



Parish of Fleet  
All Saints  
St Philip & St James

News Sheet for  
Sunday 9 May 2021  
Sixth 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.

***'There is nothing like actually 'being there'!***

As times change and we take cautious steps into a new future, it is good to see some live performances returning.

Some football matches have now been played in front of limited but lively crowds.

Some music events have taken place in the presence of well controlled but enthusiastic audiences.

Because when it comes to any sort of human experience, there is nothing like actually 'being there'!

This is even more true of Christian worship. Over the last year it has been such a blessing for us to be able to keep worship going by livestreaming and gathering online via zoom. For some, out of necessity, their experience of worship will continue to be 'online' and we will ensure that we continue to make that possible for all who need it.

It is my dearest hope, however, that as soon as is safe and possible, the majority of our worshipping family will be able to join together in person, in church, to praise the Lord together and be fed by him in word and sacrament.

At the moment we still have restrictions on numbers due to social distancing, but despite that we are never full, so please do not be put off from signing up to come to worship! If we find we are oversubscribed (which I hope we soon do) we will do our best to accommodate people in other ways – including laying on extra services at different times if that proves necessary.

This week for instance we have both an 8.00am BCP Service and a 10.00am Eucharist – why not come to one or the other - because there is nothing like actually being there!

To all of you who for now will be continuing to join us online, a warm welcome to all of you too!

Next Thursday (13 May) is Ascension Day, one of the most important days in the Church's calendar – so please do join us for worship on that day, in person or online, at 7.30 pm.

May God bless you all.

Mark

**THIS WEEK**

**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](#)  
followed by 'Zoom Coffee', [Meeting ID: 761 9820 6224](#), Passcode: 1eGHjT

**Wednesday 12 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 13 May** - 2.00pm Bible Study, [Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#)  
7.30pm Eucharist for Ascension Day, Ss Philip & James Church (no need to book) and  
livestreamed via [Facebook](#)

**Sunday 16 May** - 10.00am Morning Service, Ss Philip & James Church\*, livestreamed via [Facebook](#)  
11.30am Family Worship via [Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#)

\* 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 9 MAY - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**TODAY'S COLLECT** God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him 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, 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...**

**Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time...** Eve Squier, Margaret Warwick, Jessie Newson, Jeremy Durrant, Cecil Maxwell-Lefroy, Mary Thorne, Irene Hayne, Rowland Brown, Winifred Sedden, Frank Partington and Beryl Penn.

### PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 10 MAY 2021

**Meditation** 'Prayer is sitting in the silence until it silences us, choosing gratitude until we are grateful and praising God until we ourselves are an act of praise.' *Richard Rohr*

**We give thanks** for the glimpses of Jesus we see in one another.

Please pray...

**Mon** - For Christian Aid, and for all charities struggling to carry on in these difficult times.

**Tues** - For those struggling with mental health issues.

**Wed** - For the Clergy of the Deanery of Aldershot meeting for a virtual Chapter today.

**Thurs** - (Ascension day) That all humanity might rise to the challenge of becoming Christlike.

**Fri** - For those newly elected to represent us in local government.

**Sat** - For the children and young people of our parish.

**Sun** - For the Kingdom of God to come into the lives of all whom we know.

**ALL WEEK** For those who live in Le Frith Drive, Lea Springs, Leawood Road, Lefroy Park, Lestock Way and Lime Drive.

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

**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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - Do you have a couple of hours to spare once every six weeks? P & J is in need of an extra cleaner or two. Now we are returning to normal, our church is in need of its fortnightly Hoover and dust. All equipment provided! If you do feel that you could help with this, please call Karen Kite on 613251 or email [kbudge42kite@aol.com](mailto:kbudge42kite@aol.com). It is not a huge task and as always the larger the team the less often you need to clean!!

**QUIET DAYS/EVENINGS** - The Revd. Haydon Wilcox is running quiet days and evenings at St. Columba's Retreat House, Maybury Hill, Woking. These events will support people as they return into the world from lockdown and will offer the opportunity to share, reflect, to be spiritually fed and gain encouragement. All Covid protocols will be practised to ensure a safe environment and are restricted to 16 people. Remaining places: day event 12 July; evening events 16 June, 28 September. Many events are now full and additional dates will be offered. To receive details and make a booking please contact St. Columba's House on Tel. 01483 766 498 or email: [admin@stcolumbushouse.org.uk](mailto:admin@stcolumbushouse.org.uk)

**CARE FOR THE FAMILY** - Care for the Family are running several online events over the next few weeks for specific groups such as parents, couples and men and address issues such as anxiety in children and resilience - please see [careforthefamily.org.uk/events](http://careforthefamily.org.uk/events) for details.

**FACCTS VACANCY** - FACCTS are advertising for an Intern for the next academic year, please see their advert [here](#) or contact Will Parker, [willandjan.parker@ntlworld.com](mailto:willandjan.parker@ntlworld.com), 01252 622491

**HOUSEKEEPING VACANCY** - Waverley Abbey Trust are advertising for a Housekeeping Team Leader, see <https://www.waverleyabbeyresources.org/vacancies/> for details.

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

**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 9 MAY

[Isaiah 55.1-11](#) *Written at the end of the Babylonian Exile Isaiah concludes the 'Suffering Servant' prophecies with this up-beat passage of bravura and expectation.*

[Psalm 98](#) *The psalm praises the Lord who is king and judge of the world.*

[Acts 10.44-48](#) *The reading follows the account of Peter accepting the Centurion Cornelius' invitation to speak to his household. That Peter should stay with a gentile family would have been seen by observers of the Law as even more shocking than the act of baptising non-Jews.*

[John 15.9-17](#) *This is part of the great discourse Jesus had with His disciples at the Last Supper after Judas had left. The significance of being a friend is that one's status is superior to that of a slave or servant. Friends can converse and ask - thus opening up the promise of prayer being answered.*

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