



Parish of Fleet

All Saints

St Philip & St James

News Sheet for Sunday 26 September 2021 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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

It's wonderful to see All Saints Church being rebuilt after these long years of waiting. At our prayer day last Saturday (which was also wonderful, by the way), we began by reading our special rebuilding prayer...

Heavenly Father, we want to rebuild our church in such a way that it will honour you and serve our community, yet we know that unless YOU are the builder we labour in vain.

Therefore, we place this project into YOUR hands.

May we build upon the foundations of your will and purpose for us.

May we work together to achieve something lovely for you.

May all obstacles be swept away on a tide of your grace.

May the money, resources, good will and wise counsel, that we need to complete the task be released to us in abundance.

May our eyes be fixed firmly upon all that you want us to achieve, building up both this church and your kingdom.

Finally, keep us steadfast in our determination, and firm in our faith, especially when we are discouraged or distracted.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ - Craftsman, Saviour and Lord. Amen.

It really struck me, reading that prayer that every line of it applies just as much to the rebuilding of the **people** of our church as it does to our building!

We have been through the most extraordinary time over the last few years and we need rebuilding just as much as the church building does. The same is true of our worship, our prayer life, our children's work, our outreach - in fact everything we do.

So, let's make this our prayer for the **whole** Parish of Fleet, as we undertake a rebuilding project for us all and all we do.

As with all rebuilding - it will not be easy, and it will not be quick. It will not be achieved by pleasing everyone, and it will not be without pain or cost. It is however necessary, and as with all we do, if God is behind it and we focus on pleasing him above all else – then it will be successful and fruitful in abundance.

So please let us be patient and generous with one another and with ourselves, and let's look forward not back as we seek to build something beautiful and glorious for God in Fleet – not just with bricks and mortar, but with peoples, prayers and praises!

May God truly bless you all. Mark

THIS WEEK

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

Sunday 26 September - 8.00am Holy Communion at Ss Philip & James Church

(No 10.00am service this morning due to Archbishop of Canterbury's event)

12.00pm Baptism Service, Ss Philip & James Church

Wednesday 29 September - 9.30am Communion, Ss Philip & James Church and [Zoom ID: 5089713920](#)

Thursday 30 September - 2.00pm Bible Study via [Zoom ID: 5089713920](#)

Sunday 3 October - 10.00am Eucharist at Ss Philip & James Church, livestreamed via [Facebook](#)

11.30am Eucharist at Fleet Parish Community Centre

6.30pm Choral Evensong, Ss Philip & James Church

Ss Philip & James Church is open for prayer Wednesdays 10.00am-3.00pm & Sundays 12noon-1.30pm.

PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER - 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... Carol Beynon, Melanie Brant, Chris Butterfield, Angus Cairns, Phyllis McGowan, Carol Paton, Peter Rogers, 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...

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time... Frank Hall, Ida Bauden, Estelle Davidson, Robert Harlick, Marjorie Robarts, Joan Jaynes, Frederick Watson, Thomas Chatziapostolou, John Cairns, Spencer Welch, Isabella Hill.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 27 SEPTEMBER

Meditation 'Tears are prayers too. They travel to God when we cannot speak.' *Psalm 56.8*

We give thanks for those who put their own lives at risk to ensure our safety and security.

Please pray...

Mon - For the people of Gabon and the Congo.

Tues - For those who work in the charity shops of our town.

Wed - (St. Michael and All Angels) For those who serve in the armed forces and for their chaplains.

Thurs - (St. Therese of Lisieux) For children and all who minister to them in our parish.

Fri - (The Holy Guardian Angels) – For all carers, for those we care for and those who care for us.

Sat - (St. Francis of Assisi) For Christians of the Franciscan order.

Sun - For those who suffer from leukaemia.

ALL WEEK - Those who live in Tadley Close, Tamworth Drive, Tavistock Road, The Aloes, The Avenue and The Bogs.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

HARVEST - We will be having a collection for Foodbank at the 10.00am (Ss Philip & James Church) and 11.30am (FPCC) services on Sunday 3 October. The list of items requested by the Foodbank is
Tins: fruit, meat, potatoes, vegetables. Packets: teabags, rice, sponge puddings.

WALK THE WAY - Saturday 9 October, Walk the Way to support the Bishop of Guildford's Communities fund. Cally and Jane are walking from Puttenham to Guildford (5 miles). If you'd like to join the walk, or walk from Farnham, contact Cally or Jane.

FOLLIES@FLEET - Saturday 23 October Follies@Fleet present "Champagne Velvet" - a fun cocktail of music, song and laughter in aid of All Saints Fund. 6.30- 7.45 pm at SS P & J. Tickets £10 (including a glass of wine) from anne.smith33@btinternet.com or 01252 624171

BRENDONCARE - You may be aware the Brendoncare Clubs are beginning to reopen in Fleet at the Guide Hall on Basingbourne Road on Wednesday afternoons - if you're interested in a free taster session please contact Julie Edyvean, 07467 955863. They are also advertising two paid roles, please see their website for details <https://brendoncarefoundation.livevacancies.co.uk/#/job/details/674?target=frame>

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 26 SEPTEMBER

[Numbers 11.4-6 & 10-16 & 24-29](#)

This is only part of a much longer story in which the Israelites, having rebelled, would have had their prayers for food granted by God who provided a surfeit of quails. The rather inconclusive accounts of prophecies are thought to be additions to the text from other sources.

[James 5.13-20](#)

This important passage is regarded as the authority in the New Testament for two of the (R.C. & Orthodox) Church's sacraments namely Confession and Anointing the Sick. Although they are practised by the Anglican Church today strictly speaking they are not called sacraments.

[Mark 9.38-50](#)

Christ here uses extreme and graphic imagery traditionally found in Hebrew literature to illustrate a point. The reference to worms and fire is from Isaiah (Ch.66v24) describing Hell and the perpetual decomposition of flesh.

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