



Parish of Fleet
All Saints

St Philip & St James

News Sheet for Sunday 25th November 2018
Christ the King

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 here for the first time we pray that your visit will be a time of blessing. Please make yourselves known to us after the service and, if you can, join us for coffee and a chat in the hall.

TODAY IN THE PARISH

All Saints (FPCC)

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)

Ss Philip and James

10.00am Sung Eucharist (CW) with
Junior Church and Crèche

12.00pm Baptism Service

2.30pm Pantomime Rehearsal

6.30pm Taizé Prayer

TODAY'S COLLECT Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

The Coffee Bar is open Monday - Saturday 10.00am - 12.30pm

Monday 26th November

FPCC 9.00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 27th November

FPCC 10.00am Praise and Play

Ss Philip and James 11.00am Prayer Group

FPCC 7.00pm Craft Group

Wednesday 28th November

Ss Philip and James 9.30am Eucharist followed by Coffee

Thursday 29th November

Ss Philip and James 9.00am Coffee and Play

Ss Philip and James 4.30pm Hot Potato Youth Group

Ss Philip and James 7.30pm Choir Practice

Ss Philip and James Hall 8.00pm All Saints Ladies Group

Friday 30th November

FPCC 10.00am Dribbles and Giggles

FPCC 8.00pm Choir Practice

SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

All Saints (FPCC)

10.00am All Age Eucharist (CW)

Ss Philip and James

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)

10.00am Sung Eucharist (CW) with
Junior Church and Crèche

2.30pm Pantomime Rehearsal

4.00pm Housegroup Celebration
Service

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK . . .

Those in urgent need of our prayers including... Chris Butterfield, Colin Eagle, Ian Passfield, John Pridmore, Erica Taylor and Jennette Wickes.

Those being baptised today... Olivia Clifton-Hadley.

Members of our extended church family in need of our continuing prayers... Beverley, Patricia Bull, Fiona Guy, Alwynne Hallam, Jon Harrow, Mollie Hayes, Dexter Heard, Bonnie Lewis, Gill Page, Peter Pimm, Louise Purton, Peter and Suzanne Rogers, Barbara Simson, John Stocks, Tyler Thompson and Molly Wilson.

Those who have died recently... Ellen Edmonds and Len Waller.

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time... Ida Matthews, James Leach, Walter Boulton, George Draycott, Peter Aldridge, Marjorie More, Patricia Peacock, Doris Dickerson, Archibald South and Frederick Wallace.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 26th NOVEMBER 2018

Meditation: 'The biggest danger in the world today is not the asking of questions, but the assumption that we have all the answers; not the invitation to change, but the tendency to run from change; not dramatically new ideas about God and about life, but the same old ideas.' *Richard Rohr*

We give thanks for those who tell us we are doing okay, and encourage us to keep going.

Please pray....

Mon - For all who serve as school governors.

Tues - For people unjustly imprisoned around the world.

Wed - For the Fleet Christmas Festival.

Thurs - For those who suffer with asthma.

Fri - (St. Andrew) For the people of Scotland.

Sat - For those who work banking and finance.

Sun - (Advent 1) That the Kingdom of God may come and bring salvation to all.

All Week - those who live in Willowbourne, Winchcombe Close, Winchfield Close, Winta Drive, Wintney Street, Wood Lane.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

GIFT DAY - Today, 25th November, the 10.00am service will be a joint service and gift day in aid of Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza City, a haven of peace.

All SAINTS UPDATE -

- Final planning applications to local and church authorities will be submitted before the end of this year.
- The fundraising committee hope to raise 1 million pounds by next November in order to finance all the additional work and buildings we need to make the church viable for the future.
- Building is likely to start in the Autumn of 2019 and be completed by the end of 2020 or early 2021.
- It has taken this long because God has given us a vision for a better All Saints which will serve the whole Fleet community and we have been working flat out to achieve that vision.
- God will bless and complete what he has begun – but he needs each of us to do our bit!
- Please PRAY, GIVE, GET INVOLVED, AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO DO THE SAME.

