



News Sheet for 8 March - Third Sunday of Lent

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. We welcome in the name of our Lord all who wish to worship with us, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, sexuality or gender orientation. We rejoice in the fact that we are a very diverse Christian community and see this as our calling under Christ. We work hard in this parish to ensure the safety and safeguarding of all who join us for worship, if you have any concerns in this area, please do let us know immediately. If you have any special needs or would like to speak to a pastoral minister or have someone pray with you, please mention it to a welcomer or member of the ministry team.

There will also be coffee with fellowship available after the service, please do join us for this - you will receive a warm welcome there too.

This is the season of Lent, when we have chance to reflect on our lives and our habits and to bring them more into line with how God has called us to be.

Today we have three services in our parish:

10am Parish Eucharist at P&J

10am Café Church at FPCC

6.30pm Choral Evensong at All Saints

May God bless you all,

Mark

PAYING OR GIVING WITH CASH

These are strange and fast changing times we live in! It is becoming very difficult for our office and our treasurer to handle cash transactions, especially as there are no longer any bank branches open in Fleet! Could we therefore ask you, where it is possible, to use BACS, our card readers, or the link on our website to make donations or to pay for things through our office in future? We are grateful for all that you give us, but this would make things much easier if it is possible. Mark

THIS WEEK

Sunday 8 Mar	ALL SAINTS CHURCH:	10.00am Café Church, FPCC 6.30pm Choral Evensong
	Ss PHILIP & JAMES:	10.00am Parish Eucharist
Monday 9 Mar		7.15pm (for 7:30pm start) Bible Course, FPCC
Tuesday 10 Mar		Please note: Prayer Group will not be meeting this week
Wednesday 11 Mar		Please note: No Holy Communion Service at P&J this week 10.00am-12.00pm Little Saints, FPCC 10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors
Friday 13 Mar		10.00am-12.00pm Fun Friday, FPCC
Saturday 14 Mar		10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors

Sunday 15 Mar Mothering Sunday

ALL SAINTS CHURCH: 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Eucharist
Ss PHILIP & JAMES: 10.00am Family Worship

READINGS FOR 8 MARCH

[Exodus 17:1-7](#)

[John 4:5-42](#)

[Romans 5:1-11](#)

SUNDAY SERVICE SLIDES

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



TODAY'S COLLECT: Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Those in urgent need of our prayers including: Anne Amos, Jean Box, Ethan, Marcia Farrey, Michael Heard, Sylvia Honiwell, Janice Jose, Graham Kitts, Peter Rogers, Andrew Stone, Erica Taylor, Tyler Thompson, Victoria Willis.

PLEASE NOTE – THIS LIST IS FOR USE IN PRIVATE PRAYER AND IS NOT TO BE INCLUDED IN INTERCESSIONS IN PUBLIC WORSHIP

Members of our extended church family in need of our continuing prayers: Annegret, Matthew Allen, Gladys Barber, Alan Beckett, Brian Biffin, Marion Brown, Martine Dyer, Patricia Greenway-Quintero, Joan Hall, Dexter Heard, Jack, Jonah, Bonnie Lewis, Gill Page, Phillip, Peter Rogers, Anne Richardson, John Simson, Violet Slade, Dee Stephenson, Michael Standen, Clare and family, Karen, Barbara Willis.

Those who have died recently: John Asprey, Hilary Wigg, Bishop Andrew Watson.

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time: Harold Akerman Arthur Holmes, Margaret Speaight, Bertha Waite, Irene Mearing.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 9 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.

- Thurs** - for all affected in any way by the war in the Middle East and for those striving to bring about a peaceful resolution.
- Fri** - for those who welcome people to our services and events.
- Sat** - for those suffering with mental health issues, and for those who support them.
- 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 AND EVENTS

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS - This week the Parish Office will be open 10am-12pm Monday - Friday.

BISHOP ANDREW WATSON - We were deeply saddened to hear of the death of our beloved Bishop and Father in Christ Andrew Watson who passed away on Tuesday following a short illness. Our prayers are for his family at this time and for all who have been affected by his illness and death. We also pray for Bishop Paul who will be steering our Diocese through this sad and testing times. Bishop Paul asks that we use this prayer in our worship and our private prayers.

