



Parish of Fleet
All Saints
St Philip & St James

News Sheet for Sunday 21 November 2021 Christ the King

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

This Sunday, the last of the Church's year, is the feast of 'Christ the Universal King'. Today we celebrate the Lordship of Jesus over the whole world.

Depending upon your viewpoint, human leaders may delight, disappoint or disgust you, but they are all essentially transitory – they come, and they go, and in any case their power and authority are limited, and in the words of St. Paul 'entrusted to them by God'. Ultimately, all authority over heaven and earth is in the hands of the Lord Jesus - who will never disappoint or disgust, and whose ultimate purpose is to bring together all things for good, all things in heaven and all things in earth.

So today we entrust ourselves and all creation to its Creator, Redeemer and Lord, trusting in him to lead us, guide us, protect us and provide for us, as we usher in a new Church year when Advent begins next week.

Next Sunday (28th) is Advent Sunday and there will be a Eucharist at P&J at 10 am which will also be a gift day on behalf of the Ashanti charity. Do please come along and find out more!

Next Sunday in the evening at 6.30 pm there will be a service of Taizé worship and prayer at P&J. Do join in this lovely reflective service for the beginning of Advent.

May God bless you all.

Mark

THIS WEEK

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

Sunday 21 November - 10.00am Eucharist, Ss Philip & James Church, livestreamed via [Facebook](#)
11.30am Family Worship, Ss Philip & James Church

Wednesday 24 November - 9.30am Midweek Service, [Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#)

Thursday 25 November - 2.00pm Bible Study via [Zoom ID: 5089713920](#)

Sunday 28 November - 10.00am Eucharist, Ss Philip & James Church, livestreamed via [Facebook](#) *
12.00pm Baptism Service, Ss Philip & James Church
6.30pm Taizé Worship, Ss Philip & James Church

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

*Sunday 28 November is a Gift Day for Ashanti Development. In the 10.00am service we will hear about their de-worming project and be invited to support them financially. Donations may be given via the web site ashantidevelopment.org then press the donate button, or cheques by post to: Ashanti Development, 21 Downing Court, Grenville Street, London, WC1N 1LX. If posting a cheque please include a note referring to the Fleet Gift Day.

PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 21 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... Jean Belgrove, Carol Beynon, Melanie Brant, Chris Butterfield, Angus Cairns, Phyllis McGowan, Carol Paton, Peter Rogers, Tyler Thompson, Lucy Tyler, Clare and family, Phillip.

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, Molly Wilson and Harry.

Those who have died recently... David Pyke.

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time... Lucy Winckler, Wilfred Sedden, Jack Coe, Helen Girling, Joan Judge, Euphemia Hadley, Sydney Baker, Doris Bicknell, James Leach, Walter Boulton, George Draycott.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 21 NOVEMBER

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.

Please pray...

Mon - For all who enrich our lives and our worship with the gift of music.

Tues - For the elderly, isolated and vulnerable.

Wed - For the Fleet Christmas Festivities.

Thurs - For 'Christians Together in Fleet' and their AGM today.

Fri - For Guides, Scouts, Cubs, Brownies, Explorers and Rainbows - and all who lead them.

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

Sun - For the Ashanti Charity.

ALL WEEK - Those who live in Willowbourne, Winchcombe Close, Winchfield Close, Winta Drive, