



Parish of Fleet

All Saints

St Philip & St James

News Sheet for
Sunday 2 April 2023 - Palm Sunday
Sunday 9 April - Easter Day
Sunday 16 April - 2nd Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our worship.

Welcome to our three-Sunday edition of the news sheet over Holy week and Easter. Do check the times and places of the services below and on our website. There is something for everyone and we do look forward to welcoming you to both our churches over Easter time. Lent has been a time of journeying, of going deeper, of reflection and transformation. We have shared an enriching time of Ignatian reflection on Tuesday evenings and for some of us an exciting trip to Coventry Cathedral with its theme of new beginnings rising from a place of despair and destruction.

We have shared the story of Easter with care home residents and with children from Velmead school and also with our P & J pre-schoolers. In each place there has been time for reflection and encounter. For some, the journey has taken an unexpected turn and we continue to pray with and for Mark, for healing and recovery. In Holy week the going becomes challenging as we celebrate Jesus' last supper, watch and pray with him at Gethsemane and then walk the journey of the cross together on Good Friday (with three different services on offer). Doing the journey is important as we experience together Jesus' betrayal, his pain and suffering, the fear and the waiting. Placing our own struggles and suffering at the cross helps us know that God's love never leaves us, even in death and that we can celebrate the joy of forgiveness and eternal life as we greet each other on Easter morning with the acclamation, 'Christ is risen, he is risen indeed'. For the early risers, do join us at 7.30am at P & J as we light our Paschal candles and celebrate the light of Christ in our churches and the world.

May God bless you richly this Holy Week and Easter,
Jane.

THIS WEEK

W/c 2 April the Coffee Bar is open Tuesday and Wednesday, 10.00am-12.00pm and closed from 7-18 April

Sunday 2 April - 10.00am Palm Sunday Eucharist, All Saints Church
6.30pm Choral Evensong, All Saints Church

Tuesday 4 April - 11.00am Prayer Group, Ss Philip & James Church

Wednesday 5 April - 9.30am Holy Communion, Ss Philip & James Church
10.30am Baby Saints, Fleet Parish Community Centre

Thursday 6 April (Maundy Thursday) - 7.30pm Eucharist with foot washing and veneration of the Blessed Sacrament, Ss Philip & James Church

Friday 7 April (Good Friday) - 10.00am Journey to the Cross (All-age service), Ss Philip & James Church
11.30am Proclamation of the Cross, All Saints Church
2.00pm Tenebrae (service of music and reflection), All Saints Church

Sunday 9 April (Easter Day) - 7.30am Lighting of the Easter Fire, Ss Philip & James Church
8.00am Holy Communion, Ss Philip & James Church
10.00am Parish Eucharist led by Archdeacon Paul Davies, All Saints Church
10.00am Simple Eucharist, Ss Philip & James Church

Tuesday 11 April - 11.00am Prayer Group, Ss Philip & James Church
3.00pm Funeral of Margaret Dean

Sunday 16 April - 10.00am Eucharist led by Reverend Haydon Wilcox, All Saints Church

Ss Philip & James Church is open for prayer Wednesdays 11.00am-1.30pm & Sundays 12noon-3.00pm.

PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 2 APRIL - PALM SUNDAY

TODAY'S COLLECT True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK . . .

Those in urgent need of our prayers including: Alona Beauchamp, Jean Belgrove, Marcia Farrey, Mark Hayton, Giorgia Laughton, Carol Paton, Peter Rogers, John Simson, Tyler Thompson, Lucy Tyler, Phillip, Garth and Judy Kellett, Peter, Louise, Chris and Diana.

Members of our extended church family in need of our continuing prayers: Matthew Allen, Gladys Barber, Melanie Brant, Marion Brown, Xander Coleman-Day, Yvonne Dunk, Joan Hall, Alan Harvey, Dexter Heard, Michael Heard, Tony Holbeche, Bonnie Lewis, Barbara Main, Sheila O'Connor, Gill Page, Michael Standen, Eileen Taylor, Erica Taylor, Molly Wilson, Clare and family.

Those who have died recently: Margaret Dean, Daphne Wilkins.

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time: Gladys Wallace, Leslie Hudson, Kenneth Barraclough, George Shaw, Alfred Rudd, Winifred Talbot, William Freeman, Anna Boyton, Geoffrey Crossman, Theodore Wollwebber, Bunty Hunt, Barbara Simson.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 3 APRIL 2023

Meditation 'Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.' *Max Lucado*

We give thanks that Jesus shares our suffering and stands besides us in our times of need.

Please pray...

Mon - For refugees and those offering them refuge.

Tues - For those suffering from constant pain.

Wed - For our 'Baby Saints' and baptism families and all families with very young children.

Thurs - For those we encounter as we go about our everyday lives.

Fri - For those in need of spring, especially those who find winter challenging.

Sat - For those who wait - for news, for treatment, for relief, for change.

Sun - That God will bring revival to our nation and raise up many to serve him in ministries of all kinds.

