



Parish of Fleet
All Saints
St Philip & St James

News Sheet for Sunday 2 May 2021 Ss Philip and James Patronal Festival

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

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

Thank you for joining us to celebrate our co-patrons - St Philip and St James.

For me, the Gospel of John is the greatest of all the Gospels, perhaps the greatest document of any kind ever written. St. John's Gospel tells us many things, but one thing in particular, over and over again. Through this gospel Jesus tells us - 'Whatever it is you are looking for; you will find it in me'!

If you are looking to be fed, spiritually or physically - Jesus is the bread of life.

If you are looking for refreshment - Jesus will give you streams of living water.

If we need rest or renewal - he will ease our burden.

If you are wondering who you can trust - he is the way, the truth, and the life.

If you are looking for a way in, or a way out - he is the gate.

If you need someone to lead you, guide you, care for you - he is the good shepherd.

If you need a new start - he is the resurrection.

If you are looking for life in all its fullness, as it is meant to be lived - it is to be found in him.

If you want to know God - then look at Jesus, learn about Jesus, get to know Jesus - because whatever you find in Jesus, that is God.

Whatever your need whatever your questions - find Jesus and you will have all you need!

This is the Gospel we proclaim, and it's really very simple!

Do join us for worship by one means or another - in church or at home - come and meet Jesus!

In May there will be extra opportunities to worship.

May 9th - There will be a Service of BCP Communion at 8.00am at P&J in addition to the 10.00am service.

May 13th - Ascension Day - there will be a Eucharist in church and livestreamed at P&J at 7.30pm.

May 16th - There will be an All-Age service **on Zoom** at 11.30am in addition to our 10.00am service.

May 30th - There will be a Eucharist at FPCC at 11.30am in addition to our 10.00am service.

May God bless you all.

Mark

THIS WEEK

Sunday 2 May - 10.00am Morning Service, Ss Philip & James Church* livestreamed via [Facebook](#) followed by 'Zoom Coffee', [Meeting ID: 761 9820 6224](#), Passcode: 1eGHjT

Wednesday 5 May - 9.30am Midweek Communion Service, Ss Philip & James Church, [Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#) (no need to book to attend this service in person)

Thursday 6 May - 2.00pm Bible Study, [Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#)

Sunday 9 May - 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP), Ss Philip & James Church (no need to book)

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 2 MAY - SS PHILIP AND JAMES PATRONAL FESTIVAL

TODAY'S COLLECT Almighty Father, whom truly to know is eternal life: teach us to know your Son Jesus Christ as the way, the truth, and the life; that we may follow the steps of your holy apostles Philip and James, and walk steadfastly in the way that leads to your glory; 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 Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK . . .

Those in urgent need of our prayers including... Chris Butterfield, Angus Cairns, Joan Hall, Tony Holbeche, Babs King, Phyllis McGowan, Carol Paton, Dee Stephenson.

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

Those who have died recently... Rosemary Shrimpton.

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time... Gordon Grainger, John Cattell, Edna Kelly, Gladys Hill, Maxwell Logan, Peggy Fenwick, Muriel Kay and Rosemarie Stooles.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 3 MAY 2021

Meditation 'The secret to living well and longer is: eat half, walk double, laugh triple, and love without measure' *Tibetan Proverb*.

We give thanks for God's continual presence with us at all times and in all places.

Please pray...

Mon - For the shops and businesses of our town, in difficult times.

Tues - For those planning the Archbishops mission in our Diocese later in the year – that God will bring many to Christ through this project.

Wed - For those going through marital breakdown or divorce.

Thurs - For those who have been waiting for operations or medical treatment only to have them cancelled because of Covid 19 - that good news may come soon.

Fri - (Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer) For all who write today about spiritual matters and all prayer guides.

Sat - For the people of India.

Sun - That all may know the unconditional love of Jesus for them.

ALL WEEK - For those who live in Abbots Close, Adams Drive, Albany Close, Albany Court, Albany Road and Albert Street.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

ALL SAINTS UPDATE - As things stand, work will begin on phase one of the rebuilding of All Saints on or soon after 25th May. Praise be to God, and thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to bring us to this point.

SERVICES IN CHURCH - Please contact Mary Goodson (01252 815103) by Friday if you would like to attend the service in Ss Philip & James Church on Sunday. Please note that face masks must be worn in church.

CHRISTIAN AID PLANT AND CAKE SALE - Saturday 8 May 2.30-4.00pm, St Philip & St James Church car park, open-air Christian Aid Plant and Cake sale. We'd love to see you! Payment by donation, cheques accepted.

SAFEGUARDING – PAST CASES REVIEW - This Parish, along with the whole of the Church of England takes very seriously the safeguarding of all in its care, but especially the young or vulnerable amongst us.

As you may know, all those who hold office in this church are required to undertake regular safeguarding training and to act in accordance with the law and good practice on this subject. The Parish also has a safeguarding policy which the PCC ensures is followed to the letter.

With all this in mind, Guildford Diocese is currently undertaking a Past Cases Review to ensure that anyone affected by safeguarding issues, or who has been a victim of abuse of any kind in a church context, has the opportunity to speak out with confidence and be heard.

Therefore, if you feel you have been the victim of any kind of abuse from anyone in a position of leadership or ministry in this parish, recently or in the past, please feel free to speak to our Parish Safeguarding Officer Sheila Buller on 01252 629346. If it is something you cannot speak to her about, please instead contact the Vicar, Mark Hayton on 01252 219281.

LIVINGSTONES REOPENING - LivingStones in Fleet have reopened and would love you to pop in and help them clear their sale stock! Open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays, 10.00am-4.00pm.

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 2 MAY

[Isaiah 30.15-21](#) *Assyria, having overrun Israel to the north, now threatened Judah. Contrary to the advice of Isaiah, Hezekiah resisted Assyria and sought protection from Egypt - advice which was to prove disastrous for Judah. Isaiah says here that in spite of Judah going its own way God promises to hear their cry and will reinstate his people in Jerusalem.*

[Psalm 119.1-8](#) *Psalm 119 is divided into 22 sections of 8 verses. Each section begins with a different initial letter of the Hebrew alphabet and each dwells on a different theme. This is the first which begins with aleph (א and bids us to 'keep his testimonies' (v2).*

[Ephesians 1.3-10](#) *This is the opening of Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus in which he starts off with an extended blessing before embarking on the central theme of the letter.*

[John 14.1-14](#) *This passage is part of the discourse that lies between the account of Judas' departure from the Last Supper and the end of the meal when they departed for the Garden of Gethsemane. It is very likely that St. John was the only Gospel writer who was actually there at the time.*

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