



## News Sheet for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Easter 2

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

**Alleluia, he is risen! He is risen indeed – Alleluia!**

I do hope that you all had a really lovely Easter. From my point of view, I believe this was one of the best Holy week and Easter seasons we have had in a long time, and thank you to all those who worked so hard to make it special, and to all those who came along – especially those who haven't been able to make it to church for some time - your presence with us was such a blessing!

This Sunday we hear the story of 'Doubting Thomas', though I always think that is an unkind and undeserved name to give him. By the end of the story, Thomas shows a deeper and more sophisticated belief than any of the others as he had learnt an important lesson. The best way to have an encounter with the living Jesus is to gather with other Christians - you will always find him there – and have your faith strengthened!

We have a busy and important time ahead of us.

This **Saturday at 10 am** at FPCC we will be giving a presentation on the progress of our All-Saints Church rebuilding project.

On **Sunday, at 10 am** we will be worshipping together at P&J.

On **Monday at 7.30 pm** we will be meeting for our Parish AGM. This will now be at FPCC, so please do be sure to come to the right place!

Next **Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> of May**, we will celebrate the patronal festival of St. Philip and James – at P&J of course.

Looking forward there will be a wonderful opportunity to worship with all Christians of Fleet and Church Crookham in Ghurkha Square on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June** which is both Pentecost and the weekend of the Queen's Platinum jubilee. **PLEASE DO PUT THIS IN YOUR DIARY AND BE SURE TO COME! There will be no services in our churches on that day.**

May God bless you all,

*Mark*

### **THIS WEEK**

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

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April** - 10am Eucharist at Ss Philip & James Church, livestreamed via [Facebook](#)

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April** - 11.00am Prayer Group, Ss Philip and James Church

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April** - 9.30am Midweek service at Ss Philip & James Church

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April** - 5.00pm Youth Group, Ss Philip & James Hall

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May** - 10am Eucharist at Ss Philip & James Church, livestreamed via [Facebook](#)

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

## PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 24 APRIL - EASTER 2

**TODAY'S COLLECT** Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love. in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

**Those in urgent need of our prayers including...** Alona Beauchamp, Jean Belgrove, Carol Beynon, Melanie Brant, Chris Butterfield, Angus Cairns, Carol Paton, Peter Rogers, Michael Standen, Tyler Thompson, Lucy Tyler, Clare and family, Phillip.

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

**Those who have died recently** Barbara Simson, Phyllis McGowan.

**Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time...** Olive Taylor, Winifred South, (Group Captain) Reg Hallam, Alwyne Hallam, Nancy Payne, Susan Bowen, Mollie Butt, Patricia Greenway, Ronald Hill, Geoffrey Linton, Joyce Gordon, Philip Nicholson.

### PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 25 APRIL 2022

**Meditation:** 'In a world so torn apart by rivalry, anger, and hatred, we have the privileged vocation to be living signs of a love that can bridge all divisions and heal all wounds.' Henri Nouwen.

**We give thanks** for those who work to bring us the goods and services we rely upon.

**Please pray....**

**Mon** - For our Parish AGM today and for those who will be elected to office.

**Tues** - For children and young people facing changes in the months ahead.

**Wed** - For those suffering from Dementia.

**Thurs** - For our Police, Fire and Ambulance services.

**Fri** - For those in need of forgiveness, and those we need to forgive.

**Sat** - For grace to celebrate diversity in faith and religion across our world.

**Sun** - For our Parish and congregations on the feast of St. Philip and St. James.

**ALL WEEK** – For those who put their lives in danger to care for us and to provide for what we need. For those who live in Kings Worthy Road, Kingscroft, Kingsley Square, Kintbury Close, Knights Enham Drive, Knoll Close.

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

**VESTRY MEETING** - The Vestry Meeting will be held on Monday 25 April 2022 at 7.30pm **now at FPCC**. Elections will take place for the Churchwardens. Nomination Papers for these elections will be in the churches and also available via the parish website. All persons whose names are entered on the church electoral roll of the parish and all persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on the register of local government electors are entitled to attend and vote for Churchwardens at the Vestry Meeting. Only those whose names appear on the Electoral Roll can hold these positions, or propose or second candidates.

