



Parish of Fleet  
All Saints  
St Philip & St James

## News Sheet for Sunday 28 February 2021 Second Sunday of Lent

### 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.

So, we have a roadmap leading us back to better times. I read about someone whose adult son asked them 'a roadmap, is that like Google maps?'. In other words, there is at least one generation of people who will not have seen a road map, one of those dog-eared oversized books we used to keep in our glove compartments and so perhaps will not be quite sure what is meant by a road map.

The government have given us a sequence of events, with caveats and conditions, pointing us towards a gradual emergence from our current state of lockdown and towards something beyond – whatever that turns out to be. This comes to us as a great sign of hope and progress and will be great news for all, especially those whose businesses have been in limbo and those who have been separated from family and friends for so long. The thing about a roadmap however is that it can only guide us from where we are to where we hope to arrive – it cannot tell us how long it will take to get there, what we might encounter along the way, or what we might find when we get there - we need google maps for that!

Likewise, we still face uncertain times as we negotiate our journey out of lock down, and none of can be sure how long it will take or what life will be like on the other side. We must prepare ourselves I think for some surprises - some bad, a lot I hope, good!

It is time perhaps to start thinking about a roadmap for our future life as a parish. We have been able to keep a lot of things going over the past year, but just as many have been put on hold. We need to start thinking about how we can safely and responsibly start broadening the range of things we do and the activities we are involved in. Our social life, our hospitality, our youth work, weddings, baptisms, discipleship – all these of been either severely restricted or on hold over the last year. We must not simply start up everything we were doing in the same way we were doing it. That would be a wasted opportunity, even were it possible. A roadmap never leads us back to where we started!

We need to consider together what the parish of Fleet needs to be in 2021 and beyond in order to serve God and his people, especially those people who are too young to have ever seen a roadmap, but to who Google is second nature. We need to ensure that all involved flourish and live life in abundance. This is the time to ask questions about what God is calling us to be and do, what we might do better in partnership with others, and what it might be better to leave to those who are better equipped than us to do it.

All this will be a challenge, but it will also be exciting - and all of it will need you, to be involved, to get excited, to pray, to be open to new possibilities.

I look forward very much to our journey together.

Mark

### THIS WEEK

**Sunday 28 February** - 10.00am Morning Service, Ss Philip & James Church\*,  
livestreamed via our [Facebook page](#)  
followed by 'Zoom Coffee', [Meeting ID: 761 9820 6224](#), Passcode: 1eGHjT

**Monday, Wednesday and Fridays** - 12.00noon Lent Reflections via our [Facebook page](#)

**Wednesday 3 March** - 9.30am Prayer Together, online only, [Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#)

**Thursday 4 March** - 2.00pm Bible Study, [Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#)

**Sunday 7 March** - 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 28 FEBRUARY - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**TODAY'S COLLECT** Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**Those in urgent need of our prayers including...** Chris Butterfield, Angus Cairns, Tony Holbeche, Babs King, Phyllis McGowan, Carol Paton and Timothy Rayment.

**Members of our extended church family in need of our continuing prayers...** Matthew Allen, Gladys Barber, Alona Beauchamp, Marion Brown, Patricia Bull, Dilys Denney, David & Yvonne Dunk, Joan Hall, Alan Harvey, Dexter Heard, Sue Huddie, 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...** John Ball, Mollie Hayes, Kenneth Lloyd, Margaret Steele and Joan Stock.

**Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time...** Andrea Roberts, Simon Harvey, Peter Pimm, Walter Pennell, Janet Ellen, Albert South, Gladys Ashdown, Patrick Torrie, Peggy Mason, Victor Carr, Jennette Wickes, Anthea Skellett, Joyce Russell, Anthony Brown, Dorothy Middleton, Molly Phillips and Pamela Pool.

### PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 1 MARCH 2021

Meditation: 'But now, says the Lord, come back to me with all your heart...Return to the Lord, your God, for he is all tenderness and compassion, slow to anger and rich in steadfast love'. Joel 2.

We give thanks for...the inexhaustible forgiveness of God, which moves us to repentance.

