



News Sheet for Sunday 3 March Third Sunday of Lent

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 is a sad day for our parish as we say goodbye to Cally as she moves on to her ministry in Bridport. We thank God for all that she has brought us over the last 3 years.

We are happy, however, that Cally has been led to the place where she will minister on the next stage of her journey in his service and wish her and Rob (and Emily and James) every blessing in all that God is calling them to at Bridport and beyond.

Cally came to us in the midst of the Covid lockdown, and she has been with us during some very eventful times for our parish. She leaves behind the legacy of a parish in good heart, more united than ever and with fresh shoots of new life and ministry popping up all over the place. Baby Saints, The Prayer Room and Children's corner at All Saints were all her initiatives, and many lives have been touched by her dedicated pastoral care and prayerful leadership, which we shall miss terribly.

If you possibly can, please do join us for worship this Sunday, Cally's last service at 10am at All Saints. This will be our Parish Eucharist but with a different flavour as we welcome children from all Saints school to worship with us and enjoy 'Godly Play for All'. Don't miss it!

God bless you all,

Mark

THIS WEEK

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

Sunday 3 Mar ALL SAINTS CHURCH:	Joint service as we say farewell to Cally. Godly play story within the service; children and families welcome
Ss PHILIP & JAMES:	8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Tuesday 5 Mar	No Prayer Group this week due to funeral service
Wednesday 6 Mar	9.30am Communion Service, Ss Philip & James Church 10.0am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors 10.30am Baby Saints, FPCC
Friday 8 Mar	10.00am – 12pm Dribbles and Giggles, FPCC
Saturday 9 Mar	10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors
Sunday 10 Mar ALL SAINTS CHURCH:	10.00am Morning Worship (Café Church) 6.30pm Choral Evensong
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 3 MARCH

[Exodus 20:1-17](#)

[Psalm 19](#)

[1 Corinthians 1:18-25](#)

[John 2:13-22](#)

TODAY'S COLLECT: Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Those in urgent need of our prayers including: Karen Kite and family, 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:

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: Xander Coleman-Day, Robert Hewes, Tim Kite, Kate Gilchrist, Angela Dudley

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time: Albert South, Gladys Ashdown, Patrick Torrie, Peggy Mason, Victor Carr, Jennette Wickes, Anthea Skellett, Joyce Russell, Anthony Brown, Gwendolyn Charlton, Dorothy Middleton, Molly Phillips, Pamela Pool, Olive Straw, Allan Butterfield

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 4 MARCH

Meditation: - 'But now, says the Lord, come back to me with all your heart....return to the Lord, your God, for he is all tenderness and compassion, slow to anger and rich in steadfast love.' Joel 2

We give thanks for... Cally's ministry amongst us over the last 3 years.

Please pray....

Mon - for Cally, Rob, Emily and James. For God's eternal blessings upon them in all they do.

Tues - for girls and young women denied an education because of their gender.

Wed - that we may all keep a good Lent.

Thur - for Ukraine and Russia for peace and justice for all in those countries.

Fri - for our baptism team.

Sat - for those who suffer from Dementia.

Sun - for those we have wronged, those who have wronged us, and those we find it hard to forgive.

ALL WEEK for those who live in Gorseway, Gough Rd, Grantley Drive, Greenways, Guernsey Drive, Guildford Rd.

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 Friday.

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

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR TIM KITE - All are welcome to the funeral service for Tim Kite at P&J on Tuesday 5 March at 11.30 am, **but please note that there will be no parking available in the P&J car park.** It should be possible to find parking spaces in Westover road and the other roads adjacent to P&J. Everyone is welcome after the service to join the family at the Elvetham Hotel, RG27 8AS.

TEA & CHAT – Tuesday 5 March, 2pm to 3.30pm at FPCC. Everyone is welcome!

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.

POSY MAKING FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY - Saturday 9 March 10am to 12pm at P&J hall. All welcome to come and help. Do let Jane know if you can come or whether you can supply some greenery. Refreshments available!

SPACE AVAILABLE ON COACH TO BRIDPORT ON 11 APRIL – Join us to see Cally licenced. Talk to Jenny Thorne for details.

LENT BOOK (RECOMMENDED BY CALLY) - 'Tarry Awhile' by Selina Stone. Also the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2024. Perhaps after Easter we can find an opportunity to discuss together.

