



Parish of Fleet
All Saints
St Philip & St James

News Sheet for Sunday 3 October 2021 Harvest Festival

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

This Sunday we celebrate **Harvest festival** – giving thanks to God once again for all the good things he has given us.

In agricultural communities this very often focusses upon the literal harvest – fruit and vegetables produced from the land round about. In a more urban community like ours, the Harvest is a bit more 'nuanced'. We give thanks for those who produce our food, but also for those who transport it and those who sell it to us. We give thanks for those who bring us the services we enjoy in the shops, businesses, pubs, restaurants, banks, cafes etc of our town. We give thanks for those who work for our safety and security, and of course those who work in the healing and caring professions. We give thanks for the heroes who teach and serve in our schools. We thank God also for all who volunteer in any capacity to make our community what it is, and for those who represent us in local Government.

These people, and many others, work under God to bring us 'all good gifts around us' - and we thank God today for each and every one of them.

We invite you, if you are attending one of our services today, to bring food items to give to the Hart food bank.

They would especially like to receive:

Tins: fruit, meat, potatoes, vegetables.

Packets: teabags, rice, sponge puddings.

Although charity does begin at home, it shouldn't stay there, so we will be giving you the opportunity to support an overseas charity (The Ashanti Community) through a parish gift day on 28th November.

We have much to be thankful for, thankfulness is good for our spiritual and mental health, and so today we rejoice in thanking God for all his goodness to us.

May God bless you all.

Mark

THIS WEEK

The Coffee Bar at Fleet Parish Community Centre is open on Tuesdays, Wednesday & Fridays, 10am-12pm.

Sunday 3 October - 10.00am Eucharist, Ss Philip & James Church, livestreamed via [Facebook](#)

11.30am Eucharist, Fleet Parish Community Centre

6.30pm Choral Evensong, Ss Philip & James Church

Wednesday 6 October - 9.30am Midweek Communion, Ss Philip & James Church and [Zoom: 5089713920](#)

Thursday 7 October - 2.00pm Bible Study via [Zoom ID: 5089713920](#)

Saturday 9 October - 12.00pm Baptism Service, Ss Philip & James Church

Sunday 10 October - 8.00am Holy Communion, Ss Philip & James Church

10.00am Eucharist at Ss Philip & James Church, livestreamed via [Facebook](#)

12.00pm Baptism Service, Ss Philip & James Church

1.00pm Baptism Service, Ss Philip & James Church

Ss Philip & James Church is open for prayer Wednesdays 10.00am-1.30pm & Sundays 12noon-3.00pm.

PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER - HARVEST FESTIVAL

TODAY'S COLLECT Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK . . .

Those in urgent need of our prayers including... Carol Beynon, Melanie Brant, Chris Butterfield, Angus Cairns, Phyllis McGowan, Carol Paton, Peter Rogers, Tyler Thompson.

Members of our extended church family in need of our continuing prayers... Matthew Allen, Gladys Barber, Alona Beauchamp, Marion Brown, Dilys Denney, David & Yvonne Dunk, Joan Hall, Alan Harvey, Dexter Heard, Michael Heard, Tony Holbeche, Sue Huddie, Garth Kellett, Bonnie Lewis, Sheila O'Connor, Gill Page, Matthew Parkes, John & Barbara Simson, Dee Stephenson, Eileen Taylor, Erica Taylor, Jean Thomas, John Tillyer and Molly Wilson.

Those who have died recently...

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time... Walter Tocock, Florence Munday, Graham Pool, Irene Bishop, Elizabeth Moon, John Lean, Ronald Sweetapple, Alan Roberts, Horace Dolton and Dorothy Main.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 4 OCTOBER

Meditation 'God is always bigger than the boxes we build for God.' *Richard Rohr*

We give thanks for those in our local community who give their free time and energy for the sake of others. Please pray...

Mon - For our gardeners and flower arrangers.

Tues - For Christians Together in Fleet and its various projects including FACCTS, Fleet Angels, Foodbank, Living Stones and Anna Chaplaincy.

Wed - For children dealing with illness or disability, including young carers.

Thurs - For those who work in public services - especially those who work in local government.

Fri - For those who suffer from heart disease.

Sat - For the care and nurture of our planet and the control of climate change.

Sun - For God's continuing ministry of healing amongst his people.

ALL WEEK - Those who live in The Bourne, The Brambles, The Cedars, The Croft, The Key, The Laurels.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

HARVEST - Today, Sunday 3 October, we are having a collection for Foodbank at the 10.00am (Ss Philip & James Church) and 11.30am (FPCC) services. The list of items requested by the Foodbank is
Tins: fruit, meat, potatoes, vegetables. Packets: teabags, rice, sponge puddings.

MUSIC AT P&J - Following the very successful performance of Trial By Jury last month in P&J and before the forthcoming Champagne Velvet event later in October we are pleased to welcome our Choral Evensong Choir back for the first time since the start of Covid last year. This Sunday, 3 October, 6.30 pm at P&J with a Harvest theme – do come along and celebrate Harvest with some rousing harvest hymns and good music led by the choir.

WALK THE WAY - Saturday 9 October, Walk the Way to support the Bishop of Guildford's Communities fund. Cally and Jane are walking from Puttenham to Guildford (5 miles). If you'd like to join the walk from Puttenham (at 12.45pm), contact Cally or Jane. Money raised will go to one of the community projects which the Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund supports, including those which:

- Support people with disabilities and mental ill-health
- Provide facilities and services for older citizens, children and young people
- Support families and disadvantaged communities
- Provide practical help for the financially challenged
- Offer training and skills programmes for young people

You can sponsor Cally & Jane online via: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/displayCharityCampaignPage.action?campaignId=18287&charityId=1002569> or directly with Jane/Cally via their sponsorship form.

FOLLIES@FLEET - Saturday 23 October Follies@Fleet present "Champagne Velvet" - a fun cocktail of music, song and laughter in aid of All Saints Fund. 6.30- 7.45 pm at SS P & J. Tickets £10 (including a glass of wine) from anne.smith33@btinternet.com or 01252 624171.

JOB VACANCY - St Mary's Camberley are advertising for a part time Finance Officer, details available from their website, <https://www.stmaryscamberley.org.uk/>

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 3 OCTOBER

[Joel 2.21-27](#) *The earlier verses of this passage describe the land devastated by a plague of locusts. Here God promises the cessation of the plague and the return of prosperity.*

[Psalms 126](#) *A psalm sung by pilgrims approaching Jerusalem recalling joy and the anticipation of the return from Babylonian exile.*

[1 Timothy 6.6-10](#) *Paul wrote this letter towards the end of his life when he was anxious to pass on his mission and train younger leaders. One problem was that there was then no "New Testament" so teaching needed to be what Paul said and wrote.*

[Matthew 6.25-33](#) *This is part of an evangelical discourse otherwise known as The Sermon on the Mount.*

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