



News Sheet for Sunday 6 April Lent 5

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. We welcome in the name of our Lord all who wish to worship with us, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, sexuality or gender orientation. We rejoice in the fact that we are a very diverse Christian community and see this as our calling under Christ. We work hard in this parish to ensure the safety and safeguarding of all who join us for worship, if you have any concerns in this area, please do let us know immediately. If you have any special needs or would like to speak to a pastoral minister or have someone pray with you, please mention it to a welcomer or member of the ministry team.

There will also be coffee with fellowship available after the service, please do join us for this - you will receive a warm welcome there too.

May God bless you all,

Mark

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL – This is the last Sunday to hand in completed electoral roll forms. Please hand to Tina Hayton or the Parish Office or leave them in one of the boxes provided at either church.

MONDAY 28TH APRIL – PARISH ANNUAL MEETING AT 7.30PM AT FPCC - All Members of our electoral roll should attend this if they can.

SAVE THE DATE - Tina and I would like to invite you to Tea and Cake at the Vicarage on Saturday 7th June 2-4pm. This will take place in the garden if dry, in the house if wet. People from all our congregations are welcome and no tickets will be sold. However, we would welcome donations in aid of Sightsavers UK, a charity close to our hearts. You can find more details about them at <https://www.sightsavers.org/>

HOLY SATURDAY 19TH APRIL – ‘Easter Fire’ will be our first celebration of Easter (7.30 pm at P&J). This will be rather different and more informal than the vigil service we have held in previous years and will conclude with drinks and nibbles! Do come to this if you can, as it is a special part of our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. If you would like to read a reading at this service, Mark would be keen to hear from you, and if you would be willing to help set up/serve drinks and nibbles he would like to hear from you too! This will be a devotional service with an element of fun and lots of celebration!

THIS WEEK

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

Sunday 6 Apr

Ss PHILIP & JAMES: 8.00am BCP Holy Communion

ALL SAINTS CHURCH: 10.00am Parish Eucharist with Godly Play

Monday 7 Apr 7.15pm Shape Course, FPCC

Tuesday 8 Apr 11.00am Prayer Group, All Saints Church

Wednesday 2 Apr 9.30am Holy Communion Service, Ss Philip & James Church
10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors

Saturday 12 Apr

10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors

Palm Sunday 13 Apr

ALL SAINTS CHURCH: 10.00am Café Church, FPCC

Ss PHILIP & JAMES: 10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Choral Evensong

SUNDAY SERVICE SLIDES

If you would like to access the slides for this Sunday's Eucharist service, you can do so on your smartphone or tablet by pointing your camera at this QR code.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY 6 APRIL

[Isaiah 43:16-21](#)

[Philippians 3:4b-14](#)

[Luke 23:1-49](#)

TODAY'S COLLECT: Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of the blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ, our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Those in urgent need of our prayers including: Anne Amos, Andrew, Jean Belgrove, Alan Brown, Ethan, Jonah, Marcia Farrey, Michael Heard, Sylvia Honiwell, Tyler Thompson, Victoria Willis, Barbara Wheeler

Members of our extended church family in need of our continuing prayers: Annegret, Matthew Allen, Gladys Barber, Alan Beckett, Marion Brown, Martine Dyer, Jack, Cynthia Fowler, Diana, Harvey, Leo Goodson, Joan Hall, Dexter Heard, Karen Kite and family, Bonnie Lewis, Ian Lowers, Gill Page, Phillip, Peter Rogers, Anne Richardson, John Simson, Violet Slade, Dee Stephenson, Michael Standen, Eileen Taylor, Erica Taylor, Clare and family, Karen W, Barbara Willis

Those who have died recently: Joyce Timms

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time: Geoffrey Crossman, Theodore Wollwebber, Buntly Hunt, Barbara Simson, Trudie Moore, Joan Butt, Maggie Riddell, Phyllis McGowan

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 7 APRIL

Meditation: - 'Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.' - Max Lucado

We give thanks for... nature in springtime, and the promise of new life.

Please pray....

- Mon** - for those who work in the sale and supply of food.
- Tues** - for those looking to find where God is leading them.
- Wed** - for the homeless, and all who seek to help them.
- Thur** - for the people of Myanmar following the earthquake last week. For all aid agencies and rescue teams working in that country and neighbouring ones.
- Fri** - for families on school holiday and all those who care for children.

- Sat** - for those who find 'waiting' difficult.
- Sun** - **Palm Sunday** - for all who have lost their enthusiasm for faith that God may make himself real to them again.
- ALL WEEK** for those who live in Howard Close, Hugh De Port Lane, Hursley Drive, Ibworth Lane, Inholmes Drive, Itchell drive.

