



Parish of Fleet
All Saints
St Philip & St James

News Sheet for
Sunday 23 May 2021
Pentecost

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

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

'Happy Birthday'

Today is the Feast of Pentecost, when we remember the day that the Church was born, not of flesh (as Paul might say) but of the Spirit.

Jesus called Disciples, followers, friends to be with him in his ministry and to learn from him what it might mean to live under the Kingdom of God; but they really became a community, a movement on that day when the Holy spirit came upon them, giving them new understanding, new purpose, new life to live out the good news of the Gospel. That was the moment when the church was born.

What did the Church do once the Spirit had been given to it? Did the disciples stay in that upper room, enjoy their worship, fellowship, Bible study and congratulate themselves that they were saved, whilst those outside were not? Did they set up a committee, commission a feasibility study, or put together an action plan?

No, we are told that the spirit drove them out into the community to begin the task of changing lives! That's what all of them did for the rest of their time on earth, they changed lives, transformed communities, challenged injustice and hypocrisy, modelled a new way of living that multitudes admired and wanted to be part of, and that moved some to say with wonder 'see how these Christians love one another'.

As today we celebrate the church's birth once again, we are reminded that we to are called in order to be sent - out into our world to conquer that world for God, to make it place God created it to be, and to conquer not by violence or power, not even by words, but with the power of love!

As we pray for the spirit to equip and empower us for service once again, may I commend to you this prayer that I discovered many years ago..

'Father

Pour out your Spirit upon us and grant us

A new Vision of your Glory

A new experience of your power

A new faithfulness to your word

And a new consecration to your service,

That your love may grow among us

And your Kingdom Come:

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.'

May God Bless You All

Mark

THIS WEEK

Sunday 23 May - 10.00am Morning Service, Ss Philip & James Church* livestreamed via [Facebook](#) followed by 'Zoom Coffee', [Meeting ID: 761 9820 6224](#), Passcode: 1eGHjT

Wednesday 26 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 27 May - 12.00pm Thanksgiving for the life of Julian Barley, Ss Philip & James Church, livestreamed via <https://youtu.be/aJYKbqWPFpk> - **NB THIS LINK HAS BEEN**

UPDATED ON 26/5/21

Sunday 30 May - 10.00am Morning Service, Ss Philip & James Church*, livestreamed via [Facebook](#)
11.30am Morning Service, Fleet Parish Community Centre*

* please sign up beforehand to attend Sunday 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 23 MAY - PENTECOST

TODAY'S COLLECT God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK . . .

Those in urgent need of our prayers including... Chris Butterfield, Angus Cairns, 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, Joan Hall, Alan Harvey, Dexter Heard, Tony Holbeche, 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... Babs King and Julian Barley.

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time... Beverley Pease, Peter Shapland, Douglas Poole, Maurice Stockdale, Margaret Leighton Riddell and Owen Lester.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 24 MAY 2021

Meditation 'Some day, after we have mastered the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness the energies of love. Then, for the second time in the history of the world, humankind will have discovered fire.' *Teilhard de Chardin*.

We give thanks that God is a mystery that we can never fully fathom, because that makes him someone to put our faith in.

Please pray...

Mon - For Buxton's Ltd and all who will be involved day to day with the rebuilding of All Saints.

Tues - For those suffering from cancer, and those treating and supporting them.

Wed - For those who work in transport and tourism.

Thurs - For our Bishop and Archbishop, both on sabbatical. May they return refreshed and renewed.

Fri - For those suffering the long term effects of Covid or its consequences. For patience for them and those who care for them.

Sat - For justice and peace in Israel/Palestine, Syria, Myanmar, Hong Kong and in our own nation.

Sun - For the return and renewal of our work with children and young people.

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 or at Fleet Parish Community Centre on Sunday. Please note that face masks must be worn in church.

ALL SAINTS UPDATE - Building work to be conducted by Buxton's Limited is set to begin on 7 June 2021. Prior to that they will have access to the site to erect banners and scaffolding. Please note that after 7 June, no access to the church or churchyard will be permitted until work is completed. FPCC will continue to be in use, but may be subject to disruption from noise, traffic etc. Please be patient as the work is undertaken.

CHURCH AND HALL HIRERS ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY - Applications are being sought for this part-time post which is now vacant. Principal duties include administration and supervision of church and hall hirers at both parish sites (All Saints and Ss P&J) and the supervision of cleaners. The person appointed will have good interpersonal and excellent IT skills and will be able to work on their own as well as part of a team. Confidentiality, flexibility and reliability are essential. Applicants will need to be sympathetic to the ethos of a Christian church. Hours per week: 4 hrs spread over 2-3 days per week. There is some flexibility in the working arrangement. Remuneration: £10.11 per hour. Applications: please email your CV with a short covering letter saying why you think you'd be right for the job to: office@parishoffleet.org.uk. Closing date for applications: 9.00am Monday 7 June 2021.

IONA MORNING PRAYER - Thursday 27 May, 9.30am - if you haven't joined before and would like to join please email Jane Jones for details, cjanejones@gmail.com.

PENTECOST PRAISE SERVICE FOR FAMILIES - A special service for #ThyKingdomCome for families led by CBeebies' Gemma Hunt click: [Pentecost Praise Service For Kids - Thy Kingdom Come - YouTube](#)

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 - 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 23 MAY

[Ezekiel 37.1-14](#) *Ezekiel, writing during the Babylonian Exile, uses graphic and apocalyptic language to describe how God will gather His people together again. Later generations saw this as an early indication of a belief in the resurrection of the body although this was not intended at the time.*

[Psalm 104.26-36 & 37\(b\)](#) *This psalm praises God for all creation. Here is mentioned water and the seasons. However when "He hides his face" (v31) nature and agriculture collapse and living creatures perish.*

[Acts 2.1-21](#) *We do not know exactly what happened on that day but to Luke's Jewish readers the references to divided tongues of fire and the speaking in tongues would be seen as a miracle overcoming God's original curse and punishment of Babel.*

[John 15.26-27 & 16.4b-15](#) *This is part of the Last Supper discourse. Christ explains that His time on earth is drawing to a close and that the disciples are to look now to the Holy Spirit to guide them. The unseen Holy Spirit will have the authority of Christ Himself; it remains with us today.*

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