



News Sheet for Sunday 21 July Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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.

Two years ago, the PCC and I working together with a team from the Diocese came up with a 'Parish Development Plan' setting our priorities as we saw them at that time. The goals we set ourselves then were:

- 1) To renew our worship programme in order to enable a wider range of people to join us in worship and to make better use of our resources across the Parish.
- 2) To encourage more people to become involved in ministry at all levels.
- 3) To make the best use of the opportunities presented by the reopening of All Saints Church.
- 4) To appoint a Children's and families' worker.

Looking back over the last two years, I believe we have done well on the first three goals. Sadly, though we did try, we failed to appoint a families' worker. We have however worked hard to develop our work in that area through Baby Saints, Godly Play, and now Pizza and Praise.

We are now about to embark upon this process again. This time the diocese are asking us to focus on the goal of building up the 'Core' of our church (those who worship regularly, are confident in their faith, and are able to express their faith in word and action out in the wider community). The aim would be to raise up more people who could be described this way.

I am therefore asking your thoughts on the following questions:

- 1) What could we do or change in order to equip more people from our congregations to be active and visible Christians in their daily lives?
- 2) What might we be doing now that might be preventing this from happening?

I would be really grateful for your thoughts and ideas on this. Please email me at vicar@parishoffleet.org.uk or speak to me after a service or whenever you next see me. I would also be grateful if home groups and other gatherings within the life of the church would have a conversation about this.

May God bless you all,

Mark

SUNDAY SERVICES SLIDES

If you would like to access the slides for this Sunday's Eucharist service, you can do so on your smartphone or tablet by pointing your camera at the appropriate QR code.



THIS WEEK

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

Sunday 21 Jul

ALL SAINTS CHURCH: 8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Ss PHILIP & JAMES 10.00am Family Worship

5.00pm Pizza and Praise (an alternative service for the young and young at heart!)

Tuesday 23 Jul

11.00am Prayer Group, FPCC

Wednesday 24 Jul

9.30am Communion Service, Ss Philip & James Church

10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors

Friday 26 Jul

10.00am-12.00pm Dribbles and Giggles, FPCC

Saturday 27 Jul

10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors

12.00pm – 1.30pm, Time to Remember, All Saints Church

Sunday 28 Jul

ALL SAINTS CHURCH: No service

12.00pm Baptism Service

Ss PHILIP & JAMES 10.00am Parish Eucharist with Godly Play

Ss Philip & James Church is open for prayer

Wednesdays 11.00am-1.30pm & Sundays 12noon-3.00pm.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 21 JULY

[2 Samuel 7:1-14](#)

[Ephesians 2.11-end](#)

[Mark 6:30-34, 53-end](#)

TODAY'S COLLECT: Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Those in urgent need of our prayers including: Jack, Alan Brown, Jean Belgrove, Marcia Farrey, Sylvia Honiwell, Margaret, Carol Paton, Tyler Thompson, Barbara Willis, Zoe

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

Matthew Allen, Gladys Barber, Marion Brown, Karen Kite and family, Anne Marie Hudson, Diana, Leo Goodson, Joan Hall, Dexter Heard, Michael Heard, Judy Kellett, Giorgia Laughton, Bonnie Lewis, Gill Page, Phillip, Claire Pamment, Peter Rogers, John Simson, Violet Slade, Michael Standen, Eileen Taylor, Erica Taylor, Clare and family

Those who have died recently: Sheila O'Connor, Patricia Henry

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time: Arthur Brett, Anneliese Woods, Jack Boulcott, Maud Goddard, Margaret Gaskell, Grace Moore, Lucy Ballantine-Dykes, Bas Hawkins, Albert Hankard, John Anderson, Norman Nichol, Reginald Weare, Timothy Dashwood, Annie Tomalin, Snowie Johnson, Doreen Timms, Hilda Brind

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 22 JULY

Meditation: - 'True prayer is neither a mere mental exercise nor a vocal performance. It is far deeper than that – it is spiritual transaction with the creator of heaven and earth'
Charles Spurgeon

We give thanks for ... music, art, drama, all that enriches our lives.

Please pray....

- Mon** - for the families of our parish as school holidays begin.
- Tues** - Bishops Andrew and Paul, and all who exercise apostolic ministry today.
- Wed** - for all who are grandparents, especially those who help with child care at this time of year.
- Thur** - for those who work in transport.
- Fri** - for the government and people of Romania.
- Sat** - for those who serve in our coffee shop and all who offer hospitality in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- Sun** - for prisoners and captives and for all who work for their welfare.
- ALL WEEK** for those who live in Pondtail Gardens, Pondtail Rd, Primrose Walk, Priors Keep, Priory Close, Queen Mary Close

PARISH NEWS AND 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 – Friday this week.

TIME TO REMEMBER AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH ON SATURDAY 20 JULY, 12-1.30 PM - Has a loved one recently passed away? Are you struggling a little with bereavement or other issues of loss in your life? Are you feeling down and don't know quite what to do? Would you like some time and space to bring these things to God and ask for comfort and strength?

'Time to Remember' will be an opportunity to remember loved ones, reflect on their lives and your own feelings of loss, to be with God in stillness, silence, words of comfort and music of inspiration. You will be left alone if you would like to be, but there will be members of the ministry and pastoral teams there to talk to if you would prefer that. This event is open to all. Come for all of it or pop in and stay as long as is helpful.

PIZZA AND PRAISE - A service of worship and discussion with a topping of Pizza! Intended for the young and young at heart. Sunday 21 July at 5pm at P&J.

NEW PARKING PERMITS FOR CHURCH ROAD CAR PARK - The new parking permits for July 2024-June 2025 have arrived. Please collect permits from the church office during office hours.

BABY SAINTS - Will resume meeting every Wednesday morning at FPCC, 10.30 - 11.30am on 4th September. If you have or care for preschool children we'd love to see you.

HART FOODBANK DONATIONS - Thank you for your gifts to the Foodbank. This week there is an urgent need for carton fruit juice (NOT squash), sponge puddings, mashed potato packets, milk – longlife (NOT skimmed please), boil in the bag rice, shower gel, rice packets, jams/marmalades, tinned fish, packet noodles, jelly/other deserts (NOT custard or rice pudding please). Currently we do not need any pasta or water. 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. Please could you also drop off any carrier bags that you no longer need, to help us transfer the items to the Foodbank.

PARISH AFTERNOON TEA – On Wednesday 14 August at the Vicarage or at FPCC if wet. More details to follow.

THE GONDOLIERS - The next Parish Gilbert and Sullivan production in aid of the All Saints Fund is on Saturday 14 Sept at 7.30 pm at Ss Philip and James Church. Tickets £17.50 in advance or £20 on the door from anne.smith33@btinternet.com or 01252 624171 or online.



PRAYER BOARD AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH - What would you like us to pray for? Please write down your prayer requests and the prayer group will check it weekly before their Tuesday prayer meetings. Alternatively, you may use this link <https://wpapp.parishoffleet.org.uk/tuesday-prayer-group/> to send your prayer requests via the website.

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 to 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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