PARISH NEWS AND 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.

MYANMAR EMERGENCY APPEAL - Thank you to everyone who gave. So far we have sent £855 to Christian Aid. Thank you very much!

EASTER LILIES - If you would like to purchase a lily in remembrance of a loved one, could you please put your name and contact details on the sign-up sheets which are displayed in the narthex at P&J and the FPCC. The cost of the lilies is £3 each. Payment to be made to Andrea at All Saints and Claire at P&J. The lilies will be displayed in both churches over the Easter period.

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL - A new Church electoral roll is being prepared beginning on 27 March 2025 and ending on 9 April 2025. Every person who wishes to have his or her name entered on the new roll, whether it is entered on the present roll or not, needs to complete a form which can be found in the narthex at P&J or in the FPCC. Once complete, please put them in the boxes provided or give them to Tina Hayton or the parish office. Forms must be in by 6 April at the latest.

ORCHESTRAL CONCERT IN AID OF ALL SAINTS FUND - 7.30pm on Sat 26 April at Church on the Heath. Verdi Force of Destiny Overture, Rachmaninov 2nd Piano Concerto and Schubert's Unfinished Symphony with Fleet Concert Orchestra conducted by Andrew Gray. Tickets £15 available online using the QR code, or from anne.smith33@btinternet.com, 01252 624171.



TAIZE SERVICE FOR HOLY WEEK AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH – On Mon 14 April at 7.00pm. All welcome to this reflective and musical service.

QUIET DAY 'CONSIDER THE LILIES' AT LADYWELL CONVENT, GODALMING ON SATURDAY 31 MAY - Please sign up asap, list closes end of April. We will share lifts to Ladywell.' Sign up sheets at both churches. Limited spaces. Cost: £30 to include lunch and refreshments. Do pay in parish office (cheques to Fleet PCC) when you sign up.

FIND YOUR SHAPE - The final session of the Shape course will be on Monday 7 April at FPCC. Coffee served from 7.15pm. A discipleship course, helping you explore your gifts, heart's desires, abilities and experience, to help you better serve the church and community, you can still come along on the night.

BABY SAINTS - Baby Saints will resume after the Easter holidays on 23rd April. Baby Saints meets every Wednesday term time at FPCC, 10.00am-12.00pm. If you have or care for preschool children we'd love to see you.

LIGHT CLASSICAL, COUNTRY AND EASY TO LISTEN MUSIC CDS – If anyone would like to have them, please contact Elizabeth Waller on 07801 479178.

KNITTERS WANTED - Please can you knit a cone cosy for All Saints Church? It is needed to conceal a stack of traffic cones kept in the church to stop cars parking in our lay-by when funerals or weddings are due to take place later in the day. We will pay for the wool. The shape we need is that of a fir tree in a square planter, 27" high and 12" by 12" for the base.

HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER REQUIRED - We are looking for a volunteer to be the parish Health and Safety Officer. This is not an onerous job but would benefit from some experience in understanding workplace health and safety issues. Nearly all the appropriate documentation and provisions are in place but we need someone to oversee regular reviews. If you can help, please contact the Vicar or the Churchwardens.

CHRISTIAN AID - Gardeners and cake makers please take note, this year's Christian Aid Plant and Cake Sale will be held on Saturday 17 May at 2pm in P&J car park. This year we mark 80 years of Christian Aid, originally founded to alleviate the wreckage of lives in World War II. While inhumanity and poverty persist, and disasters threaten, we can't stop.

HART FOODBANK DONATIONS - Thank you for your gifts to the Foodbank. This week there is an urgent need for coffee (small jars/pots only please), treats, free from – but not milk or pasta please, fruit squash, toilet rolls, kitchen towels. Currently we do not need any pasta, water, sugar, flour, biscuits. 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 - Please leave your donations to Step by Step in in the collection boxes, for P&J in the Narthex and in the Coffee Bar at All Saints. They welcome donations of the following items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shower gels and creams, soap, shampoo and conditioners. No bath products please as the centre only has showers.

PRAYER BOARD AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH - What would you like us to pray for? Please write down your prayer requests and the prayer group will check it weekly before their Tuesday prayer meetings. Alternatively, you may use this link <https://wpapp.parishoffleet.org.uk/tuesday-prayer-group/> to send your prayer requests via the website.

STAMPS - Thank you for all your support with used stamps. Please do continue to 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.



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