



Parish of Fleet
All Saints
St Philip & St James

News Sheet for
Sunday 21 March 2021
Fifth Sunday of Lent

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP, IT'S GREAT TO HAVE YOU WITH US.

I hope you are well and coping with these difficult and rapidly changing times.

This week I would like to share with you these thoughts from our Archdeacon, Paul Davis.

Surprise #1: Homecoming is new

'Hiraeth is a Welsh word which just doesn't have an English translation. My best definition is 'a longing or homesickness for a home that no longer exists, or a home that has never been'.

Hiraeth is what I imagine many of the exiles would have felt, returning from Babylon to a home that no longer looked or functioned the same. Whilst the built environment would have been transformed, more significantly, their worship, community, every day life would also have felt so different.

There are such strong echoes of this for us. As we come out of our exile in the form of lockdown, whilst our built environment might not have changed, we may rightly be apprehensive about whether our forms of worship, community, every day life will ever look the same again.

We need to lament this. But we also need to channel our longing into the second part of hiraeth: 'The longing for a home that has never been'; that looks forwards not backwards - in anticipation of Haggai's surprise message that 'The latter glory of the house will be greater than the former'.

In Little Gidding, TS Eliot says 'The end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time'. It's about seeing that whilst the landscape might be familiar, the Godscape is being transformed because He is doing a new thing; he calls us to see and join in.

So embrace this Welsh concept of hiraeth: lament for the home and life that is unlikely to feel like it did; but long for the new one which shall surprise you as you open your eyes and behold it; the one whose glory, says Haggai, will be greater than the former.'

Please take note of the details of our Holy Week and Easter services that are outlined elsewhere in this news sheet. If anyone would like to receive communion **on their doorstep** during the week after Easter, please notify the Parish Office.

Mark

THIS WEEK

Sunday 21 March - 10.00am Morning Service, Ss Philip & James Church* livestreamed via [Facebook](#) followed by 'Zoom Coffee', [Meeting ID: 761 9820 6224](#), Passcode: 1eGHJT

Monday, Wednesday and Fridays - 12.00noon Lent Reflections via our [Facebook page](#)

Wednesday 24 March - 9.30am Midweek Communion Service, Ss Philip & James Church, [Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#) (no need to book to attend this service in person)

Thursday 25 March - 2.00pm Bible Study, [Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#)

Sunday 28 March - 10.00am Morning Service, Ss Philip & James Church*, livestreamed via [Facebook](#)

* please sign up beforehand to attend Sunday 10.00am services in church in person, see inside for details.

Ss Philip & James Church is open for prayer Wednesdays 10.00am-3.00pm & Sundays 12noon-3.00pm.

PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 21 MARCH - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

TODAY'S COLLECT Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK . . .

Those in urgent need of our prayers including... Chris Butterfield, Angus Cairns, Babs King, Phyllis McGowan, Carol Paton and Timothy Rayment.

Members of our extended church family in need of our continuing prayers... Matthew Allen, Gladys Barber, Alona Beauchamp, Marion Brown, Patricia Bull, Dilys Denney, David & Yvonne Dunk, Joan Hall, Alan Harvey, Dexter Heard, Tony Holbeche, Sue Huddle, Garth Kellett, Bonnie Lewis, Roger Matcham, Sheila O'Connor, Gill Page, Matthew Parkes, John & Barbara Simson, Eileen Taylor, Erica Taylor, Jean Thomas, Tyler Thompson, John Tillyer and Molly Wilson.

Those who have died recently... Freda Evans, Joan Stock and John Hopper.

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time... Barry Perrott, Mona Seaver, Peter Callop, Gladys Butterworth, Mary Boulcott, Louise Akerman, Brian Meeres, John Watts, Daniel Barfield, Kenneth Butcher.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 22 MARCH 2021

Meditation: 'Christ, as a light illumine and guide me. Christ, as a shield overshadow me. Christ under me; Christ over me; Christ beside me on my left and my right. This day be within and without me, lowly and meek, yet all-powerful. Be in the heart of each to whom I speak; in the mouth of each who speaks unto me. This day be within and without me, lowly and meek, yet all-powerful. Christ as a light; Christ as a shield; Christ beside me on my left and my right.' *St. Patrick's Breastplate*.

We give thanks for the technology that has enabled us to keep in contact with one another.

Please pray...

Mon - For Chantelle in our Parish Office.

Tues - For our streets to be safe for women, children and the vulnerable to walk unafraid.

Wed - For all those around the world who do not have access to medical care.

Thurs - For those facing challenges in their business and those starting up new business ventures.

Fri - For our Archbishops, Bishops and church leaders.

Sat - For the charity shops of our town and the charities they support, that they may be able to continue their work.

Sun - That we may all stay faithful to Christ, in good times and bad.

ALL WEEK –

For Funeral directors – especially Goddards, Holmes and the Co-op.

