



News Sheet for Sunday 10 March Mothering Sunday

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to our worship today. It is a great joy to have you with us as we worship God together. If you are with us for the first time, please do make yourself known to us after the service.

For many, today is Mother's day, a day to celebrate our mothers with flowers, cards and kind deeds - not a bad idea at all! However, in the church today it is 'Mothering Sunday' - something different altogether. Today we celebrate 'Mothering' and give thanks for all those of all ages and all genders who have served to nurture and cherish us into the people we are today. For many of us this will of course include our mothers, but it might also include fathers, siblings, grandparents, children, friends, fellow Christians - maybe even clergy! We are each of us the sum of many influences upon our lives and today we give thanks together for all those who have accompanied us on our journey of life - and our mums as well, of course!

Today there will be 3 Services in our parish:

10.00am Parish Eucharist at P&J

10.00am Café Church (For all ages) at FPCC

6.30pm Evensong at All Saints

Do join us for worship today.

God bless you all,

Mark

THIS WEEK

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

Sunday 10 Mar ALL SAINTS CHURCH: 10.00am Morning Worship (Café Church)

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Ss PHILIP & JAMES: 10.00am Parish Eucharist

Tuesday 12 Mar 11.00am Prayer Group, FPCC

Wednesday 13 Mar 9.30am Communion Service, Ss Philip & James Church

10.0am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors

10.30am Baby Saints, FPCC

Friday 15 Mar 10.00am – 12pm Dribbles and Giggles, FPCC

Saturday 16 Mar 10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors

Sunday 17 Mar ALL SAINTS CHURCH: 8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Ss PHILIP & JAMES: 10.00 Morning Worship, families and children welcome

11.30am Family Worship

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

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 10 MARCH

[Exodus 2:1-10](#)

[Psalm 127:1-4](#)

[2 Corinthians 1:3-7](#)

[Luke 2:33-35](#)

TODAY'S COLLECT: Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Those in urgent need of our prayers including: Jack, Barbara Willis, Zoe, Jean Belgrove, Marcia Farrey, Sylvia Honiwell, Carol Paton, John Simson, Debbie Taylor, Tyler Thompson, Phillip, Garth and Judy Kellett, Alan Brown

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

Karen Kite and family, Anne Marie Hudson, Matthew Allen, Gladys Barber, Melanie Brant, Marion Brown, Chris, Diana, Yvonne Dunk, Leo Goodson, Joan Hall, Dexter Heard, Michael Heard, Giorgia Laughton, Bonnie Lewis, Sheila O'Connor, Gill Page, Peter Rogers, Michael Standen, Eileen Taylor, Erica Taylor, Clare and family

Those who have died recently: Angela Dudley

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time: Harold William Akerman, Gordon Robbins, Arthur Holmes, Margaret Speaight, Bertha Waite, Irene Mearing, Anne Pears, James Walter Beale, Joseph Elliott, Mary Clifford

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 11 MARCH

Meditation: - 'Jesus alone refused to be a crucifier, even at the cost of being crucified. He never asked for sympathy, played the victim, or asked for vengeance. Instead, in perfect love, he breathes forgiveness and invites us beyond cycles of illusion and violence.' – Richard Rohr.

We give thanks for... the inexhaustible forgiveness of God, which moves us to repentance.

Please pray....

- Mon** - for those who care for disabled adults.
- Tues** - for victims of sexual violence around the world.
- Wed** - for the charity shops of our town and the causes they support.
- Thur** - for the people of Haiti.
- Fri** - for those who welcome people to our services and events.
- Sat** - for the people of Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic.
- Sun** - that Christ might break down barriers of fear and suspicion between nations and form us into one humanity.

ALL WEEK for those who live in Hagley Rd, Hall Drive, Hanover drive, Harlington Way, Harrow drive, Hartford Rd.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

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

POSY MAKING FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY - Saturday 9 March 10am to 12pm at P&J hall. All welcome to come and help. Do let Jane know if you can come or whether you can supply some greenery. Refreshments available!

EASTER LILIES - If you would like to purchase a lily to remember a loved one this Easter, the lilies will be £3 each and will be displayed in both P&J and All Saints Church over Easter. The names will be displayed near the Book of Remembrance in both churches. Payment can be made to Claire at P&J or Andrea Barley at All Saints. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex at P&J and the FPCC.

THE MUSIC OF FAURÉ CONCERT - Saturday 27 April at 7.30pm at All Saints Church. A programme of music by Gabriel Fauré with Requiem, Cantique de Jean Racine and other choral, piano & violin works. See noticeboard in both churches for more details. Concert tickets £15, under 16's £5. You may reserve tickets from Juliet Worthington: email Juliet_worthington@hotmail.com or 01252 614159.

BOOKKEEPER NEEDED - If you have bookkeeping skills/experience which you might be able to offer in service to the parish, please speak to Mark, Mike Ford or Richard Buller.

BABY SAINTS - Baby Saints meets every Wednesday term time at FPCC, 10.30 - 11.30am. If you have or care for preschool children we'd love to see you.

SPACE AVAILABLE ON COACH TO BRIDPORT ON 11 APRIL – Join us to see Cally licenced. Talk to Jenny Thorne for details.

LENT BOOK (RECOMMENDED BY CALLY) - 'Tarry Awhile' by Selina Stone. Also the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2024. Perhaps after Easter we can find an opportunity to discuss together.

HART FOODBANK DONATIONS - Thank you for your gifts to the Foodbank. This week there is an urgent need for soup - tinned and packet, packet rice – unflavoured, tinned fish, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, pulses, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, long life milk. Items can be left in the Foodbank containers in the narthex at Ss Philip & James Church and in FPCC. Thank you, as always, for your donations to the foodbank, they are all very much appreciated.

COMMEMORATION AND CORONATION - Saturday 16 March 7.45pm at St Swithun's Church Yateley, the Yateley Choral Society will be performing Mozart's Coronation Mass, Elgar's Great is the Lord, Purcell's I was glad and a selection of Bruckner's motets. Tickets cost £17 and can be obtained on the door, from Yateley Town Council, St Swithun's parish office and Discoveries. More details on flyer on noticeboards at FPCC & P&J.

OPEN GARDENS IN AID OF PHYLLIS TUCKWELL - Unique and interesting gardens of all sizes and designs are welcome! Open your garden this spring or summer to raise money for hospice care. To find out more please call 01252 729446 or email fundraising@pth.org.uk.

PRINTER CARTRIDGES FOR RECYCLING - The Parish is trialling a scheme to raise funds and help the environment by sending used printer cartridge for recycling. Collection box at FPCC for you to deposit your empty cartridges. It is hoped to have a similar box at P&J later in the year. In the meantime please leave your empty cartridges in the Step by Step box. Unfortunately we can only take branded cartridges such as Hewlett-Packard. If you have any queries please contact Linda Dart.

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.

STAMPS – Thank you for all your support with used stamps. Please do continue drop off your used

stamps into the bag on the notice board at FPCC.

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 your donation.



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