



**Parish of Fleet**  
**All Saints**  
**St Philip & St James**

**News Sheet for**  
**Sunday 25 April 2021**  
**Fourth 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.

As times change and restrictions ease, it is important that to take stock to discern what we are called to be and do right now and in the future - both as a parish and as individual Christians.

During lockdown we have concentrated on two things – ensuring that God continues to be worshipped, and binding one another together in fellowship, bringing others into that fellowship as much as we can.

I believe that these form the twin calling of the church, and are what we must continue to focus on as we step into the future together.

On Monday we have the chance to reflect together on where we are heading as we share in our Parish AGM.

Details of how to join that, by Zoom, are elsewhere in this sheet – please do join us if you can, and please pray for those who will be elected to office – forming the team that will lead us into God's future.

Thinking a little further ahead, you may remember that Archbishop Justin Welby was due to visit our diocese last year, but that his visit had to be postponed due to Covid.

The good news is that Bishop Justin will be coming this year over the long weekend of 24th-27th September. This time his visit is intended to empower and encourage the mission of our diocese and to help us draw new people into the fellowship of the way of Jesus.

For now, please put in your diaries the fact that the weekend will begin with a big act of worship, for all church people of our diocese at the Lakeside centre on 24th.

Even more exciting is the fact that the Archbishop will be coming to our deanery, and to the Empire in Aldershot on Sunday 26th September. This will be specifically an event for non-Christians to come and hear the Archbishop and a number of others, join in a big event, hear more about the Christian faith, and perhaps sign up to some form of nurture programme like Alpha or Emmaus run by the local churches. The hope is that as a consequence, the Archbishop will be able to come back a year later and Baptise or confirm all those who are drawn into fellowship with us through this event.

Please start praying for this event, and start thinking about those among your own friends and family who you might like to invite to this event – all you need to do, like the Apostle Andrew is to say to them 'Come and See'!

I look forward to sharing with you in worship this weekend, live, online or in Spirit. That, in the end, is what we are here for.

May God bless you all.

Mark

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday 25 April** - 10.00am Morning Service, Ss Philip & James Church\* livestreamed via [Facebook](#) followed by 'Zoom Coffee', [Meeting ID: 761 9820 6224](#), Passcode: 1eGHjT

**Monday 26 April** - 7.30pm APCM, [Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#)

**Wednesday 28 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 29 April** - 2.00pm Bible Study, [Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#)

**Sunday 2 May** - 10.00am Morning Service for Ss Philip & James Patronal Festival, 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 25 APRIL - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**TODAY'S COLLECT** Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; 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, 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 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...** Rosemary Shrimpton.

**Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time...** Reg Hallam, Alwyne Hallam, Nancy Payne, Susan Bowen, Mollie Butt, Patricia Greenway, Ronald Hill, Geoffrey Linton, Joyce Gordon and Philip Nicholson.

### PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 26 APRIL 2021

**Meditation** 'In a world so torn apart by rivalry, anger, and hatred, we have the privileged vocation to be living signs of a love that can bridge all divisions and heal all wounds.' *Henri Nouwen*

**We give thanks** for those who work to bring us the goods and services we rely upon.

**Please pray...**

**Mon** - For our Parish AGM today and for those who will be elected to office.

**Tues** - For children and young people facing changes in the months ahead.

**Wed** - For those suffering from dementia.

**Thurs** - For our police, fire and ambulance services.

**Fri** - For those in need of forgiveness, and those we need to forgive.

**Sat** - For grace to celebrate diversity in faith and religion across our world.

**Sun** - For our Parish and congregations on the feast of St Philip and St James.

**ALL WEEK** - For those who put their lives in danger to care for us and to provide for what we need.

For those who live in Kings Worthy Road, Kingscroft, Kingsley Square, Kintbury Close, Knights Enham Drive and Knoll Close.

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

**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.

**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.

**CHURCHWARDEN MEETING AND APCM** - Notice is given of the Annual Churchwarden meeting and APCM to be held via Zoom on Monday 26 April 2021, [Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#). If you did not receive the links to the documents (vicar's report, agenda, minutes of last year's meeting and annual reports) please download them from the [parish website](#) or contact the Parish Office by 12.00pm on Monday to have them emailed.

**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.

**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 bring and buy sale. We'd love to see you, whether you are bringing, buying or both. Payment by donation, cheques accepted.

**JOB VACANCIES** - Waverley Abbey Trust are currently advertising for a copywriter, please see [their website](#) for details. St Peter's, Yateley are advertising for a salaried assistant in their café - see [their advert](#) for details or contact [mark.vernon@stpetersyateley.org.uk](mailto:mark.vernon@stpetersyateley.org.uk) for details.

**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 25 APRIL

[Genesis 7.1-5,11-18, 8.6-18, 9.8-13](#) *This familiar story is a synthesis of two Judaic traditions that have their roots in a much older narrative found on ancient clay tablets. Interestingly the older version has the flood lasting only 6 days.*

[Psalm 23](#) *The psalm depicts images of a pastoral economy and the practice of kings giving sumptuous banquets on special occasions.*

[Acts 4.5-12](#) *Peter and John had been arrested because they had healed a lame beggar outside the Portico of Solomon and then had proceeded to preach. Peter's acclamation shows the fulfilment of Jesus' promise that when His disciples are confronted by the authorities the 'Holy Spirit will teach you what to say'. (Luke 12.12).*

[John 10.11-18](#) *The image of God providing shepherds (i.e. kings and priests) for His flock (the Jewish race) is a recurring theme of the Old Testament as are the numerous references to bad shepherds who lead their flock astray (see Ezekiel 34). The Pharisees would have recognised these implied negative references all too readily.*

### PARISH CONTACTS

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