



Parish of Fleet
All Saints
St Philip & St James

News Sheet for
Sunday 18 April 2021, Third Sunday of Easter

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

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

For those of you who join our worship online, I apologise for a poor-quality livestream last Sunday. There was nothing wrong with the equipment at our end but somehow the signal degraded on its way to you! It may be that Christians broke the internet again, which has happened before during this last year.

We will continue to livestream our services, despite such occasional problems, and I am thrilled that we have been able to reach so many people with the word of God and the worship of his people. Over 500 people viewed our Easter Day service at one time or another, and I know that there are quite a few who would not be able to share in worship if it were not for our livestreaming.

It is gratifying, however, that more people are feeling able to join us in person for worship on Sundays. We would encourage you more than ever to book and tell us you intend to come, but please do not let this discourage you from returning to worship in church if you feel ready to. We will continue to do all that can be done to ensure the health and safety of those who come, and if we find more people want to come than we have room for, then we will put on more services and more opportunities for worship.

With that in mind please note the following for our programme for May

May 2nd - Is the Patronal Festival of P&J and we will be having a service at 10.00 am at P&J as usual.

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

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

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

We are also hoping to have some live music during at least one of our services during May!

Hopefully, this will make it easier for everyone to join in worship by one means or another.

Worship is our first calling, our primary reason for being here, so do join us in offering service to God.

For those of you hoping for news of the rebuilding of All Saints, I can report that we have received a revised tender from the prospective builders and feel that we are very close to work commencing soon! Keep praying please!

May God bless you all,

Mark

THIS WEEK

Sunday 18 April - 10.00am Morning Service, Ss Philip & James Church* livestreamed via [Facebook](#) followed by 'Zoom Coffee', [Meeting ID: 761 9820 6224](#), Passcode: 1eGHjT

Wednesday 21 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 22 April - 2.30pm Bible Study - Zoom details will be emailed on the day.

Sunday 25 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 18 APRIL - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

TODAY'S COLLECT Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK . . .

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

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, 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...

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time... Harry Hazlegrove, Keith Walker, Gladys Draycott, Claude Sclater, David Cotterell, Fred Griffin, Philip Carter, Stanley Gutteridge, Seward Seaver, Olive Taylor and Winifred South.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 19 APRIL 2021

Meditation 'Learn to love the creator in his creation, the worker in his work. Don't be so fascinated by things created that you forget the one who created them all' *St. Augustine*.

We give thanks for resurrection experienced in our world and in our lives.

Please pray...

Mon - For those who work in refuse disposal.

Tues - For those involved with the Covid vaccination programme all around the world.

Wed - For all who are lonely, fearful or depressed.

Thurs - For those who work in theatre, cinema and the arts.

Fri - For those struggling financially.

Sat - For all serving in the armed forces abroad, and for their families.

Sun - For all who teach, preach or interpret the word of God.

ALL WEEK - For those who live in Kerry Close, Kevins Grove, Kimpton Drive, King Henry Road, King John Street, Kings Road.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

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

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.

BIBLE STUDY 22 APRIL - Please note that this week's Bible Study via Zoom will be at 2.30pm - Jane Jones will send out the link for the meeting on the day.

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 18 APRIL

[Zephaniah 3.14-20](#)

This is a poem - a psalm - written when Judah was being oppressed by foreign powers and corruption was rife at a time immediately before the exile in Babylon. It is a prophecy that God will eventually restore Israel.

[Psalm 4](#)

Psalm 4 is used in evening prayer and forms part of the Office of Compline.

[Acts 3.12-19](#)

This passage immediately follows the account of Peter healing the crippled beggar outside the Portico of Solomon. It forms one of the first expositions of the new Christian teaching long before any Christian theology had been worked out or the writing of the gospels.

[Luke 24.36b-48](#)

In writing for a Greek readership, whose mindset could not accept the concept of bodily resurrection, Luke emphasises the reality of Christ's physical presence by describing the wounds and the meal he shared with his disciples.

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