

# News Sheet for Sunday 13 August Trinity 10

#### WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Welcome to all as you join us for worship this week. It is a great pleasure to see new faces among you as well as familiar faces. Do say hello after the service and join us for coffee in the community centre.

From the glory of the transfiguration last week, we move in this week's gospel back to the familiar shores of Lake Galilee. And yet, even the disciples who knew this area well, were caught unawares by a tremendous storm that prevented them from reaching the shore. I'm sure many of us have had experiences of being buffeted by unexpected events in our lives that leave us quite at sea and unable to see the way ahead. Yet in the breaking dawn of early morning, Jesus approaches the disciples, seemingly walking on water and offering them reassurance and comfort. Even impetuous Peter who got out of the boat was saved when doubt overcame him as Jesus reached out his hand to him. Faith is not easy, it ebbs and flows and it can be hard to hold onto when life is difficult. Yet time and again Jesus encourages us to trust him and not be fearful.

Practising the presence of Christ in our lives is important for our emotional and spiritual health through daily prayer and meditation and by recalling Jesus' words, 'Take heart.. do not be afraid' (Matthew 14: 27). It is easy to feel overwhelmed so it is comforting to be able to take Christ's hand and to be aware of his peace.

On Iona, after praying for the needs of the world we sang (courtesy of John Bell): 'Don't be afraid, my love is stronger than your fear, and I have promised, promised to be always near'.

May God be with you this week.

Jane

#### THIS WEEK

The Coffee Bar is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10.00am-12.00pm

Sunday 13 Aug - ALL SAINTS CHURCH: 10.00am Simple Eucharist

Ss PHILIP & JAMES: no service

**Tuesday 15 Aug** 11.00am Prayer Group, Ss Philip & James Church

**Wednesday 16 Aug** 9.30am Communion Service, Ss Philip & James Church

10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors

Saturday 19 Aug 10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors

Sunday 20 Aug - ALL SAINTS CHURCH: 8.00am Holy Communion BCP

Ss PHILIP & JAMES: 10.00am Parish Eucharist

Ss Philip & James Church is open for prayer Wednesdays 11.00am-1.30pm & Sundays 12noon-3.00pm.

# **READINGS FOR SUNDAY 13 August**

Romans 10.5-15

Matthew 14.22-33

# **PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 13 August**

**TODAY'S COLLECT**: Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:** God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK . . .

**Those in urgent need of our prayers including:** Barbara Willis, Zoe, Clare and Gareth Pengelly, Jean Belgrove, Xander Coleman-Day, Ann Mann, Carol Paton, Tyler Thompson, Lucy Tyler, Phillip, Garth and Judy Kellett, Peter and Molly, Diana, Jack and Joel, Alan Brown, Anne Marie Hudson

# Members of our extended church family in need of our continuing prayers:

Matthew Allen, Gladys Barber, Melanie Brant, Marion Brown, Chris, Yvonne Dunk, Joan Hall, Dexter Heard, Michael Heard, Tony Holbeche, Giorgia Laughton, Bonnie Lewis, Sheila O'Connor, Gill Page, Peter Rogers, Michael Standen, Eileen Taylor, Erica Taylor, Molly Wilson, Clare and family, Jean Harris, Dewey and family, John Simson

Those who have died recently: Raymond Ellis, Margaret Mills

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time: Jim Burke, Jane Holbeche, Janet Patchett, Bill Gordon, Monica Meirion-Jones, Florence Vincent, Joan Burford, Minnie Jones, Francis Wiseman, Aileen Marsh, Esme Fielding, Hedwig Hilgers, William Pearson, Jack Burrows, Thomas Windiate, Florence Baigent, Gladys Burton, James Wilson, Arthur Mearing, Doris Jervelund, Raymond Hubbard, Mimi Pattison, Rosamund Bracewell-Jupe, David Wyatt

## PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 14 August 2023

**Meditation:** 'Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase' Martin Luther King

## Please pray....

**Mon** - For NHS workers and our local surgeries

**Tues** - For mothers and all who care on the festival of the Virgin Mary

**Wed** - For families in the summer holiday season

**Thur** - For the elderly and the work of Anna chaplaincy

Fri - For relationships under strain

**Sat** - For our church sitters and coffee bar helpers

**Sun** - For our services today and our outreach in this parish

## **PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**

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

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS - The Parish Office will be open 10am-12pm Monday to Friday.

**PARISH AFTERNOON TEA** - At the Parish Community Centre on Tuesday 22nd August. Doors open at 2.30pm, £5.00 per person. All ages are welcome. If you have any questions please contact Karen Kite (01252 613251).

**MORE CHURCH SITTERS NEEDED** - Please can you give 2 hours to sit in All Saints Church on a Wednesday or a Saturday morning welcoming visitors? Choose your date and sign up on the list in the coffee bar.

**ROTAS** - Please sign up for August. Rotas are on notice boards in both churches.

**AV OPERATORS NEEDED** - We are most grateful to those who operate PowerPoint at both churches at our Sunday services. It's not difficult and we'd love to hear from you if you'd like to join the team. For AS, do contact Mike: <a href="mailto:mnbenham@gmail.com">mnbenham@gmail.com</a> or Brian at P& J: <a href="mailto:brian.biffin@gmail.com">brian.biffin@gmail.com</a> for your availability for Sept and Oct.

**FIRE WARDENS NEEDED** - Volunteers needed to act as fire wardens for All Saints Church during services. Training given that we hope will never be needed. Please contact Jenny Thorne for more information or find sign-up sheet on FPCC notice board.

**BABY SAINTS** - Help needed please before and after services (currently on two Wednesday mornings a month: 10.30-11.30 am) with setting up and packing away from those who can lift bulky toy boxes, tables and chairs. If you can help, please contact Claire Holt or Cally.

<u>CYCLE HOOPS FOR ALL SAINTS CHURCHYARD</u> - We have now installed the two cycle hoops which can secure 4 bicycles – the cost of this was around £300 and if any of you would like to contribute to the cost of this please make contact with Jenny Thorne (01252 617108) or Elizabeth Waller (01252 613156).

**GILBERT & SULLIVAN** - This year's semi-staged G&S is **HMS Pinafore** at P&J Church on Sat 16 Sept at 7.30 pm. Tickets £15 in advance (£17 on the door) from <a href="mailto:anne.smith33@btinternet.com">anne.smith33@btinternet.com</a> or 01252 624171. All proceeds to All Saints Fund.

**STEP BY STEP** – Donations box in the narthex at P&J and in FPCC. Donations of the following items welcome: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shower gel/cream, soap, shampoo/conditioner. No bath products please. Thank you.

<u>HART FOODBANK</u> - Thank you for your gifts to the Foodbank. This week there is an urgent need for tinned potatoes, milk, coffee, tinned tomatoes, detergent, tea, custard, jams/marmalade, tinned veg and sponge pudding. Items can be left in the Foodbank containers in the narthex at Ss Philip & James Church and in FPCC.

**NEW PARKING PERMITS FOR CHURCH ROAD CAR PARK** - The new parking permits have arrived. Please collect permits from the church office.

**STAMP COLLECTION** - Please do continue to drop off used stamps at FPCC as Mike will continue to collect them and will be used to support cancer care.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY FLAME INTERNATIONAL** - In case this is of any interest to your congregations, Flame International (based in Aldershot) are looking for a part-time Mission & Training Administrator. All the details are here: <a href="https://www.flameinternational.org/jobs/">https://www.flameinternational.org/jobs/</a>

**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.



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