



Parish of Fleet

All Saints

St Philip & St James

**News Sheet for  
Sunday 7 November 2021  
Third Sunday before Advent**

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

*'You had one job!' - God*

Genesis tells us that the first job God gave to humanity was to take care of the earth and all that he had made. All the time human beings concentrated on doing that one job everything was paradise. As soon as they started getting other ideas, thinking they knew better than God how things should be done, that's when trouble started!

Revelation tells us that one day the only job we will have will be to take care of the new heaven and new earth that God will create at the end of time. The signs are that the Kingdom of God will not be completed, and paradise restored, until God is confident that humankind is ready to do that job properly.

I think you could safely say that the most important thing there is for any of us to do - whether we believe in God or not, is to take proper care of the world we live in. If we lived on a desert island no bigger than our back garden, it would be foolish for us to start digging it up and dumping it in the sea - but that in a way is what we are systematically doing to the planet that is our home.

This week we have been praying for the success of the 'COP26' summit in Glasgow - the outcome of which may dictate not only the future of humankind on earth, but maybe the eternal destiny of us all if we continue to ignore God's command to care for our planet.

This Sunday (7<sup>th</sup>) Cally and Jane will be leading a special act of worship on the theme of caring for creation, and I hope you will be able to be there, to celebrate the privilege of stewarding God's creation and you continue to pray that the world community will return to its one and only job of caring for all God has made.

Please note that this 10.00am service at P&J is the only service in the parish this weekend and it will not be livestreamed on this occasion.

Next week (14<sup>th</sup>) will be Remembrance Sunday and there will be services at P&J at 8.00am and 10.00am, FPCC at 11.30am and Evensong is at 6.30pm in P&J.

May God bless you all.

Mark

**THIS WEEK**

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

**Sunday 7 November** - 10.00am Service of the Word for Creation-tide, Ss Philip & James Church (only)

**Wednesday 10 November** - no service

**Thursday 11 November** - 2.00pm Bible Study via [Zoom ID: 5089713920](https://zoom.us/j/5089713920)

**Sunday 14 November** - 8.00am Holy Communion, Ss Philip & James Church

10.00am Eucharist, Ss Philip & James Church, livestreamed via [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/fleetparish)

11.30am Eucharist, Fleet Parish Community Centre

6.30pm Choral Evensong, Ss Philip & James Church

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

## PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 7 NOVEMBER - THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

**TODAY'S COLLECT** Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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

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

**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, Ken & Dee Stephenson, Eileen Taylor, Erica Taylor, Jean Thomas, John Tillyer and Molly Wilson.

**Those who have died recently...** Martin Hooper, Anna McNeill.

**Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time...** Karen Wilson, Beryl Hartley, Patrick Rennison, Angela Harvey, Adrian Luxton, Marjorie Clifford, Reginald Slater-Kitwood, Evelyn Ruffle, Renee Lunghi, Heather McMillan, Joy Holmes, Donald Robinson, Eileen Mitchell.

### PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 8 NOVEMBER

**Meditation** 'As Christians our hope is for resurrection life beyond the grave, but it is a hope experienced not sometime in the future, but now, at this very moment. There is no need to wait for Christ to give you everlasting life it is yours now! The Kingdom of God is present and eternal within you this instant.' *Paul Bane*

**We give thanks** for freedom to be different, to think differently and to disagree in love and respect.

**Please pray...**

**Mon** - For all who are suffering from loneliness, depression, anxiety or fear at this time.

**Tues** - For those who edit and produce our Parish Magazine.

**Wed** - For the care homes of our parish and all who live or work in them.

**Thurs** - For the souls of all who have died in time of war, for all who serve in the armed forces and for their chaplains. For the ongoing work of the British Legion.

**Fri** - For refugees and displaced people around the world - especially at this time in Libya. For 'Médecins Sans Frontières' and all the aid agencies seeking to help them.

**Sat** - For those who suffer with mobility issues.

**Sun** - That we may all be able to use our gifts and talents in the service in the service of Christ's Kingdom.

**ALL WEEK** - Those who live in Waterside Court, Waverley Avenue, Wellington Avenue, Wensley Drive, West Hill Gardens, West Tisted Close.

**PRAYER ROOM AT FPCC** - This month's theme in the prayer room is 'Praying with Icons' - if you'd like to find out more about praying with icons or experience praying with icons please come to the FPCC on weekday mornings when the office is manned.

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

**THIS MORNING 7 NOVEMBER** - The Service of the Word for Creation-tide at 10.00am in Ss Philip & James Church will not be livestreamed or have service booklets - we hope that you are able to come along and enjoy this opportunity to worship together. There will be coffee after the service.

**ANNA MCNEILL** - Anna's funeral service will be held at Ss Philip & James Church on Monday 8 November at 3.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

**WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER** - There will be no midweek communion service at 9.30am on 10 November in Ss Philip & James Church.

**FOLLIES @ FLEET** - Thank you to all who supported "Follies@ Fleet" on 23 October. The evening raised £430 for the All Saints Fund.

**YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL NEEDS YOU** - The Christmas Tree Festival takes place over the weekend of 3 to 5 December. As always, we will be needing your help as we once again welcome our community through our doors and hopefully online too. You will find sign up sheets where you can volunteer for stewarding, stalls or refreshments on the notice boards in Ss Philip & James and in FPCC and you can also email the Parish Office with offers of help. You can sign up for just one hour or the whole day! If you would like more information please ring Karen Kite (01252 613251).

**CALLING ALL BAKERS** - As always we are hoping to provide a wide variety of large or small cakes, biscuits, mince pies etc. at the Christmas Tree Festival. Karen Kite would love to hear from you if you are able to help in this way, 01252 613251.

**TOMBOLA AND CHAMPAGNE RAFFLE** - We are holding our ever popular champagne raffle and tombola at the Christmas Tree Festival. Donations of champagne and a variety of new items for the tombola would be appreciated. Boxes can be found in Ss Philip & James Church and FPCC.

**CRAFTS WANTED** - We are hoping to have a small craft table at the Christmas Tree Festival this year and need some items to sell. If you have made or are able to make and donate some things to sell we would be really grateful. Please contact Sue 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 7 NOVEMBER

**Jonah 3.1-5 & 10** *The Book of Jonah was written long after the fall of Nineveh. There is no independent historic cross reference to the story so it can only be regarded as a tale with a moral - namely God loves a repentant sinner.*

**Hebrews 9.24-28** *This letter addressed to a Jewish community living outside Jerusalem explains that Christ both fulfils and supersedes the Law. The High Priest being human needs continually to sacrifice in the Act of Atonement whereas Christ has done it once and for all.*

**Mark 1.14-20** *St Mark's Gospel, known for its succinct and episodic style, is thought to have been compiled from notes made as a teaching aid - hence its brevity. One has to imagine the omitted sequence of events that must have taken place before Simon & Andrew and James & John left their fathers to follow Jesus.*

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