

News Sheet for Sunday 14 May Fifth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Dear Friends,

'Because I live, you also will live' (John 14.19)

Lovely words from the lips of our Lord recorded by St. John in our Gospel today. This is really the heart of the whole message: because Jesus rose, we have life, real life, abundant life, not just in heaven but here on earth.

Our Gospel this week is full of promises: that we may have life, that we are loved, that we will know God and see him face to face, that we will never be alone but always have the Holy Spirit for our defender and our guide.

In recent weeks we have heard coronation oaths and election promises, but whatever we think of them we can believe these promises from Jesus. Why? Because he was raised from the dead – he said he would be, and because of that we can believe all that he promises!

That's why the resurrection, even more than the crucifixion, is at the heart of our faith - because everything else we believe and everything else we hope for depends upon it.

So as Eastertide draws to a close we say once again 'Alleluia Christ is risen - He is risen indeed Alleluia!' Join us for worship this Sunday. We are together at All Saints at 10.00am for the Eucharist (no service at P&J). Everyone is welcome to join us for our second celebration of the resurrection of All Saints church at 3.00pm (please note, this will be a very informal celebration particularly suitable for families, but open to all). Topping off the day in style we have Choral Evensong at All Saints at 6.30pm.

Looking forward to the week ahead, Thursday is Ascension Day. We will be celebrating it together at P&J at 7.30pm. Please note that incense will be used at this service. May God bless you, Mark.

THIS WEEK

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

Sunday 14 May - 10.00am Simple Eucharist (with Godly Play), All Saints Church 3.00pm Celebration of New Life, All Saints Church 6.30pm Choral Evensong, All Saints Church

Tuesday 16 May - 11.00am Prayer Group, Ss Philip & James Church

Wednesday 17 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

2.00pm Afternoon Tea & Chat, Fleet Parish Community Centre

Thursday 18 May - 12.00am Funeral of Alan Harvey, All Saints Church 7.30pm Eucharist for Ascension Day, Ss Philip & James Church

Saturday 20 May - 2.00pm Christian Aid Plant & Cake Sale, Ss Philip & James Church car park

Sunday 21 May - 8.00am Holy Communion, All Saints Church 10.00am Parish Eucharist, All Saints Church

10.00am Café Church, Ss Philip & James Church

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

PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 14 MAY

TODAYS COLLECT Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him 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, Jean Hutchings, Looba Durrant.

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time: Frank Partington, Beryl Penn, Doris Leng, Babs King, Robert Moores, Ernest Underdown, Eva Mearing, Kenneth Honiwell, Violet Bedford, Edward Palmer.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 15 MAY

Meditation: 'The beauty of God is beyond the power of words to describe. We might compare its radiance to the light of the morning star, or to the moon, or to the sun. But we would be as far from an accurate depiction as midday is from midnight.' *St. Basil the Great*

We give thanks for the glory of God to be seen all around us.

Please pray...

Mon - For our PCC meeting today.

Tues - For those who work in the transport industries.

Wed - For those in our community who offer voluntary service to others.

Thurs (Ascension Day) - For those who feel God is absent, who have lost faith or are searching for faith. For those amongst our friends and family whom we would love to discover Jesus.

Fri - For those mourning prenatal or neonatal death.

Sat - For the carers of those who suffer from dementia.

Sun - That the Holy Spirit of God may enliven and reshape our parish.

ALL WEEK - For those who live in Long Sutton Drive, Longdown, Longmead, Lower Mount Street, Lyndale Drive, Lyndford Terrace, Lyndhurst Road.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 14 MAY

Acts 17.22-31

John 14.15-21

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY - 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.

BABY SAINTS - Wednesday 17 May, 10.30am, Fleet Parish Community Centre. Join us for Baby Saints with your under-5s for a story, songs, prayer, craft and refreshments.

<u>AFTERNOON TEA AND CHAT</u> - Wednesday 17 May, Fleet Parish Community Centre 2.00-4.00pm. Come for a delicious home-made tea and a chance to chat with old friends and new. Booking is not essential but it is helpful for catering so please let Nancy Dawson know if you plan to attend - 01252 621140.

<u>CHRISTIAN AID WEEK</u> - This week is Christian Aid Week (14 - 20 May). We are taking a collection this Sunday and next Sunday. Envelopes will be available in church on both Sundays. The Christian Aid Plant and Cake Sale will be held in P&J car park on Saturday 20 May, starting at 2pm. Please bring your donations along from 1.30pm or make arrangements with Jenny on 01252 617108.

<u>COFFEE BAR OPENING</u> - Our Parish Coffee Bar is now open again on Saturday mornings, 10.00am-12.00pm, so if you're coming in to Fleet to do some shopping why not pop in for a coffee?

<u>PARISH MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTION</u> - Could you deliver Parish Magazines to Knoll Close, Knoll Road, Fleet Road and Pegasus Court on a monthly basis? There are less than 10 magazines in the round so it doesn't take very long. Please contact the Parish Office or Heather Turner, highturner@ntlworld.com, for 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. Philip & 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/uzhw1nqe (or scan the QR code). Enquiries to Karen Kite, 613251, https://parishoffleet.churchsuite.com/events/uzhw1nqe (or scan the QR code). Enquiries to Karen Kite,

<u>ALL SAINTS SCHOOL</u> - All Saints School is seeking to recruit more governors. If you are interested in finding out more about this very rewarding role please contact Tracey Brunton (Head Teacher) at t.brunton@allsaints-fleet.hants.sch.uk or Richard Buller (Chair of Governors) at richard.buller@btinternet.com.

<u>CHARITY QUIZ</u> - Saturday 3 June, 7.00pm (for 7.15pm) start, Fleet Methodist Church. This is for teams of up to 6 people and there is an entry fee of £5 per person. Please come for 7pm so we can start at 7:15. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Hot drinks will be served later in the evening. If you would like to enter as a team or individual, please email briansexton@virginmedia.com.

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

HART FOODBANK - Thank you for your gifts to the Foodbank. The requests for this week can be found via the 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

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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