**APCM** - The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on 25 April immediately following the Vestry Meeting **now at FPCC**. Elections will take place for 3 members of the Parochial Church Council. Only those whose names appear on the Electoral Roll can hold these positions, or propose and second candidates. Papers for nominations to the PCC will be posted in the churches a few weeks prior to the meeting and also available for download from the parish website.

**ELECTORAL ROLL** - The Revision of the Electoral Roll closed on 25th March, the completed roll will be on display in Ss Philip & James Church from Monday 11th April and in the Parish Office after the Easter break.

**REQUEST FOR DRIVERS** - Some of our older fellow worshippers have had to give up driving. Can you offer a lift to the service you go to? Please contact Jenny Thorne on 01252 617108 for more details.

**CONCERT IN AID OF ALL SAINTS** - Saturday 7 May, 7.30 pm, The Church on the Heath. Fleet Concert Orchestra (over 40 players) performs Mendelssohn Hebrides Overture, Beethoven Symphony No 4 and Reinecke's Flute Concerto, with Nick Cartledge on flute and Andrew Gray conducting. Tickets £15 to include a glass of wine from [anne.smith33@btinternet.com](mailto:anne.smith33@btinternet.com), 01252 624171.

**BABY SAINTS** - The next one is on Wednesday 4 May and we look forward to seeing you there. For more information please contact Cally.

**AFTERNOON TEA AND CHAT** - Our next Afternoon Tea & Chat will be on Tuesday 26 April. Come for a delicious home-made tea and a chance to meet with old friends & new. 1.45pm-3.30pm, Fleet Parish Community Centre, all welcome.

**ROSE WINDOW** - Would you like to have your name or the name of a loved one written on a leaf in the new Rose Window at All Saints Church? Each leaf is £100 and there are 150 in total. Full details are in the April Parish Magazine (p20) which includes a picture of the design. Please note that all names and donations need to be provided by Friday 13 May. For more details contact Elizabeth Waller (01252 613156) or the Parish Office.

**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.



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## **Vicar's Report to the APCM - April 2022 (I will talk about these some more, and answer questions at the APCM)**

### **THANKS BE TO GOD..**

- For all that we learned and were blest by during lockdown.
- That we are now able to worship, gather, sing, pray, socialize, and serve without restriction.
- For all those who used their time, talents, ingenuity, and resources in the service of God and his church during these difficult times.
- For new people having joined us – online and in person - especially Cally Burch who came to minister alongside us in July
- For all of you - your support, resilience, faithfulness, and good humour - all of which have been such a blessing!

### **WHERE ARE WE NOW?**

- **In good shape**, and ready for the challenges ahead.
- **Leaner!** There are fewer of us, and many are exhausted and in need of refreshment.
- **Blest with huge opportunities** to serve God and his people! The world is different 'Post Covid' and we must adapt what we do to suit that new world and embrace the opportunities that lie before us.
- **At a Crossroads** - shall we go back? Shall we split and go off in different directions? Shall we go forward together into God's new future?

### **WHAT DO WE NEED?**

- **To work together more than ever before.** We are one parish, led by one ministry team, serving one community of Fleet. In future we need to share our resources across the parish where they are most needed. This includes our musical resources, with which we have been richly blest!
- **To develop a programme of worship that truly honours God** and enables people of all ages and backgrounds to join us. To do the same kind of service in two different locations at the same time is a shocking waste of time and opportunity! We will continue to provide for those who prefer traditional worship, but will also offer a wider menu of worship some Eucharistic and some not.
- **To get younger!** I sense that God is already beginning to do this for us, but we need to be able to provide good quality ministry with children and families, in a safe environment for all, and without wearing out our junior church and youth leaders.
- **To get our Coffee bar and Community lunches back to full strength.** These are tools in in our work of mission and outreach and have been greatly missed. We have relied upon a small group of people to provide these for far too long - they must be succeeded by a new team who are ready to take up the baton!
- **To be ready to grasp the enormous opportunity that will be presented by the reopening of All Saints!**
- **To find new people** to fill a wide array of roles and responsibilities that are currently vacant or carried by people who already have too much on their plate. You will be hearing more about this soon!
- **To pray constantly!** Together and alone – this is the engine room of all we do and our most important responsibility.