



News Sheet for Sunday 10 October 2021 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

It was great to celebrate Harvest Festival together last weekend, to enjoy services at both ends of the parish, to have choir and organ leading our worship at P&J and choral evensong in the evening.

It was especially exciting to welcome back one or two people who managed to venture back to attending live worship and left with faces beaming saying 'Its so much better being here in person'!

We shall continue to offer livestreamed services as long as they are needed, and I know that for those who are housebound, or now live away, these are an absolute lifeline and it is a joy to have you join us for worship via this wonderful gift of technology.

However, there is something unique and special about God's people being together in person, singing, praying, and worshipping as one.

We are getting things back to normal - or should I say moving swiftly on to the 'new normal'! We are working on being able to deliver live music in some form or another every Sunday. We are putting together a wide range of services to cater for all needs. We are working hard to rejuvenate our work with children, young people and families. We have even found a way, I believe, to receive communion in both kinds safely and reverently.

All this is a cause for much rejoicing, and I would encourage you, if you feel able to, to come and join us for worship 'live' – it's not the same without you! Please feel free also to bring friends neighbours, family members – we have room for you all now!

I always say that Christianity is essentially a team game - something we can only do properly with others. It is also a live activity, best done, if possible, with everyone together in one place (after all, that's how worship will be in the Kingdom of Heaven!).

So, as we look forward to a busy and eventful season – All Saints, All Souls, Remembrance, Advent and beyond, do join us whenever you can. Come and meet God - he is longing to see you!

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

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

12.00pm Baptism Service, Ss Philip & James Church

1.00pm Baptism Service, Ss Philip & James Church

Wednesday 13 October - 9.30am Midweek Communion, Ss Philip & James Church and [Zoom: 5089713920](#)

Sunday 17 October - 10.00am Eucharist, Ss Philip & James Church, livestreamed via [Facebook](#)

11.30am Eucharist, Fleet Parish Community Centre

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

PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER - NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

TODAY'S COLLECT O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of 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... Alice Clayson, Edward Brown, Leslie Hollingham, Olive England, David Scott, Anne Parker-Ashley, Maisie Brown.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 11 OCTOBER

Meditation 'To live faithfully means to choose: Will I in this moment make the world more gentle, beautiful, and hopeful; or will I contribute to its cynicism, brutality and bitter desperation?' *Elaine O'Rourke*

We give thanks that our lives are not ours to do with what we will, but that we belong to God and are precious in his eyes.

Please pray...

Mon - For those who clean and manage our churches and halls.

Tues - For people with autism.

Wed - For those who foster children, and those they care for.

Thurs - For Christians Together in Fleet – our partners in mission to our community.

Fri - For women and girls around the world, that they may be able to live without fear and reach their full potential.

Sat - For persecuted Christians around the world.

Sun - For church musicians.

ALL WEEK - Those who live in The Lea, The Mount, The Oaks, The Spinney, The West Hundreds and Threshers Corner.

PRAYER ROOM AT FLEET PARISH COMMUNITY CENTRE - The small meeting room at the FPCC is currently set up as a prayer room to celebrate harvest and is decorated with the beautiful floral arrangements and salt bread made by members of the congregation. The prayer room provides an ongoing opportunity for quiet prayer and currently contains prayer stations to thank God for his abundance and to reflect on those parts of the world in poverty. The room is available for use whenever the office is occupied or the coffee bar is open.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

HARVEST DONATIONS - Thank you for all your donations for the Foodbank for Harvest.

JUNIOR CHURCH - Sunday 17 October there will be a junior church session in the hall during the 10.00am service at Ss Philip & James Church. It would be helpful if you would register your interest so that you can receive more information by email. We are also building a new emailing list for people who are interested in what's on for young people - so if you sometimes bring children or grandchildren to church with you and would like to be on the list please contact Jane Jones (cjanejones@gmail.com) or the Parish Office.

WALK THE WAY - thank you to everyone who has already made a donation for Cally & Jane's sponsored walk in aid of the Bishop of Guildford's Communities fund on 9 October. If you would still like to give so please go to <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/displayCharityCampaignPage.action?campaignId=18287&charityId=1002569> or do so directly with Jane/Cally via their sponsorship form.

AFTERNOON TEA AND CHAT - Tuesday 19 October, 2.00-4.00pm, Fleet Parish Community Centre (Coffee Bar) Come along and meet with new friends and old whilst enjoying a delicious home-made afternoon tea. Booking is not required but it would be helpful if you could let Nancy Dawson (01252 621140) or the Parish Office know that you are coming so that we can cater for the right number of people.

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.

SERVICE OF HOPE AND REMEMBERING - Saturday 30 October, 3.00pm, Ss Philip & James Church. All are invited to attend the Service of Hope and Remembering in remembrance of a loved one who has died. If you'd like your loved one's name included in the list read out in the service please add their name to the sheet on the noticeboard or contact the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS - A reminder to keep knitting Christmas Angels for distribution in Fleet town centre at the beginning of December. The Angel Blessing Service is on Sunday 28 November at 4.00pm at the United Reformed Church on Kings Road. This churches together event is loved and looked forward to by the people of Fleet and we need as many angels as possible. If you want a pattern (it's very easy!) or need wool please contact Sue Butterfield on 01252 621786.

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 OCTOBER

[Job 23.1-9 & 16-17](#) *Job's 'comforter', Eliphaz, had tried to convince Job that Job's suffering is directly caused by Job's wickedness. Job here refutes the premise which he knows is false. Job cries to God for comfort without yet realising that God is testing him.*

[Hebrews 4.12-16](#) *As this letter was addressed to a Jewish community Christ has been likened to the Jewish High Priest. Born human He understood mankind's plight but he was able to overcome it. We are bidden therefore to approach Him 'to receive mercy and find grace'.*

[Mark 10.17-31](#) *Both the man and the disciples are surprised at Jesus' response because wealth had traditionally been associated with divine favour and the kudos of being able to give alms to the poor. Jesus' paradoxical reply was not understood.*

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