



Parish of Fleet
All Saints
St Philip & St James

News Sheet for Sunday 4 April 2021, Easter Sunday and Sunday 11 April, Second Sunday of Easter

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

Alleluia, he is risen! He is risen indeed – Alleluia!

So what? You might ask. Even if we believe that Jesus rose from the dead, what difference does that make to us? We still get sick, we still die, how is the resurrection good news for us? Surely Jesus is at best just taunting us 'Look I can rise from the dead, and you can't'.

But that's not how it works. Jesus made many promises...

'I have come that you might have life and have it in abundance.'

'Those who believe in me will never die.'

'Come to me those who are heavy burdened, and I will give you rest.'

'I will give you streams of living water.'

'I will prepare a place for you (in heaven).'

'I will be with you always.'

'Strive for the Kingdom of God, and everything else will be given to you as well.'

'The person who believes in me will do even greater things than I do.'

He also promised to return from the dead...and he did! Because he kept that promise, we can believe and trust everything else he said, especially his promises. The resurrection was God's way of saying 'You can trust this man and believe everything he says – he is the Son of God and here is the proof!'

Jesus was our pioneer – on the cross he broke the power of sin, evil, suffering and death so that we need not fear these things anymore. He led the way to new life and a new humanity for all, and he invites us simply to follow him and embrace all the things he promised and much more!

Because Jesus lives, because he died and rose, we can escape from our past, have confidence and peace of mind in the present, and eternal hope for the future. The resurrection makes all the difference, to everything and everyone – so Alleluia! Happy Easter!

Mark

THIS WEEK & NEXT

Sunday 4 April, Easter Day - 8.00am Holy Communion (1662), Ss Philip & James Church, no need to book

9.45am Eucharist Service, Ss Philip & James Church* livestreamed via [Facebook](#)
followed by 'Zoom Coffee', [Meeting ID: 761 9820 6224](#), Passcode: 1eGHjT

11.30am Eucharist Service, Fleet Parish Community Centre*.

Sunday 11 April - 10.00am Morning Service, Ss Philip & James Church*, livestreamed via [Facebook](#)
followed by 'Zoom Coffee', [Meeting ID: 761 9820 6224](#), Passcode: 1eGHjT

Wednesday 14 April - 9.30am Midweek Communion Service, Ss Philip & James Church,
[Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#) (no need to book to attend this service in person)

Thursday 15 April - 2.00pm Bible Study, [Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#)

Sunday 18 April - 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 4 APRIL - EASTER SUNDAY

TODAY'S COLLECT Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Huddie, 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... Barbara Scriven.

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time... Alfred Rudd, Winifred Talbot, William Freeman, Anna Boyton, Geoffrey Crossman, Theodore Wollwebber, Buntly Hunt, Trudie Moore and Joan Butt.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 5 APRIL 2021

Meditation 'Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.' *Max Lucado*

We give thanks for the resurrection of Jesus and the promise of new life for us and all creation.

Please pray...

Mon - For those able to take rest and refreshment today.

Tues - For NHS workers and all who are in hospital.

Wed - For the homeless, and all who seek to help them.

Thurs - For all who teach the faith – especially to the young.

Fri - For those who work in tourism and hospitality, as they face the challenges of the months ahead.

Sat - For parents and children once again together for the school holidays.

Sun - That God will bring revival to our nation and raise up many to serve him in ministries of all kinds.

ALL WEEK - For those who live in Howard Close, Hugh De Port Lane, Hursley Drive, Ibworth Lane, Inholmes Drive, Itchell Drive.

NOTES ON THE READINGS FOR SUNDAY 4 APRIL

[Isaiah 25.6-9](#) - *Did Christ have this in mind when he preached the parable of the king's wedding feast for his son to which none of the invited guests would come?*

[Psalm 118 1-2 & 14-24](#) - *A psalm sung on a feast day when processing into the Temple*

[Acts 10.34-43](#) - *Cornelius, a centurion from Caesarea, had asked Peter to come and speak to his household. Peter, having had a vision of a sheet being let down full of 'unclean' animals which he had been told to eat, accepted the invitation and preached this sermon to the Gentile audience.*

[Mark 16.1-8](#) - *In some of the earliest manuscripts of St Mark's gospel these verses formed the end of the gospel - references to Christ's later appearances to the disciples were not included. In that event this passage would then have formed a dramatic conclusion to the story of the Passion.*

PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 11 APRIL - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

TODAY'S COLLECT Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 12 APRIL 2021

Meditation 'Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world. All things break, and all things can be mended. Not with time, as they say, but with intention. So go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally. The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you.' *L.R. Knost*

We give thanks for those who shared the faith with us in times past.

Please pray...

Mon - For all who are currently separated from loved ones.

Tues - For those who produce, transport, distribute or sell us our food and essential supplies.

Wed - For those suffering from abdominal diseases.

Thurs - For our Bishops, archdeacons and diocesan clergy.

Fri - For all who work in our local government offices, and for the future of the Harlington Centre

Sat - For recent victims of flood, wind, and other forms of extreme weather. That we may all grasp the challenges presented by climate change.

Sun - For a better, holier, kinder world to emerge from these times.

ALL WEEK - For those who live in Jersey Close, Keats Gardens, Kenilworth Crescent, Kenilworth Road, Kent Road, Kentwith Ave.

NOTES ON THE READINGS FOR SUNDAY 11 APRIL

[Exodus 14.10-31 & 15.20-21](#) - *This vivid account is a synthesis of various sources hence the variation in some of the detail. However the story is often referred to by later generations when illustrating an act of God's deliverance (e.g. Corinthians Ch 10v1).*

[Psalm 133](#) - *This was one of the Psalms of Ascent sung by pilgrims heading for Jerusalem. In the original Hebrew these psalms have a specific form in verse length and word order. Oil and drops of dew are symbols of refreshment.*

[Acts 4.32-35](#) - *The Book of Acts consists of specific accounts of incidents which are interspersed with generalisations that describe a golden age in the life of the young church; this reading is one of the latter. They tended to give an idealised picture and were not necessarily true to form as subsequent events were later to prove.*

[John 20.19-31](#) - John originally let these verses, that include Thomas's exclamation 'My Lord and My God', be the culmination and final words of his gospel describing Christ's mission on earth. The chapter that follows (Chapter 21) was added later.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

PARISH OFFICE EASTER CLOSURE - The Parish Office is closed until Monday 19 April. For queries during this period please contact: Rev Mark Hayton from 4-11 April (vicar@parishoffleet.org.uk, 01252 219281) or Jane Jones from 12-18 April (cjanejones@gmail.com, 01252 628961)

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION - The revised electoral roll for 2021 will be on display at P&J Church from Sunday 11 April and by arrangement with the Parish Office (from 19 April).

CHURCHWARDEN MEETING AND APCM - Notice is given of the Annual Churchwarden meeting and APCM to be held via Zoom on Monday 26 April 2021. Details on how to join the meetings will follow later.

WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL - Please note that there is no 9.30am service on Wednesday 7 April.

THURSDAY ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES - Our Thursday Bible Study sessions are taking a short break - all welcome to join for the new series on the letter of James starting on Thursday 15 April via Zoom. Please email Revd Mark Hayton for details.

SUNDAY SERVICE BOOKINGS - Please ring Mary Goodson on 01252 815103 by Friday if you would like to book to attend the 10.00am service in Ss Philip & James church on Sunday.

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.



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