

News Sheet for Sunday 7 May Fifth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Dear Friends,

This weekend we celebrate the coronation of HM King Charles III. We pray both that this will be a great day of celebration for our nation and that God will bless our King with what he will need to serve and inspire our nation and the Commonwealth through rapidly changing and ever more challenging times.

Much has been made of the unique, and some might say privileged, role the Christian Church and in particular the Church of England must play in the coronation, and some have questioned whether this is appropriate given the very secular character of our nation in the 21st Century.

My response would be that we should never forget the responsibility that comes with the privilege of being the church of and the church FOR England – i.e. that we are called to serve all the people of our nation regardless of their faith, status, politics or race. Alongside this, we have an even greater calling to serve the one who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords – who is eternally king and whose kingdom will one day embrace and include all creation, all nations, all worlds.

He is, from whom even King Charles takes his authority and by whose providence he reigns.

All people in our world with authority or influence - whatever the source, would do well to remember this. Join us for worship today - a special coronation based service at All Saints with Mary and Jane, or the Parish Eucharist at P&J with Cally. There is also a BCP communion at 8.00am at P&J where we will use these words, as we do week by week...

Almighty God, whose kingdom is ever-lasting, and power infinite: Have mercy upon the whole Church; and so rule the heart of thy chosen servant Charles, our King and Governor, that he (knowing whose minister he is) may above all things seek thy honour and glory: and that we and all his subjects (duly considering whose authority he hath) may faithfully serve, honour, and humbly obey him, in thee, and for thee, according to thy blessed Word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

May God bless you,

Mark

THIS WEEK

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

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

Tuesday 9 May - 11.00am Prayer Group, Ss Philip & James Church

Wednesday 10 May - 9.30am Holy Communion, Ss Philip & James Church 10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors

Sunday 14 May - 10.00am Simple Eucharist, All Saints Church

3.00pm Celebration of New Life, All Saints Church

6.00pm Choral Evensong, All Saints Church

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

PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 7 MAY

TODAYS COLLECT Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER Eternal God, whose son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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, Jack and Joel.

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, 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: Alan Harvey, Looba Durrant, Marie Silvester.

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time: Maxwell Logan, Peggy Fenwick, Muriel Kay, Julian Barley, Rosemarie Stoole, Eve Squier, Margaret Warwick, Jessie Newson, Jeremy Durrant, Cecil Maxwell-Lefroy, Mary Thorne, Irene Hayne, Rowland Brown, Winifred Sedden.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 8 MAY

Meditation: 'Prayer is sitting in the silence until it silences us, choosing gratitude until we are grateful and praising God until we ourselves are an act of praise.' *Richard Rohr*

We give thanks for the glimpses of Jesus we see in one another.

Please pray...

Mon - For Christian Aid, and for all aid agencies and aid workers.

Tues - For those recently bereaved.

Wed - For the Clergy of the Deanery of Aldershot meeting for Chapter today.

Thurs - For those struggling to make ends meet and for CAB, CAP and others offering help and support.

Fri - For those newly elected to represent us in local government.

Sat - For the children and young people of our parish.

Sun - For the Kingdom of God to come into the lives of all whom we know.

ALL WEEK - For those who live in Le Frith Drive, Lea Springs, Leawood Road, Lefroy Park, Lestock Way, Lime Drive.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 7 MAY

Acts 7.55-60

<u>John 14.1-14</u>

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

<u>THANK YOU</u> - Huge thanks to everyone who supported or helped with the Fleet Concert Orchestra concert on Saturday 29 April at Church on the Heath. A whopping £1,977 was raised for All Saints Fund. Great team work! *Anne Smith.*

<u>PARISH ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY</u> - We are seeking to appoint an experienced administrator with appropriate skills to oversee and execute the administrative work of the parish. The successful applicant will be sympathetic to the ethos of an Anglican parish church, effective in dealing with the public, efficient in running an office and in administering inward and outward communications. The post is based at our well-equipped parish office next to All Saints Church, close to the centre of town. The post is for 25 hours per week (9.30am-2.30pm) Monday to Friday. (This post might suit an established job share). Salary negotiable depending on experience. Closing date for applications: 1 June. For job description and further details please contact: office@parishoffleet.org.uk, 01252 812114.

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

CELEBRATION OF NEW LIFE AT ALL SAINTS - 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.

<u>BABY SAINTS</u> - Our next Baby Saints session is on Wednesday 17 May, 10.30am, Fleet Parish Community Centre. Join us with your under-5s for a story, songs, prayer, craft and refreshments.

<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. *Panellists for the evening are Antony Jones, Kerensa Pearson, Anne Biffin and Richard Wigram. Please book online if you can, https://parishoffleet.churchsuite.com/events/uzhw1nge Enquiries to Karen Kite, 613251, https://parishoffleet.churchsuite.com/events/uzhw1nge Enquiries

<u>CHRISTIAN AID WEEK</u> - Please get baking for Christian Aid Week, 14th - 20th May. The Christian Aid Plant and Cake Sale will be held in P&J car park on Saturday May 20th, starting at 2pm. Please bring your donations along from 1.30pm or make arrangements with Jenny on 01252 617108. Refreshments will be available and we are hoping for better weather than the Coronation.

APCM DRAFT MINUTES - The draft minutes from the APCM on 24 April are available on the <u>parish website</u>.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED - 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

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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