



Parish of Fleet
All Saints
St Philip & St James

News Sheet for Sunday 12 September 2021 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Dear Friends,

I hope you are all well and coping with these ever-changing times. Today I would like to invite you to..

WORSHIP – Please consider coming back to church! If you are one of those who has not yet taken this step following lockdown, please consider joining us for one of our services during the week – we miss you and our worship will be enriched if you are there – there is nothing like actually being there! If you still prefer to join us online, well that is lovely too - we will keep on Livestreaming for as long as is needed.

PRAY - Do come along to our prayer morning next Saturday 18th in the churchyard at All Saints (more details elsewhere in this sheet). This is a very special opportunity to pray together in an interactive and uplifting way.

LEARN – Online Bible study will begin again this week on Thursday at 2pm. We will be looking at the short but lovely book of Ruth – do join us! <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5089713920>

GROW – We will be running a course in the basics of the Christian faith for anyone who would value it - those who wish to be confirmed, those who want to know more about Christianity, those who want to refresh their knowledge. This will be a six week course on Saturday mornings between 10 and 12 from 3rd October at P&J. Contact me if you would like to join in - vicar@parishoffleet.org.uk 01252 219281

SHARE – We all know people who would not yet consider themselves Christians, but who might be encouraged to find out a bit more of what our faith is all about. Encourage them to come to the Archbishop's 'Big Questions' event. Best of all, take them along yourself – there are plenty of places available still.

'Big Questions' with the Archbishop of Canterbury - an event for guests - Sunday 26 September, 10.00 am at the Empire, Aldershot.

The Archbishop will respond to questions from the public at this event and speak on how to find security and hope in uncertain times. **This event is only for church members bringing guests, or guests booking places on their own.** We hope that those attending will receive invitations to explore faith in local parishes. Register at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/big-questions-with-the-archbishop-of-canterbury-aldershot-tickets-162248578867

THIS WEEK

The Coffee Bar at Fleet Parish Community Centre is open on Tuesdays, Wednesday & Fridays, 10am-12pm.

Sunday 12 September - 8.00am Holy Communion, Ss Philip & James Church

10.00am Eucharist at Ss Philip & James Church , livestreamed via [Facebook](#)

12.00pm Baptism Service, Ss Philip & James Church

Wednesday 15 September - 9.30am Communion, Ss Philip & James Church and [Zoom ID: 5089713920](#)

Saturday 18 September - 10.00am-12.00pm, Prayer Morning, All Saints churchyard (FPCC if raining)

Sunday 19 September - 10.00am Eucharist at Ss Philip & James Church , livestreamed via [Facebook](#)

11.30am Family Worship, Ss Philip & James Church

PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 12 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... Carol Beynon, Melanie Brant, Chris Butterfield, Angus Cairns, Phyllis McGowan, Carol Paton, Peter Rogers, John Simson, Tyler Thompson.

Members of our extended church family in need of our continuing prayers... Matthew Allen, Gladys Barber, Alona Beauchamp, Marion Brown, Dilys Denney, David & Yvonne Dunk, Joan Hall, Alan Harvey, Dexter Heard, Michael Heard, Tony Holbeche, Sue Huddie, Garth Kellett, Bonnie Lewis, Sheila O'Connor, Gill Page, Matthew Parkes, John & Barbara Simson, Dee Stephenson, Eileen Taylor, Erica Taylor, Jean Thomas, John Tillyer and Molly Wilson.

Those who have died recently... Bill Gordon.

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time... Rose Weare, Sydney Wallace, Grace Collins, Hilda Williams, John Goddard, Basil Thorne, Marcus Griggs, Leslie Mason, Leonard Dicker, Gertrude Marchant, Betty Dundas, Clifford Goddard, Jeannette Cairns and Evelyn Griffith.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 13 SEPTEMBER

Meditation 'When a great moment knocks on the door of your life, it is often no louder than the beating of your heart, and it is very easy to miss it.' *Boris Pasternak*

We give thanks for the beauty, fruitfulness and diversity of the natural world.

Please pray...

Mon - For those working to promote the care of our environment.

Tue (Holy Cross Day) - For all who are in pain today, for whatever reason. May the cross of Christ strengthen them and reassure them that better times always lie ahead.

Wed (Cyprian, Bishop & Martyr) - For all persecuted Christians around the world.

Thu (St. Ninian) - For the people of Scotland and for members of the Scottish Assembly. We pray for God's guidance over the future of the Union.

Fri (Hildegard, abbess, visionary, musician) - For those who campaign for gender equality in our world today. Also, for women who suffer abuse of all kinds and those who support them.

Sat (Theodore, Archbishop) - For those who serve us in Diocesan House.

Sun - For the people of Haiti, and all victims of natural disaster in recent weeks.

ALL WEEK - St. Nicholas Close, St. Swithuns Road, Stanton Drive, Station Approach, Stephens Drive, Stockbridge Road.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

ALL SAINTS UPDATE - Work continues on the building project – please pray for all onsite.

We live in extraordinary times and these bring challenges! Material shortages, asbestos removal, and unforeseen problems with the church floor mean that that phase one of the project is now scheduled to be completed in October 2022.

Work continues on designs for the rose window, furnishings and fittings, the organ and of course fund raising for phase 2!

PRAYER MORNING - Saturday 18 September, 10.00am-12.00pm, All Saints Churchyard (or inside FPCC if raining). Join with us at 10.00am for an opening prayer before moving through the prayer stations at your own pace. Refreshments will be available around 11.20am.

PRAYER MORNING HELPERS - Saturday 18 September, 9.30am-12.00pm, All Saints Churchyard. Could you help with the prayer morning in some way, perhaps by 'looking after' a prayer station? Please contact Cally Burch for more details.

DRIBBLES AND GIGGLES - Fridays, 10.00am-12.00pm, our popular group for bumps, babies & toddlers with their parents/carers/grandparents has returned. Free entry, refreshments available from our coffee bar.

ASHANTI FUNDRAISER - Saturday 11 September, 2pm, Judy Keep's sponsored walk for the charity Ashanti Development (bringing water, health care, sanitation, education and income generation to Ashanti, Ghana) is still open for sponsorship! Contact Judy Keep (01252 615995) or see details of the charity at www.ashantidevelopment.org).

JOB VACANCY - St John's Hartley Wintney are advertising for a Benefice Administrator, see www.stjohnshw.org.uk/vacancies/

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 12 SEPTEMBER

[Isaiah 35.4-7a](#)

This is part of a prophetic poem written at the end of the Exile in Babylon that describes the reclaiming of the waterless desert and the banishment of Israel's enemies.

[James 2.1-17](#)

Throughout James' epistle there is the constant message – faith without (good) works is dead.

[Mark 7.24-37](#)

Jewish writers used to refer to the Gentiles derogatively as 'dogs'. Here, in the original Greek, the word used is 'puppies' thus Mark softens Christ's words and prepares his readers for the interplay of words that follow. Christ's words and prepares his readers for the interplay of words that follow.

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