



Parish of Fleet  
All Saints  
St Philip & St James

## News Sheet for Sunday 22 November 2020 Christ the King

### WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP, IT'S GREAT TO HAVE YOU WITH US.

I hope you are well and coping with these difficult and rapidly changing times.

As we continue in our second lockdown please be aware that you are not alone. Jesus the true vine binds us all together in a fellowship that links us inseparably to each other and to him. He never leaves any of us, and because of that we are with each other, through him, at all times – even though we are 'distancing' and not able to gather together visibly.

Please know that you are all of you on my heart and in my prayers, and I know from your many kind messages and our phone conversations that I am in your hearts and prayers too.

These are connections that even the internet cannot compete with!

We have recently put in place a new system whereby those who live alone and those more vulnerable will be receiving a regular phone call from one of the ministry team or one of the Pastoral Assistants. However, please don't hesitate to ring me, the parish office, or one of the ministry team if you need anything or need a chat. We are never too busy and that is what we are here for. We are all in this together!

That being said, I am taking a few days out this week to recharge and regroup ahead of the Advent and Christmas season. Because of this, there will not be a Eucharist on Wednesday, and the Bible study on Thursday will be led by others on the ministry team. Sunday worship will continue online as normal.

Let us remember to pray constantly for one another, and to be kind to one another in these extraordinary times.

May God bless you all,  
Mark

### THIS WEEK

**Sunday 22 November** - 10.00am Morning Service, livestreamed via our Facebook page (only).

*(No Wednesday morning service.)*

**Thursday 26 November** - 2.00pm Bible Study, [Zoom Meeting ID: 901 070 5713](#)

**Sunday 29 November** - 10.00am Morning Service, Advent Sunday, livestreamed via our Facebook page

**Ss Philip & James Church is open for prayer Wednesdays 10.00am-3.00pm & Sundays 12noon-3.00pm.**

## PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER - CHRIST THE KING

**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.

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

**Those in urgent need of our prayers including...** Alona Beauchamp, Chris Butterfield, Angus Cairns, Catherine Holder, Timothy Rayment and John Simson.

**Members of our extended church family in need of our continuing prayers...** Matthew Allen, Gladys Barber, Marion Brown, Patricia Bull, Dilys Denney, Pearl (Frances) Draper, David and Yvonne Dunk, Jonathan Eddy, Joan Hall, Alan Harvey, Mark Hawes, Mollie Hayes, Dexter Heard, Sue Huddie, Garth Kellett, Bonnie Lewis, Roger Matcham, Gill Page, Matthew Parkes, Barbara Simson, Eileen Taylor, Erica Taylor, Jean Thomas, Tyler Thompson, John Tillyer and Molly Wilson.

**Those who have died recently...**

**Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time...** Helen Girling, Joan Judge, Euphemia Hadley, Sydney Baker, James Leach, Walter Boulton, George Draycott, Peter Aldridge, Marjorie More, Patricia Peacock, Doris Dickerson.

### PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 23 NOVEMBER 2020

**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.

During this month of lockdown, we are invited by our Archbishops to pray alongside other Christians and all people of faith or goodwill in our nation.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
in these dark and difficult days, we turn our hearts to you.  
In ages past, you have delivered our nation from disaster.  
Do it again, we pray.  
Give wisdom beyond human wisdom to our leaders,  
Give strength beyond human strength to the NHS and all our frontline workers.  
Give comfort beyond human comfort to the elderly and all who grieve.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
in these dark and difficult days,  
turn your face towards us,  
have mercy upon us,  
and heal our land, we pray. Amen.

Please pray....

**Mon** - For schools, colleges, children and young people.

**Tues** - For the elderly, isolated and vulnerable.

**Wed** - For businesses, workplaces and the economic wellbeing of our nation.

**Thurs** - For NHS staff and all other key workers.

**Fri** - For those who represent us in local and national government.

**Sat** - For all who are grieving, and all suffering with physical and mental ill health.

**Sun** - For our families, friends and loved ones.

**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.

**THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY** - Thursday 26 November, 2.00pm, the Bible Study will be hosted by Jane Jones, Zoom details will be emailed to those signed up as usual but all are welcome to join via Zoom Meeting ID: 901 070 5713, Passcode: 2iYkcf

**HOME MADE CAKES** - Several of our parish bakers are offering homemade cakes, cheese scones, apple or mincemeat tarts, mince pies and tiny Christmas cakes made to order with contactless delivery to your doorstep from now until 12 December. Lemon drizzle and coffee cakes available in 1lb or 2lb size, fruit cake, coffee/chocolate/plain sponge also available - for more details (including prices) or to place an order please contact Elizabeth Waller, 01252 613156, krisaliz@btinternet.com. Profits will be split between Parish Funds and All Saints Fund.

**KIDS CLOTHING BANK** - Kids Clothing Bank will open as soon as the current lockdown ends. In the meantime they are happy to come and collect clothes directly from you. Please email Emma at [emma@mabin.co.uk](mailto:emma@mabin.co.uk) if you have kids clothes to donate or would like any further information about the Clothing Bank. Ages 4-14yrs. They are currently particularly short of girls clothes!

**HELP FROM HART** - Hart District Council have a page of information signposting residents to different kinds of help available, see <https://www.hart.gov.uk/covid-19-supporting-our-residents>

**FLEET CHRISTMAS ANGELS** - This year's knitted angels will be given to local care homes and the rest will be distributed via LivingStones (not placed around town) - please give any that you have knitted to Sue Butterfield (01252 621786) by the end of November if possible.

**JOB VACANCIES** - Church on the Heath are looking to appoint a part-time Children & Families Minister to develop and oversee their ministry to, with and by children and their families. The job description and person specification can be found on [www.churchontheheath.org.uk](http://www.churchontheheath.org.uk).

St Peter's Yateley are looking to appoint a Schools and Families Pastor, the advert & details are available via <https://tinyurl.com/yyp7e9o8> or their Parish Office. Maureen.King@stpetersyateley.org.uk, 01252 912761.

**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 a donation.



## NOTES ON THE READINGS FOR SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER

[Ezekiel 34.11-16 & 20-24](#) - *It was the custom of kings in the ancient Near East to call themselves shepherds of their people. And so it was with Israel which had been led by a succession of bad kings. Ezekiel prophesies that God will himself now be Israel's shepherd – a metaphor used by Christ in New Testament times.*

[Psalm 95.1-7a](#) - *This is the familiar Venite from the service of Matins. The rock (v.1) is an allusion either to the rock-giving water that Moses struck in the desert or the rock of the Temple Mount.*

[Ephesians 1.15-23](#) - *These opening verses of Paul's epistle are an extended prayer. The words here translated as 'Rule', 'Authority' 'Power' and 'Dominion' are names in traditional Jewish literature for angelic hierarchies above whom Christ sits.*

[Matthew 25.31-46](#) - *This passage has no sequel in the other gospels so it may well be Matthew's own way of emphasising the importance early Christians placed on 'good works', one of the prerequisites for earning salvation. Today we can see it as referring to our caring for our fellow human beings.*

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