*'Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for Andrew,
our brother and bishop:
for his faith and faithfulness to you in life and in leadership.
As we mourn his death
and commend him to your everlasting arms,
give us the same faith, hope and love,
rooted in the death and resurrection of your son, Jesus.
We pray especially for Beverly,
Hannah, Sam, Joe, Lydia and the whole family.
Comfort them with your Holy Spirit and protect them in their grief.
And bring us, at the last, with Andrew and all your children,
to that eternal joy where you live and reign in glory forever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.'*

EASTER LILIES- If you would like to purchase a lily in memory of a loved one, could you please put your details on the sheets which are in the FPCC and the narthex in P&J. The cost of the lilies are £3, payment can be made to Andrea Barley at AS or Claire Holt at P&J.

THE BIBLE COURSE CONTINUES ON MONDAY 9 MARCH AT FPCC - Coffee served from 7.15pm, to start the course at 7.30pm (no course on Mon 16 March).

FUN FRIDAY- Meets every Friday term time at FPCC, 10.00am-12.00pm. Join us for a relaxed, friendly morning of soft play, craft, toys, books and more. A great space for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. Bring along parents, carers, grandparents or childminders for a fun start to the weekend. No need to book – just come along. Want to know more, please contact the parish office on 01252 812114 or office@parishoffleet.org.uk.

LITTLE SAINTS - Meets every Wednesday term time at FPCC, 10.00am-12.00pm. If you have or care for preschool children we'd love to see you.

TUESDAY PRAYER GROUP AT ALL SAINTS – Will not be meeting on Tuesday 10 March.

POSY MAKING FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY - Saturday 14 March, 10am to 12noon in P&J hall. If you can help make posies or contribute greenery, do talk to Barbara Lyons or Jane Jones.

FUNERAL OF HILARY WIGG - Will be on Wednesday 18 March at 2pm at St Philip & St James church and afterwards in the hall. All who knew Hilary are welcome to attend. Dress code is informal.
Kathy Andrews.

QUIET DAY AT LADYWELL CONVENT ON SAT 30 MAY, 10AM TO 4PM - Sign up sheets at both churches. Limited spaces so do please sign up soon. Please pay £30 by card (**no cash or cheques please**) to Rebecca in the office.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FROM NIGERIA - Fri 6 March: 10am at Church of our Lady, Kings Rd and 7pm Fleet Methodist church, Reading Road South. All welcome.

CHRISTIAN AID PLANT AND CAKE SALE AT P&J CAR PARK - Will be held on Saturday 16 May at 2pm.

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE AT P&J - The Fleet Half Marathon takes place on Sunday 29 March (Palm Sunday) with a race start time of 9.30am but the roads affected early in the route will start to be closed around 8.00/9.00am. Hence, the Palm Sunday service this year will be held at P&J. No service at All Saints.

GHQ & FRIENDS CONCERT ON SATURDAY 25 APRIL, 7:30PM AT CHURCH ON THE HEATH, ELVETHAM - Graham Hix is back with his Quintet, featuring vocalist Emma Mabin and Friends from Cody Musical Theatre for a delightful evening of American Songbook Swing, Ballads, Musicals and Comedy. All proceeds are towards Phase 2 of the All Saints, Fleet build. Tickets are £16, available by clicking/scanning the following link: <https://parishoffleet.churchsuite.com/events/gkgo4tpc> or QR code.



HART FOODBANK DONATIONS - Thank you for your gifts to the Foodbank. This week there is an urgent need for tinned meat, tinned vegetables, longlife milk, savoury spreads, men's and women's deodorant, shampoo and conditioner. 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.

STEP BY STEP - Please leave your donations to Step by Step in the collection boxes, for P&J in the Narthex and in the Coffee Bar at All Saints. They welcome donations of the following items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shower gels and creams, soap, shampoo and conditioners. No bath products please as the centre only has showers.

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.

GIVING OPTION - You can now donate to parish funds by scanning this QR code with any smart phone with a QR reader on it or by clicking on this QR code - it takes you directly to a web page where you can make your donation.



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