



Parish of Fleet
All Saints

St Philip & St James

News Sheet for Sunday 6 August Trinity 9

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

For the month of August our main 10 o'clock worship will alternate between All Saints and P&J. Today we meet in P&J to celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration. On this feast day, we look at the extraordinary account of Jesus – soon to face the cross in Jerusalem – praying to his Father on top of the mountain and being “transfigured” in glory: his face is transformed and his clothes become dazzling white.

It is a reminder of the transformative power of prayer. This moment does not change Jesus's immediate fate: he will go on to die in Jerusalem – and yet in this moment of prayer, everything is reconfigured: we have a much fuller picture of Jesus' destiny than simply his impending death. We see Jesus alongside Moses as the embodiment of the law and alongside Elijah as the ultimate prophet. (If Peter, James and John were here now, I would love to ask them if the resurrected Jesus who appeared to the disciples so many times between his Resurrection and Ascension bore an uncanny resemblance to this transfigured Jesus. Might that be one way in which they recognised him, I wonder?)

The Transfiguration was certainly a very special moment - which Peter wants to capture by building shrines for Jesus, Moses and Elijah. In this holiday season, for those who have enjoyed any special holiday moments, we can be tempted to cling to them, feeling disappointed when they fade as we go back into our everyday lives. It is natural human instinct. Yet, it is not the moment itself that we are to hang on to or try to keep alive. It is more the revelation or insight that the moment brings, that we should retain. In the Transfiguration story the insight comes when God says: “this is my Son, my Chosen – listen to him,” echoing the words that were spoken at Jesus' baptism when the Holy Spirit first came down upon him: “this is my Son, in whom I am well pleased.” It is all about encounter with God, our Trinitarian God: we glimpse the work of the Father in Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

So, rather than trying to hang onto precious holiday moments, how can we allow ourselves to have our outlook on life transformed by them? What insights can we bring back with us? Pray to God to find out what that is... There will be something – whether we come back either refreshed – or, if it's been a rough holiday, with gratitude for our return!

God bless you all,
Cally

THIS WEEK

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

Sunday 6 Aug - ALL SAINTS CHURCH: no service

Ss PHILIP & JAMES: 8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Tuesday 8 Aug

11.00am Prayer Group, Ss Philip & James Church

Wednesday 9 Aug

9.30am Communion Service, Ss Philip & James Church

10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors

Saturday 12 Aug

10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors

Sunday 13 Aug - ALL SAINTS CHURCH: 10.00am Simple Eucharist

Ss PHILIP & JAMES: no service

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

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 6 August

[Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14](#)

[Luke 9:28-36](#)

PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 6 August

TODAY'S COLLECT: Gracious Father, revive your church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK . . .

Those in urgent need of our prayers including: Barbara Willis, Zoe, Clare and Gareth Pengelly, Jean Belgrove, Xander Coleman-Day, Ann Mann, Carol Paton, Tyler Thompson, Lucy Tyler, Phillip, Garth and Judy Kellett, Peter and Molly, Diana, Jack and Joel, Alan Brown, Anne Marie Hudson

Members of our extended church family in need of our continuing prayers:

Mary Goodson, Matthew Allen, Gladys Barber, Melanie Brant, Marion Brown, Chris, Yvonne Dunk, Joan Hall, Dexter Heard, Michael Heard, Tony Holbeche, Giorgia Laughton, Bonnie Lewis, Sheila O'Connor, Gill Page, Peter Rogers, Michael Standen, Eileen Taylor, Erica Taylor, Molly Wilson, Clare and family, Jean Harris, Dewey and family, John Simson

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time: Sydney Wilson, William Marshall, Nora Hill, Frederick Cooper, Muriel Nutman, Richard Avery, Mary Wright, Ethel Corps, Alick O'Connor, Marjorie Robinson, Helen Sclater, Charlotte Tate, John Maguire, Pamela Hayton, Douglas Champion-Jones, Harry Tresidder, Derek Barden, Alfred Tucker, Inez de Fraine

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 6 August 2023

Meditation: "Rest time is not waste time. It is economy to gather fresh strength... It is wisdom to take occasional furlough. In the long run, we shall do more by sometimes doing less."
Charles Spurgeon

We give thanks for holidays and refreshment.

Please pray....

Mon - For those suffering famine.

Tues - For godparents.

Wed - For fathers.

Thur - For those with dementia and memory problems.

Fri - For those in financial hardship.

Sat - For those in the Armed Forces.

Sun - For all who suffer with pain.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS - The Parish Office will be open 10am-12pm Monday to Friday.

PARISH AFTERNOON TEA - At the Parish Community Centre on Tuesday 22nd August. Doors open at 2.30pm, £5.00 per person. All ages are welcome. If you have any questions please contact Karen Kite (01252 613251).

MORE CHURCH SITTERS NEEDED - Please can you give 2 hours to sit in All Saints Church on a Wednesday or a Saturday morning welcoming visitors? Choose your date and sign up on the list in the coffee bar.

ROTAS - Please sign up for August. Rotas are on notice boards in both churches.

AV OPERATORS NEEDED - We are most grateful to those who operate PowerPoint at both churches at our Sunday services. It's not difficult and we'd love to hear from you if you'd like to join the team. For AS, do contact Mike: mnbendam@gmail.com or Brian at P& J: <mailto:brian.biffin@gmail.com> for your availability for Sept and Oct.

FIRE WARDENS NEEDED - Volunteers needed to act as fire wardens for All Saints Church during services. Training given that we hope will never be needed. Please contact Jenny Thorne for more information or find sign-up sheet on FPCC notice board.

BABY SAINTS - Help needed please before and after services (currently on two Wednesday mornings a month: 10.30-11.30 am) with setting up and packing away from those who can lift bulky toy boxes, tables and chairs. If you can help, please contact Claire Holt or Cally.

CYCLE HOOPS FOR ALL SAINTS CHURCHYARD - We have now installed the two cycle hoops which can secure 4 bicycles – the cost of this was around £300 and if any of you would like to contribute to the cost of this please make contact with Jenny Thorne (01252 617108) or Elizabeth Waller (01252 613156).

GILBERT & SULLIVAN - This year's semi-staged G&S is **HMS Pinafore** at P&J Church on Sat 16 Sept at 7.30 pm. Tickets £15 in advance (£17 on the door) from anne.smith33@btinternet.com or 01252 624171. All proceeds to All Saints Fund.

STEP BY STEP – Donations box in the narthex at P&J and in FPCC. Donations of the following items welcome: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shower gel/cream, soap, shampoo/conditioner. No bath products please. Thank you.

HART FOODBANK - Thank you for your gifts to the Foodbank. This week there is an urgent need for toilet rolls, tinned spaghetti, washing up liquid, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, fruit squash (various fruits/flavours), sponge puddings, meat (not Hot Dogs please), biscuits and women's deodorant. Items can be left in the Foodbank containers in the narthex at Ss Philip & James Church and in FPCC.

NEW PARKING PERMITS FOR CHURCH ROAD CAR PARK - The new parking permits have arrived. Please collect permits from the church office.

STAMP COLLECTION - Please do continue to drop off used stamps at FPCC as Mike will continue to collect them and will be used to support cancer care.

JOB OPPORTUNITY FLAME INTERNATIONAL - In case this is of any interest to your congregations, Flame International (based in Aldershot) are looking for a part-time Mission & Training Administrator. All the details are here: <https://www.flameinternational.org/jobs/>

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.



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