ALL WEEK - For those who are disproportionately bearing the brunt of climate change.

For those who live in Ibworth Lane, Inholmes Drive, Itchell Drive.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 2 APRIL

[Matthew 26.14 - 27.66](#)

[Matthew 21.1-11](#)

PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 9 APRIL - EASTER DAY

TODAY'S COLLECT God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 10 APRIL 2023

Meditation 'Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world. All things break, and all things can be mended. Not with time, as they say, but with intention. So go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally. The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you.' *L.R. Knost*

We give thanks for the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been saved.

Please pray...

Mon - For those who work in schools and all families currently on school holiday.

Tues - For those who produce, transport, distribute or sell us our food and essential supplies.

Wed - For those suffering from abdominal diseases.

Thurs - For our bishops, archdeacons and diocesan clergy.

Fri - For all who suffer unjustly at the hands of others.

Sat - That children of all genders in all places in our world may receive the education they need.

Sun - For new life for all and hope for the world.

ALL WEEK - For those who live in Jersey Close, Keats Gardens, Kenilworth Crescent, Kenilworth Road, Kent Road and Kentwith Avenue.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 9 APRIL

[Acts 10.34-43](#)

[John 20.1-18](#)

PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 16 APRIL - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

TODAY'S COLLECT Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

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.

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PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 17 APRIL 2023

Meditation 'Learn to love the creator in his creation, the worker in his work. Don't be so fascinated by things created that you forget the one who created them all.' *St. Augustine*

We give thanks for resurrection experienced in our world and in our lives.

Please pray...

Mon - For those who work in refuse disposal.

Tues - For Médecins Sans Frontières and all who bring healing and relief in places of disaster.

Wed - For all who are lonely, fearful or depressed.

Thurs - For those who work in theatre, cinema and the arts.

Fri - For those struggling financially.

Sat - For all serving in the armed forces abroad, and for their families.

Sun - For all who teach, preach or interpret the word of God.

ALL WEEK - For those who live in Kerry Close, Kevins Grove, Kimpton Drive, King Henry Road, King John Street and Kings Road.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 16 APRIL

[Acts 2.14a,22-32](#)

[John 20.19-31](#)

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

WEDNESDAY MORNING SERVICES - Wednesday 5 April, 9.30am in Ss Philip & James Church will be a Holy Communion service. There is no service on 12 April.

PARISH OFFICE AND COFFEE BAR CLOSURES - The Parish Office will be manned by volunteers on Tuesday 4 & Wednesday 5 April and then closed until Monday 17 April. The Coffee Bar is closed on Good Friday (7 April) and for the whole of the week after Easter, reopening on Tuesday 18 April.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH OPENING - All Saints Church will be open for visitors/prayer on Wednesdays 5, 19 & 26 April from 10am-12pm. If you would like to join the rota for volunteer 'church sitters' please speak to Jenny Thorne.

BABY SAINTS - Our April Baby Saints sessions are on Wednesdays 5 & 19 April, 10.30am, Fleet Parish Community Centre. Join us with your under-5s for a story, songs, prayer, craft and refreshments.

ORCHESTRAL CONCERT IN AID OF ALL SAINTS FUND - Saturday 29 April, 7.30pm, Church on the Heath. Beethoven Egmont Overture, Mozart Piano Concerto No 23 and Mendelssohn 3 with Fleet Concert Orchestra and Dorina Latawska (piano). Tickets £15 from anne.smith33@btinternet.com, 01252 624171.

APCM - The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Monday 24 April immediately following the Vestry Meeting. Elections will take place for 5 new PCC members and 3 Deanery Synod reps. Anyone interested in finding out more can speak to Nick Doran (nick.doran@btinternet.com). Only those whose names appear on the Electoral Roll can hold these positions, or propose and second candidates. This is your opportunity to be actively involved in contributing to the life and running of the church in this parish.

ELECTORAL ROLL - The Church Electoral Roll will be available to view from 9 April 2023. Any corrections required need to be notified to Mary Goodson 01252 815103.

ALL SAINTS LADIES GROUP - Thursdays 6 & 20 April, 7.30pm, Ss Philip & James Hall.

EASTER LILIES - If you would like to purchase a lily in memory of a loved one, please put your name, contact details and name of person to be remembered on the sheets in the narthex at P&J or the notice board in the FPCC. A lily will cost £3. Monies to Claire Holt 01252 628884 for P&J and Andrea Barley 01252 687150 for All Saints.

HART FOODBANK - The Foodbank requests for w/c 3 April are toilet rolls, rice pudding, custard, tinned vegetables, long life milk, tinned meat, pasta sauce, mashed potatoes tinned potatoes. For later weeks please see the [Hart Foodbank facebook page](#) or email brian.tant1@virginmedia.com. Items can be left in the Foodbank containers in the narthex at Ss Philip & James Church and in FPCC - thank you.

FLEET AREA OVER 55s FORUM - Monday 24 April, Fleet Library, 10.00am-3.00pm. Talks and workshops from a variety of community organisations, see this [link to download the information sheet](#).

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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