



Parish of Fleet  
All Saints  
St Philip & St James

## News Sheet for Sunday 10 January 2021 Baptism of Christ

### 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.

We find ourselves once again in full lockdown, and I am sure that many of you will be feeling a little dismayed by this and be wondering when and how it will all end.

No one knows the answer to those questions, but God does, so we need more than ever to turn to him and to place our situation in his hands knowing that he loves us and wants only the best for us.

Despite the lockdown, we are still allowed to meet in church for public worship - a privilege that carries with it great responsibility!

Some parishes have decided, in the circumstances, to shut their churches for public worship and conduct worship online only. I fully understand and respect these churches which have done this – only they can know the challenges they face. We however have decided to continue with a combination of live and livestreamed worship for the time being. I am aware that for some coming to church for worship is vitally important to their mental and spiritual health. I am equally aware that others will feel they do not want or need to risk coming to church right now. Both approaches are equally valid and should be respected – we will continue to cater for both groups as long as we are able to - and thank you to all those who continue to make all this possible!

What really matters is that the worship of the church continues, in one form or another, and that everyone, in one way or another joins in!

So please do sign up to come to church if you would like to, but please do not think that you must. Continue to join us online if you can, or to pray and worship by yourself at home if that works best for you. God will hear us all as The Parish of Fleet wherever we are worshipping him from!

Please continue also to look out for one another, and that includes keeping the rules in spirit not just to the letter! We can all think of exceptions, or reasons to pop round to see a friend that we might feel are justified under the rules – but if we all do that our deliverance from this virus will be further delayed and lives may be put at risk. So let us, as a Christian community, set the best possible example by our self-sacrifice and self-discipline! That is ministry and outreach too!

Finally, if things get too much for you please call – me, Jane, Mary, the office, anyone from our church family – we sometimes serve best by allowing others to serve us in times of need – please don't 'suffer in silence'!

May God bless and keep you all,

*Mark*

### THIS WEEK

**Sunday 10 January** - 8.00am Holy Communion (1662) in Ss Philip and James Church (no need to book)

10.00am Morning Service, Ss Philip & James Church\*, livestreamed via our [Facebook page](#)  
followed by 'Zoom Coffee', [Meeting ID: 761 9820 6224](#), Passcode: 1eGHjT

**Wednesday 13 January** - 9.30am Midweek Service, [Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#)

**Thursday 14 January** - 2.00pm Bible Study, [Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#)

**Sunday 17 January** - 10.00am Morning Service, Ss Philip & James Church\*,  
livestreamed via our [Facebook page](#)

\* please sign up beforehand to attend Sunday 10.00am services in church in person, see inside for details.

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

## PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 10 JANUARY - BAPTISM OF CHRIST

**TODAY'S COLLECT** Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; 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 and Timothy Rayment.

**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, Mollie Hayes, Dexter Heard, Sue Huddie, Catherine Holder, Garth Kellett, Bonnie Lewis, Roger Matcham, Sheila O'Connor, Gill Page, Matthew Parkes, John & Barbara Simson, Eileen Taylor, Erica Taylor, Jean Thomas, Tyler Thompson, John Tillyer and Molly Wilson.

**Those who have died recently...** Shirley Stewart.

**Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time...** Patricia Baker, D'Arcy Mander, John Gulliver, Barbara Grimshaw, Dorothy Wilson, Astrid Lloyd, William Beale, Peter Parkes, Nicholas Davies, Robert Eastes, Leonard Pears, Nellie Farley and Ronald Timms.

### PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 11 JANUARY 2021

**Meditation** "God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supplies." *Hudson Taylor*

**We give thanks for...** the natural world in winter, which holds the promise of new life.

**Monday** - For those sleeping rough or sofa surfing.

**Tuesday** - That we might find God in one another.

**Wednesday** - For those in LLM reader ministry.

**Thursday** - For the government and people of Indonesia.

**Friday** - For those suffering from degenerative diseases.

**Saturday** - For young people in danger.

**Sunday** - For all those Jesus is calling to follow him today.

**All Week** - For those affected in any way by Covid-19, for key workers in health, education, and supply; and all who make important decisions on our behalf.

For those who live in Darset Avenue, Denham Close, Denning Close, Devon Close and Dinorben Avenue.

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

**SERVICES IN CHURCH** - Please contact Mary Goodson (01252 815103) by Friday if you would like to attend the 10.00am service in Ss Philip & James Church on Sunday. No need to book for the 8.00am services. Face masks must be worn.

**CARE FOR THE FAMILY EVENTS** - If you missed some of the Care for the Family (free) online events in the Autumn you might like to know that they are streaming them for catch-up on various dates in the coming months. See [careforthefamily.org.uk/events](http://careforthefamily.org.uk/events) for dates and details.

**SHIRLEY STEWART** - Shirley died on 29 December following a short illness - the funeral will be restricted to close family but please remember them in your prayers.

**PARISH MAGAZINE FOR FEBRUARY** - We are still planning to keep printing & distributing the Fleet Parish Magazine in February so would welcome your contributions - perhaps you've discovered a new recipe that's easy for others to try while in lockdown or read a book that you were given by Christmas and would like to recommend? Please send any contributions to the editor via email at [magazine@parishoffleet.org.uk](mailto:magazine@parishoffleet.org.uk) or contact the Parish Office to make alternative arrangements.

**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 10 JANUARY

### [Genesis 1.1-5](#)

*This creation story was included into the Torah later than that of Adam and Eve (Genesis 2.1 et seq.) and dwells more on the omnipotence of God; it makes no effort to explain how the world was made only that God did so.*

### [Psalm 29](#)

*Although this psalm, which expresses God's supremacy and universal rule, is ascribed to David it may well have originated as a hymn to the Canaanite god Baal.*

### [Acts 19.1-7](#)

*The Jewish act of baptism was a well-established rite but only as an act of cleansing – an event that needed repeating. Christ's baptism, a once and only event as practised by the Christian church, specifically involves the Holy Spirit - as we see in the Gospel that follows.*

### [Mark 1.4-11](#)

*Mark here clearly explains the difference between the Jewish rite of baptism (as practised by John the Baptist) and the baptism of Christ.*

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