FLEET CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL - Wednesday 28th November, Gurkha Square, approx. 3.00-9.00pm - there are lots of volunteering opportunities on behalf of our churches - please speak to Revd Carol Dunk for more details of what's needed and how to sign up. Donations of mince pies also wanted for giving away at our stall, please bring to the Parish Office by Wednesday morning.

MIDWEEK CONCERT & LUNCH - Thursday 6th December, Crookham Handbell Ringers will be performing for us at 12.30pm. Lunch will be at approx. 1.00pm, please sign the list on the noticeboard if you would like lunch.

LEN WALLER - The Thanksgiving for the life of Len Waller will be on Wednesday 5th December at 2.30pm in Ss Philip & James Church followed by light refreshments in the hall afterwards. All welcome.

ANGEL BLESSING SERVICE - Sun 2nd December, Holy Trinity Church, 3.00pm.

CELEBRATING HOUSEGROUPS SERVICE - Sunday December 2nd, 4.00pm, P&J followed by a bring and share tea. All welcome.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS - Mondays 3rd, 10th & 17th December, 7.00pm, P & J Church, Journeys into Prayer. Come and learn different ways to pray.

CAROLS BY CANDELIGHT - Sunday 9th December, 5.30pm, Church of Our Lady, Concert in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell, tickets £12 from the Hospice Shop .

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

Christ the King

First Reading

Daniel 7.9-10,13-14

⁹As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his
throne;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like
pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning
fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his
presence.

A thousand thousand served
him,
and ten thousand times ten
thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgement,
and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of
heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and
languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting
dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

Comment *This passage, written a century before the New Testament, describes a vision, whose meaning is intentionally opaque. It alludes to contemporary events and the hopes and fears of an oppressed people. Later, in New Testament times, the author of the Book of Revelation quotes from it as he can see in it the foretelling of the dominion of Christ.*

Psalm 93

Refrain: The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

1 The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel;
the Lord has put on his glory
and girded himself with strength.

2 He has made the whole world so sure
that it cannot be moved.

3 Your throne has been established from of old;
you are from everlasting.

The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

4 The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the thunder of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea,
the Lord on high is mightier.

The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

6 Your testimonies are very sure;
holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever.

The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

Comment *Traditionally this was recited on the eve of the Sabbath. The world had been created during the week and now God is about to rest.*

Second Reading

Revelation 1.4b-8

⁴Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes
of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Comment *The Book of Revelation is an extended letter to the Seven Churches of Asia. Written in code it gives succour and comfort to an oppressed people. Apocalyptic writing such as this - and the Book of Daniel - was popular at the time since it avoided the danger of censorship.*

Gospel Reading

John 18.33-37

³³Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' ³⁴Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' ³⁵Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?'

³⁶Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.'

³⁷Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

Comment *Pilate can be seen as representing the non-Christian and pagan view of Christ and His Kingdom namely one of puzzlement and complete incomprehension. To understand the Truth to which Christ refers one needs to study not only the Gospels but also Christ's background, namely the Bible as a whole.*

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Visitors and Newcomers: Welcome! We'd love to keep in touch with you so please fill in your contact details, tear off this section and give it to the vicar or one of the wardens/sidespersons on the door.

Name _____

Email/phone number _____

Please let us know why you'd like us to get in touch (e.g. add to mailing list/ prayer request/visit request/information about services)

We will not use your details for any other purpose without your consent and we do not sell or pass on information to third parties.

Hospital and home visits: If you know of anybody who is in hospital or housebound and would appreciate a visit, please use the above section giving your details and we will contact you for information. Please give to the duty warden at church or the Parish Office.

Pastoral Assistants: Should you have a pastoral need or any other kind of a problem and wish for a listening ear, there is a Pastoral Assistant available after the 10.00am service. Please ask the duty warden at the door for more information.

For any other need, suggestion or query, see contacts below:

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