COLLECT Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this 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, Angus Cairns, Tony Holbeche, Phyllis McGowan, Carol Paton and Timothy Rayment.

Members of our extended church family in need of our continuing prayers... Matthew Allen, Gladys Barber, Marion Brown, Patricia Bull, Dilys Denney, David and Yvonne Dunk, Jonathan Eddy, Joan Hall, Alan Harvey, Mollie Hayes, Dexter Heard, Sue Huddie, Catherine Holder, Garth Kellett, Bonnie Lewis, Roger Matcham, Sheila O'Connor, Gill Page, Matthew Parkes, John & Barbara Simson, Eileen Taylor, Erica Taylor, Jean Thomas, Tyler Thompson, John Tillyer and Molly Wilson.

Those who have died recently... Pearl (Frances) Draper and Philip Street.

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time... Millicent Cotterell, Violet South, Edith Binstead, Odell Brodie, Cecily Wollweber, Gill Aldridge, Montagu Champion-Jones, Beryl Cattell and Violet Stevens.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 18 JANUARY 2021

Meditation 'With God's purpose working in us, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask for or think of.' *Ephesians 3.20*

We give thanks for... those who grow and produce our food, and for those who work in retail at some risk to themselves.

Please pray...

Mon - For our PCC Meeting today.

Tues - For Frimley Park Hospital, Fleet Hospital, and our local surgeries and health centres.

Wed - For all young people having to make decisions for their future.

Thurs - For those who suffer from degenerative disease, and those who care for them.

Fri - For those involved in the vaccination programme.

Sat - For all carers and for a just provision of social care.

Sun - For the bereaved and those who minister to them.

ALL WEEK - For those who live in Douglas Court, Drovers End, Duke's Mead, Dunley Drive, Dunmow Hill, Durnsford Avenue.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

ALL SAINTS UPDATE

We now have a faculty (full approval) to begin the rebuilding of All Saints. Thanks be to God!

We are working with architects, builders, and others in putting together a phased plan that will allow the rebuilding of the church to begin ASAP and the completion of the whole project as soon as sufficient funds are raised.

Please be assured that the plan is to complete the whole project (church, annexe and landscaping) as soon as possible, but to complete as much of the work as can currently be afforded as quickly as possible.

To complete the work, it will be necessary to remove and dispose of a number of ancient gravestones (most of which are in a very poor state of repair) and we are working with the Chancellor and others on how to achieve this.

The Fundraising Team are working on ways of resuming the fundraising effort as soon as possible.

SERVICES IN CHURCH - Please contact Mary Goodson (01252 815103) by Friday if you would like to attend the 10.00am service in Ss Philip & James Church on Sunday. Face masks must be worn.

CELTIC MORNING PRAYER - Thursday 21 January, 9.30am via Zoom. Contact Jane Jones, cjanejones@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

JOB VACANCY - Waverley Abbey College are advertising for a College Manager and Academic Registrar - see the advert at tinyurl.com/y4sg4fq7 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 17 JANUARY

[1 Samuel 3.1-20](#) *God's message to Samuel was that God will wreak vengeance on the House of Eli for its sinful ways thus preparing the way for the appointment of David who will rule over and unite the kingdoms of Israel and Judah.*

[Psalm 139.1-5 & 12-18](#) This is a reflection of God's omniscience (knowledge of all things) and the fear of man under the eye of God; it echoes a similar passage in Job (Ch7v17).

[Revelation 5.1-10](#) *On reading Revelation one must always remember it is written in code to avoid censorship. Some passages such as the secret of life being revealed by the Lamb (of God) can be understood; others, though, still remain obscure.*

[John 1.43-51](#) *What we lose in our English translation, because today we only have one word for 'you', is our understanding that when Christ says to Nathanael 'I saw you (thee) under the fig tree' He was speaking to Nathanael personally. But when He says 'You (ye) shall see greater things' Christ is in effect addressing everyone.*

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