

News Sheet for Sunday 30 April Ss Philip & James Patronal Festival

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Dear Friends.

Today is a day of celebration. This morning at P&J we celebrate together our patronal festival of St. Philip and St. James.

These two disciples are perhaps amongst the least known and under appreciated of Jesus' disciples, but that doesn't make them any less important. They each have their own unique role in the story of the Gospel and in the growth of the church, and as we celebrate them today we are reminded that we do too! It doesn't matter if we are not well known or heralded, we have a unique role in the ongoing work of building Christ's kingdom in the world. The world cannot do without us, and as our reading from Ephesians reminds us, we are all beloved children of God - thought about, loved, and called from before time began.

Wow! That's a lot to take in! Come along on Sunday morning at 10 am to find out more. That service will be our parish communion for the day and it is important for the whole parish to celebrate P&J day together (with cake and prosecco as well) so please do come, even if you are also coming in the afternoon.

In the afternoon we will welcome Bishop Andrew and many special guests to a celebration of the rebuilding of All Saints. Bishop Andrew will also reconsecrate the church, consecrate the altar and other new furnishings - including our new piano.

This will be a great event marking a significant moment in the story of our parish, but of course this is very far from the end of the story! There is still the rest of the rebuilding project to complete, and the small matter of building the Kingdom of God in Fleet. Meanwhile we have all these reasons to celebrate - so come and join in – its going to be fun!!

Mark

THIS WEEK

The Coffee Bar is open Wednesday and Friday, 10.00am-12.00pm

Sunday 30 April - 10.00am Simple Eucharist, Ss Philip & Ss James

3.00pm Service and Celebration and Reconsecration, All Saints

Tuesday 2 May - 11.00am Prayer Group, Ss Philip & James Church

Wednesday 3 May - 9.30am Holy Communion, Ss Philip & James Church

10.00am - 12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors 10.30am Baby Saints, Fleet Parish Community Centre

Thursday 4 May - 7.30pm All Saints Ladies Group, Ss Philip & James Church Hall

Sunday 7 May - 8.00am Holy Communion, Ss Philip & James Church

10.00am Commemorative Service for the Coronation, All Saints Church 10.00am Parish Eucharist (with Godly Play), Ss Philip & James Church

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

PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 30 APRIL - SS PHILIP AND JAMES PATRONAL FESTIVAL

TODAY'S COLLECT Almighty Father, whom truly to know is eternal life: teach us to know your Son Jesus Christ as the way, the truth, and the life; that we may follow the steps of your holy apostles Philip and James, and walk steadfastly in the way that leads to your glory; 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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK . . .

Those in urgent need of our prayers including: Alona Beauchamp, Jean Belgrove, Ann Mann, 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, Giorgia Laughton, 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: Marie Silvester.

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time: Philip Nicholson, Gordon Grainger, John Cattell, Edna Kelly, Gladys Hill.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 1 MAY 2023

Meditation: 'The secret to living well and longer is: eat half, walk double, laugh triple, and love without measure.' *Tibetan Proverb*

We give thanks for God's continual presence with us at all times and in all places.

Please pray...

Mon - For the shops and businesses of our town.

Tues - For those planning the coronation celebrations in our town.

Wed - For those going through marital breakdown or divorce.

Thurs - For the people of the Sudan.

Fri - For victims of rape or sexual assault.

Sat - That all may know the unconditional love of Jesus for them.

Sun (Julian of Norwich, spiritual writer) - For all who write today about spiritual matters, and all prayer guides.

ALL WEEK - For those who live in Abbots Close, Adams Drive, Albany Close, Albany Court, Albany Road, Albert Street.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 30 APRIL

Isaiah 40.27-31

John 12.20-26

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

ALL SAINTS CHURCH SITTERS - Church sitters needed please for Wednesday 10th May, 10am-12pm. Sign up sheet in the FPCC or contact Jenny Thorne on 01252 617108.

<u>UNWANTED CDs</u> - Please drop them off at the FPCC for use as bird scarers when we sow grass seed at All Saints'.

BABY SAINTS - Our May Baby Saints sessions are on Wednesdays 3 & 17 May, 10.30am, Fleet Parish Community Centre. Join us with your under-5s for a story, songs, prayer, craft and refreshments.

<u>CELEBRATION OF NEW LIFE AT ALL SAINTS</u> - Sunday 14 May, 3.00pm, All Saints Church. An informal celebration of new life at All Saints with craft activities and refreshments. All welcome, no need to sign up.

CHAPLAINCY VOLUNTEERS - The Frimley Park Hospital Chaplaincy Team would like to recruit more volunteers from the local community to support the pastoral and spiritual work of the Chaplaincy Department within the hospital. Supporting patients, and sometimes family, is immensely rewarding and makes a significant contribution not only to the wellbeing of patients, but also to the hospital and the wider community. If you are interested please contact Mary Goodson, 01252 815103 for more details.

<u>CALLING YOUR BLUFF</u> - Four brave panellists are putting their brains to the test in front of a very discerning audience, US. Make up a team or come on your own and join us for a fun evening of CALLING YOUR BLUFF. Saturday 3 June, 7.00pm at St. Phliip & St. James. Ploughman's Supper, £7.00 per head. Bring your own drink. Online booking details coming soon, enquries to Karen Kite, 613251/kbudge42kite@aol.com.

<u>VOLUNTEERS WANTED</u> - Fleet Macular Support Group meets once a month (on the 2nd Tuesday) and need help with set up and clear away. Arrival 1.30pm to set up chairs and pack down at 3.45/4.00pm. For more information, please call or email Tyler Phillips, 079 206 437 10, tyler.phillips@macularsociety.org

<u>ACCOMMODATION WANTED</u> - Shauna is looking for a small studio or en-suite room to rent in Fleet. If you know of anyone who could help her please contact her: shaunavanderspuy@gmail.com or 07523 784029.

<u>HART FOODBANK</u> - The Foodbank requests for w/c 24 April are tinned tomatoes, tinned and packet custard, coffee, mashed potato, sponge pudding, cereals, shampoo, toilet rolls, washing up liquid and washing powder/gel/liquid. For later weeks please see the <u>Hart Foodbank facebook page</u> 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.

FOODBANK PANTRY MANAGER VACANCY - Hart Foodbank is seeking a Pantry Manager to establish a community pantry in Fleet, 15hrs per week, 6 month fixed term contract. For further details see the poster poster details not contact Mark Mabin, 07354 038457, mabinm@me.com. Closing date for applications: 12 May.

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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