



News Sheet for Sunday 24 March Palm Sunday

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to our worship today. It is a great joy to have you with us as we worship God together. If you are with us for the first time, please do make yourself known to us after the service.

Today Holy Week begins, the most important week in the Christian calendar. Do join us for as many of the services as you can manage this week – to come only at Easter is like reading only the last page of a book - this is the greatest story ever told and it's good for us to hear and experience it all!

Today, Palm Sunday, we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, but we also hear the cries of 'Hosanna' turn to shouts of 'Crucify' as we share together in the Passion story,

We worship together at P&J today at 10am. Do please join us! There is no service at All Saints today.

Details of all Holy Week and Easter services can be found below and elsewhere in this news sheet.

God bless you all,

Mark

THIS WEEK

The Coffee Bar is open ONLY on Tuesday & Wednesday 10.00am-12.00pm

Palm Sunday 24 Mar

ALL SAINTS CHURCH: No service

Ss PHILIP & JAMES: 10.00am Parish Eucharist with Godly Play

Monday 25 Mar

7.00pm Godly Play for all, All Saints Church

Tuesday 26 Mar

11.00am Prayer Group, FPCC

Wednesday 27 Mar

9.30am Communion Service, Ss Philip & James Church

10.0am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors

10.30am Baby Saints, FPCC

Maundy Thursday 28 Mar

7.30pm Liturgy for Maundy Thursday followed by watch till midnight, Ss Philip & James Church

Good Friday 29 Mar

Ss PHILIP & JAMES: 10.00am Stations of the Cross

ALL SAINTS CHURCH: 2.00pm Reflection for Good Friday

Saturday 30 Mar

10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors

Easter Sunday 31 Mar

Ss PHILIP & JAMES: 8.30am New Fire and Vigil

9.00am Holy Communion

ALL SAINTS CHURCH: 10.00am Music for Easter Morning

10.30am Parish Eucharist

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

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 24 MARCH

[Isaiah 50:4-9a](#)

[Psalm 118:1-2, 19-2](#)

[Psalm 31:9-16](#)

[Mark 14:1-15:47](#)

[Philippians 2:5-11](#)

[Mark 12:1-12](#)

TODAY'S COLLECT: True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruit of your redemption, for you are alive and reign, now and for ever.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Those in urgent need of our prayers including: Jack, Barbara Willis, Zoe, Jean Belgrove, Marcia Farrey, Sylvia Honiwell, Carol Paton, John Simson, Debbie Taylor, Tyler Thompson, Phillip, Garth and Judy Kellett, Alan Brown

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

Rex and Margaret, Robin and Joan, Karen Kite and family, Anne Marie Hudson, Matthew Allen, Gladys Barber, Melanie Brant, Marion Brown, Chris, Diana, Yvonne Dunk, Leo Goodson, Joan Hall, Dexter Heard, Michael Heard, Giorgia Laughton, Bonnie Lewis, Sheila O'Connor, Gill Page, Peter Rogers, Michael Standen, Eileen Taylor, Erica Taylor, Clare and family

Those who have died recently: Edwina Sims, Jane Angela Dudley

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time: Louise Margaret Akerman, Margaret Dean, Brian Meeres, John Watts, Daniel Barfield, Kenneth Butcher, Derek Vincent, Carrie Stronach

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 25 MARCH (HOLY WEEK)

Meditation: - 'Christ, as a light illumine and guide me. Christ, as a shield overshadow me. Christ under me; Christ over me; Christ beside me on my left and my right. This day be within and without me, lowly and meek, yet all-powerful. Be in the heart of each to whom I speak; in the mouth of each who speaks unto me. This day be within and without me, lowly and meek, yet all-powerful. Christ as a light; Christ as a shield; Christ beside me on my left and my right.' St. Patrick's Breastplate.

We give thanks for... Jesus who died and rose so that we might be forgiven, restored, renewed and have life in abundance!

Please pray....

Mon - for our sacristans and servers.

Tues - for victims of forced marriage and those seeking to set them free.

Wed - for those who work in social services.

Thur - (Maundy Thursday) for all who have been betrayed or let down by those they love.

Fri - (Good Friday) for those around the world who have been sentenced to death and are awaiting execution.

- Sat** - (Holy Saturday) for all those who have to wait, and find the waiting hard.
- Sun** - (Easter Day) that by the power of Christ we may all rise – from suffering, loss, failure, disappointment, rejection, and even death.
- ALL WEEK** for those who live in Heathfield Court, Heathland Close, Heckfield Drive, Herbert Road, Hereford Mead, Hermes Close.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES 2024

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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

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

ELECTORAL ROLL - The Church Electoral Roll is to be revised beginning on 25th March 2024 and ending on 7th April 2024. New persons wishing to be on the electoral roll need to complete a form which can be found in the narthex at P&J or FPCC. Persons wishing to change details, such as names and addresses also need to fill in a new form. Once complete, please give them in to the parish office. Forms must be in by 5th April at the latest. Any deletions of current members need to be notified to Tina Hayton 01252 219281.

GODLY PLAY STORY OF HOLY WEEK - Monday 25 March 7pm. Coffee first at FPCC, then come and hear the story of the journey to the cross in All Saints Church told through the medium of Godly play. All welcome.

EASTER LILIES - If you would like to purchase a lily to remember a loved one this Easter, the lilies will be £3 each and will be displayed in both P&J and All Saints Church over Easter. The names will be displayed near the Book of Remembrance in both churches. Payment can be made to Claire at P&J or Andrea Barley at All Saints. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex at P&J and the FPCC.

ROAD CLOSURE REMINDER - 24th March is Half Marathon day with an earlier start time of 09.30 this year, which means that many of the town centre roads will be closing well before that. The 08.00am service at All Saints should be fine, but people heading to the 10.00am at P&J will need to plan their routes carefully. A link to the course map and road closure timings is here:

<https://fleethalfmarathon.com/course-info/>

THE MUSIC OF FAURÉ CONCERT - Saturday 27 April at 7.30pm at All Saints Church. A programme of music by Gabriel Fauré with Requiem, Cantique de Jean Racine and other choral, piano & violin works. See noticeboard in both churches for more details. Concert tickets £15, under 16's £5. You may reserve tickets from Juliet Worthington: email Juliet_worthington@hotmail.com or 01252 614159.

BOOKKEEPER NEEDED - If you have bookkeeping skills/experience which you might be able to offer in service to the parish, please speak to Mark, Mike Ford or Richard Buller.

BABY SAINTS - Baby Saints meets every Wednesday term time at FPCC, 10.30 - 11.30am. If you have or care for preschool children we'd love to see you.

HART FOODBANK DONATIONS - Thank you for your gifts to the Foodbank. This week there is an urgent need for tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, tinned fish, pulses, tinned spaghetti, pasta sauces, washing detergents/liquids, household cleaning. Items can be left in the Foodbank containers in the narthex at Ss Philip & James Church and in FPCC. Thank you, as always, for your donations to the foodbank, they are all very much appreciated.

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.

STAMPS – Thank you for all your support with used stamps. Please do continue drop off your used stamps into the bag on the notice board at FPCC.

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 your donation.



PARISH CONTACTS

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