For All Saints School, Tavistock, Velmead, Heatherside, Fleet Infants, Elvetham Heath, Court Moor and Calthorpe Park.

For all the nurseries, preschools and child-minding services of our town.

For Frimley Park Hospital, Fleet Hospital, Fleet Medical Centre, Branksomewood Healthcare Centre, Richmond Surgery – and all vaccination centres.

For those who live Heathfield Court, Heathland Close, Heckfield Drive, Herbert Road, Hereford Mead, Hermes Close.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION - Please complete any [electoral roll forms](#) by 29 March 2021. Contact Pamela Pimm, 01252 615437, 5 Rosedene Gardens, Fleet, GU51 4NQ.

PALM CROSSES - Individually wrapped, palm crosses will be available for you to collect from either the FPCC or P&J this coming week. They will be in plastic containers near the front doors of each building. When you have taken your cross please ensure the lids are firmly put back in place. Mark will bless the crosses virtually at the 10am service on Palm Sunday. For those attending the service palm crosses will be available in the narthex at P&J before the service - please ring Mary Goodson to book (01252 815103).

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS - This informal service on Good Friday morning will be ideal for families - if your family would like to take part in the service please contact Jane Jones (cjanejones@gmail.com, 01252 628961).

DOORSTEP COMMUNION - If you would like to receive communion on your doorstep (literally!) in the week after Easter please contact the Parish Office.

TOMATOES - Tomato plant sale for Christian Aid: Alan Wilson is selling his excellent tomato and courgette plants for Christian Aid. Contact Jenny Thorne on 617108 for details. Pre-booking essential.

EASTER BOOKS AND CARDS - LivingStones is doing its best to keep serving you while the centre is not permitted to open and would like to encourage you to make your online orders of Easter cards, greeting cards, Bible reading notes, books and book bundles. All will be delivered free of charge to those within a 5 mile radius of the centre. See newlivingstones.org.uk for details.

ASSISTANT PARISH ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY - This vacancy closes at 9.00am on Monday 22 March. Principal duties include administration and supervision of church and hall hirers at both parish sites (All Saints and Ss P&J), supervision of cleaners as well as providing school holiday and half term cover for the parish administrator. The person appointed will have good interpersonal and excellent IT skills and will be able to work on their own as well as part of a team. Confidentiality, flexibility and reliability are essential. Applicants will need to be sympathetic to the ethos of a Christian church. Hours per week: 4 hrs spread over 2-3 days per week; 4.5 hrs daily Monday-Friday during school holidays and half term. There is some flexibility in the working arrangement but there is an essential requirement to provide office cover during half term and school holidays. Remuneration: £10.11 per hour. To apply please email your CV with a short covering letter saying why you think you'd be right for the job to: office@parishoffleet.org.uk.

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.



NOTES ON THE READINGS FOR SUNDAY 21 MARCH

[Jeremiah 31.31-34](#)

The key to this passage lies in the previous verses which recall an older maxim that subsequent generations must pay the penalty for their forebears' sins. The renewed Covenant makes each individual responsible for him/herself - 'and I will write it on their hearts' (v.33). It comes very close to Christ's teaching.

[Psalm 51.1-13](#)

This is the great penitential psalm associated with King David after he had been confronted by Nathan the prophet indicting him on his illicit liaison with Bathsheba, another man's wife.

[Hebrews 5.5-10](#)

Melchizedek was the first and original High Priest. According to Leviticus not only did the High Priest need to sacrifice to atone for his own sins and those of others but he also needed to do so repeatedly; moreover his term of office ended with death. Christ, however, made only one sacrifice and overcame death by His resurrection.

[John 12.20-33](#)

John uses the account of the Greeks' request as a teaching point. Philip and Andrew are still unsure whether Christ intended to reach out to the Gentiles. Their uncertainty was resolved by Christ's reply 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified' (v.23). This takes place just before the Passion.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday - 28 March

10.00am Eucharist, Ss Philip & James Church & online - please ring Mary Goodson (01252 815103) to book
6.30pm Music & Readings for Passiontide, online only

Wednesday 31 March

9.30am Holy Communion, Ss Philip & James Church & online

Maundy Thursday - 1 April

7.30pm Eucharist, Ss Philip & James Church & online (no need to book)

Good Friday - 2 April

10.00am Journey to the Cross, Ss Philip & James Church & online - contact Jane Jones to book
2.00pm An Hour at the Cross, Ss Philip & James Church & online (no need to book)

Easter Sunday - 4 April

8.00am Holy Communion (1662), Ss Philip & James Church (no need to book)
9.45am Eucharist, Ss Philip & James Church & online - please ring Mary Goodson (01252 815103) to book
11.30am Eucharist, Fleet Parish Community Centre - please ring Mary Goodson (01252 815103) to book

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Administrator, Chantelle Gardner *Office hours: Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 1.00pm*

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