



Parish of Fleet
All Saints
St Philip & St James

News Sheet for
Sunday 16 May 2021
Seventh 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.

'Thy Kingdom Come'

It has become traditional (that means we have done it more than once) to keep the nine days between Ascension Day and Pentecost as a season of prayer given the title 'Thy Kingdom Come'.

It began as an invitation to say the Lord's prayer daily during this season, and then, at the prompting of our Archbishop, Justin Welby, it grew into a challenge to pray for 5 non-Christian friends and relatives each day during this time that Jesus might speak into their lives and grant them the seeds of faith in him.

This year we are invited to do this once again, with the added incentive for us that Archbishop Justin will be coming to our Diocese over the weekend of 24th to 27th September to conduct a series of missional events to which we might, if we can find the courage, invite those friends we have been praying for.

Most of us have friends or relatives who do not share our faith and whom we would love to discover for themselves the joy of knowing Jesus' transforming love, so let us take up the challenge once again and pray that he will do something special and beautiful in their lives.

However, the prayer 'Thy Kingdom come' cannot simply be about non-Christians discovering faith. It is much bigger than that! When we pray these words, we are not just praying for the conversion of individuals, we are praying that God's Kingdom will transform our community, our institutions, our nation, our world, our church – in ways that will bring heaven and earth into harmony with one another.

So, at the same time as we are praying for our friends and family, let's pray that the whole of God's world will be changed by the grace of God so that peace, justice, holiness, unity, truth, inclusiveness, and love will reign in every corner of human life and activity and indeed in all of God's beautiful creation.

Jesus said that with just a tiny bit of faith we could move a mountain - what might happen if we fuse our faith together and pray together for the redemption of God's whole creation? Let's give it a try and see what happens!

'We seek your kingdom throughout every sphere

We long for heaven's demonstration here

Jesus your light shine bright for all to see

Transform, revive, and heal society '

Lyrics: Noel Robinson, Andy Flannagan, Graham Hunter © 2016 Downwardly Mobile Music, Nu Image Music, Graham Hunter

May God bless you all.

Mark

THIS WEEK

Sunday 16 May - 10.00am Morning Service, Ss Philip & James Church* livestreamed via [Facebook](#)
followed by 'Zoom Coffee', [Meeting ID: 761 9820 6224](#), Passcode: 1eGHjT

11.30am Family Worship, Ss Philip & James Church, [Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#)

Wednesday 19 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 20 May - 2.00pm Bible Study, [Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#)

Sunday 23 May - 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 16 MAY - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

TODAY'S COLLECT O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; 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... Julian Barley.

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time... Doris Leng, Robert Moores, Ernest Underdown, Eva Mearing, Kenneth Honiwell, Violet Bedford, Edward Palmer and Norman West.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 17 MAY 2021

Meditation 'The beauty of God is beyond the power of words to describe. We might compare its radiance to the light of the morning star, or to the moon, or to the sun. But we would be as far from an accurate depiction as midday is from midnight.' *St. Basil the Great.*

We give thanks for those who have given us the technology we are using to keep in touch.

Please pray...

Mon - For those separated from loved ones.

Tues - For those who work in the transport industries.

Wed - For those who make difficult decisions on our behalf.

Thurs - For those who feel God is absent, who have lost faith or are searching for faith.

Fri - For those mourning prenatal or neo natal death.

Sat - For all who work for the health of others.

Sun - That God may reshape us through this time of lockdown and make us more effective, loving, generous and focussed upon his Gospel.

ALL WEEK - For those who live in Long Sutton Drive, Longdown, Longmead, Lower Mount Street, Lyndale Drive, Lyndford Terrace and Lyndhurst Road.

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.

STORAGE SPACE REQUIRED - Do you have storage space suitable for looking after the damaged furniture etc. from the Lady Chapel at All Saints? If so, please contact Jenny Thorne, jennythorne3@icloud.com

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 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, 01252 622491

CALLS AND VISITS - If you've got a spare hour per week and would be happy to chat to those who are isolated because they find it difficult to leave their homes - folk who may have been suffering the ache of loneliness for years before we all suffered from Covid lock downs - then you might like to consider joining a new voluntary group "Calls and Visits". Contact Christine via CallsandVisits@gmail.com 01252 621599 or via the [Calls and Visits Facebook page](#).

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 16 MAY

[Ezekiel 36.24-28](#)

Ezekiel was writing during the Babylonian Exile. In the preceding verses God had reminded Israel that when they had originally lived in the Promised Land 'they had defiled it with their ways and their deeds' so He had scattered them abroad. Now Ezekiel tells them God will let them return (V.24)

[Psalm 1](#)

This is the psalm that introduces the Psalter. It sums up the Law's moral teaching. The righteous are likened to trees, the wicked to chaff.

[Acts 1.15-17 & 21-26](#)

As the young church was still very much tied to Jewish traditions it was important to keep the number twelve (12 tribes) to the fore. The disciples were not to know that God had already appointed another apostle – Paul.

[John 17.6-19](#)

The passage comes at the end of the great farewell discourse after Judas had departed from the Last Supper; the discourse ends with this prayer. The word 'hate' (v14), although translated correctly from the Greek, is from an original Aramaic word with the softer meaning more like 'alienated' or 'separate from'.

PARISH CONTACTS

Vicar, Revd Mark Hayton ☎ 01252 219281 📧 vicar@parishoffleet.org.uk

Safeguarding Officer, Sheila Buller ☎ 01252 629346 📧 safeguarding@parishoffleet.org.uk

Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, Jackie Broadfoot ☎ 07918 559387 📧 jackie.broadfoot@cofeguildford.org.uk

Administrator, Chantelle Gardner Office hours: Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 1.00pm

✉ Parish Office, Parish Community Centre, Church Road, GU51 4NB ☎ 01252 812114

📧 office@parishoffleet.org.uk website: www.parishoffleet.org.uk

Find us on 

facebook.com/parishoffleet
twitter.com/parishoffleet

 Follow us on
twitter