HART FOODBANK DONATIONS - Thank you for your gifts to the Foodbank. This week there is an urgent need for tinned vegetables, packet rice – unflavoured, mashed potato, tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, pulses, tinned tomatoes, tinned custard, washing up liquid, washing detergent. 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.

CLOTHING DONATIONS FOR GIRLS ONLY - Sizes 4, 5, 6 and 9 please. All Other ages are full! Please drop off at Living Stones. Thank you so much. Emma KCB Co-ordinator.

OPEN GARDENS IN AID OF PHYLLIS TUCKWELL – Unique and interesting gardens of all sizes and designs are welcome! Open your garden this spring or summer to raise money for hospice care. To find out more please call 01252 729446 or email fundraising@pth.org.uk.

PRINTER CARTRIDGES FOR RECYCLING - The Parish is trialling a scheme to raise funds and help the environment by sending used printer cartridge for recycling. Collection box at FPCC for you to deposit your empty cartridges. It is hoped to have a similar box at P&J later in the year. In the meantime please leave your empty cartridges in the Step by Step box. Unfortunately we can only take branded cartridges such as Hewlett-Packard. If you have any queries please contact Linda Dart.

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.



LETTER FROM MARK TO THE PARISH MARCH 2024

Dear Friends

In my ten years here, we have faced our fair share of challenges together, and have faced them faithfully, generously and with great resourcefulness and I thank you for all of that.

In more recent times however, God has been very good to us. We are enjoying the rebuilt All Saints, we have new people joining us, together we have renewed our worship, and we have many new opportunities to serve God and to enjoy him together.

We must assume he has given us these things for a purpose – to glorify him, to build his kingdom, to make him known. To achieve this in his name in changing times we must have a plan.

The ministry team, the PCC and I have a clear vision that we should continue to operate as one parish with 2 churches.

Strategically some might say that we should put our energy and resources into All Saints and let P&J take a back seat for a while. I do not believe that is what God wants from us. I believe that both churches should thrive, that people should be able to attend the church they feel most comfortable at and a service that allows them to worship in the way they feel comfortable.

Traditionally, Eucharistic (Communion) worship has been central to our worship programme, and I am determined that this should continue. However, when Cally leaves us we will have only one priest on our team, me!

There is no immediate prospect of a curate to replace Cally, and the parish cannot afford any other kind of full-time paid clergy.

Jane Jones will be ordained in July but as Deacon. She will not be an ordained priest until summer 2025, and so will not be able to celebrate communion until then.

We also have lots of people dipping their toe into serving God in new ways, which is exciting.

In time this will make all sorts of things possible, but in the medium-term things will have to be a little different.

From March each church will have two Parish Eucharist services per month and one other service e.g. morning prayer, café church.

Each church will also have one Sunday per month with no service. This for now, will be the only way to make it all work.

This programme should ensure that most weeks everyone will be able to go to the church of their choice, or the service of their choice but not necessarily both!

In a typical month the programme will look like this:

Sunday	Time	All Saints	P&J
1 st	8am		BCP Communion (Said)
	10:00am	Parish Eucharist	No service
2 nd		Morning Worship (Café Church)	Parish Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong Org (Venue Alternates)	
3 rd	8am	BCP COMMUNION (Said)	
	10:00 am	Parish Eucharist	Morning Worship (Family worship)
4 th	10:00 am	No service	Parish Eucharist

When there is a fifth Sunday in the month we will be all together at one or other of the churches for the Parish Eucharist.

The parish choir, worship choir, and our team of musicians will continue to serve both churches equally, which we believe is the right thing to do. God has blessed us with fabulous resources for ministry which I believe he wants us to share generously across the parish and between all our services.

We are so grateful to all those of you who are on our various rotas and those who have offered to serve in all sorts of ways, another example of how blessed we are!

However, there are some key roles we still need to fill if we are to function healthily as a parish.

We need a second church warden.

We need a treasurer.

We need a bookkeeper.

If we do not fill these roles come the AGM in April, we may have to seriously scale down some of the things we do, so please do think and pray hard about whether God might be calling you to one of these key roles.

We also need more people to be involved in all the other areas of ministry we have in our parish, and especially in ministry to children and young people, an area where we have struggled for years.

I firmly believe that God wants to bless us and for us to thrive and grow as a Parish, the shoots of new life are everywhere to be seen, so I am confident that together we will rise to these challenges and continue to see growth and fruitfulness across our parish as the future unfolds.

Thank you for all you are and all you do, for your patience and forbearance, and for all your support.

May God Bless you all,

Mark

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