Please pray...

Mon - For those suffering the consequences of isolation and separation from their families.

Tues - For girls and young women denied an education because of their gender. For all victims of discrimination.

Wed - For the grieving and those arranging funerals.

Thurs - For the Government and people of Libya.

Fri - For families in conflict, that God will bring healing and reconciliation.

Sat - For those who suffer from dementia.

Sun - For those we have wronged, those who have wronged us, and those we find it hard to forgive.

ALL WEEK -

For Funeral Directors – especially Goddards, Holmes and the Co-op.

For All Saints School, Tavistock, Velmead, Heatherside, Fleet Infants, Elvetham Heath, Court Moor and Calthorpe Park. For all the nurseries, preschools and child-minding services of our town.

For Frimley Park Hospital, Fleet Hospital, Fleet Medical Centre, Branksomewood Healthcare Centre, Richmond Surgery – and all vaccination centres.

For all working to bring us our food and essential supplies.

For those who live in Gorseway, Gough Road, Grantley Drive, Greenways, Guernsey Drive and Guildford Road.

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

**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.

**PRAYER ON WEDNESDAYS** - You can also join by phone to the prayers on Wednesday mornings at 9.30am - just ring 0131 460 1196.

**PARISH MAGAZINE** - The March magazine is available for collection at P&J on Wednesdays & Sundays and also outside FPCC 9am-3pm until Friday 5 March. It can also be accessed online through the parish website.

**MOTHERING SUNDAY** - On Mothering Sunday (14 March) at our 10.00am livestreamed service we hope to commemorate with a 'Cross of flowers' (artificial) all mothers we will be thinking of on that day, living or departed. If you would like to include your mother by name in this, please send her name to vicar@parishoffleet.org.uk by Thursday 11 March. There will also be an 8.00am BCP service (in church only) and an 11.30am family service (on Zoom only) on that day.

**ANNUAL PARISH REPORT** - We would normally be compiling our Annual Parish Report at this time, however with most of our church activities having come to an abrupt halt the report will look somewhat different this year. If you are normally responsible for submitting a report and your group/committee/activity has in some way been able to continue or meet during brief periods when we haven't been in lockdown we would love to hear from you. Please send your submissions to Claire - [clholt@ntlworld.com](mailto:clholt@ntlworld.com) by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

**CHRISTMAS ANGELS 2021** - It may seem early but...not if you are a knitter! Firstly, thank you all for your wonderful efforts in knitting Angels for 2020. Local care homes and LivingStones benefited. We would be grateful if you would continue knitting Angels. If you have trouble sourcing wool contact Sue. Completed Angels can be delivered to her or straight to LivingStones. Thank you all so much, the Angels bring comfort and joy to all who receive them in our community and are much appreciated. Sue Butterfield 01252 621786

**VOLUNTEER PARISH NURSE** - St Paul's, Camberley are advertising for a part-time NMC registered nurse, for more details please see [the advert here](#) or ring Mrs Helen Vince on 01276 700210.

**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 28 FEBRUARY

[Genesis 17.1-7 & 15-16](#) *This is one of the accounts we have of the original Covenant being given. Here Abram's new name 'Abraham' (ab hamon in Hebrew) means 'Father of the Multitude'.*

[Psalm 22.23-31](#) *Here is the second part of the psalm quoted by Jesus on the cross. The persecuted innocent man (verses 1-21) now gives praise and thanks to God for his rescue.*

[Romans 4.13-25](#) *Paul was writing as a Pharisee to a Jewish readership whose religious life was circumscribed by the Law. He points out that Abraham received God's covenant - and accepted it by faith - before even the Law had been given to Moses. Thus likewise, by faith, his readers should accept God's promises without being hindered by the Law.*

[Mark 8.31-38](#) *This passage immediately follows Peter's confession of faith 'You are the Christ' but Peter still sees Jesus as the traditionally conceived Saviour (the Messiah) and not the suffering servant - hence Christ's rebuke to Peter. Mark uses Christ's sharp retort to illustrate how wrong Peter was.*

## PARISH CONTACTS

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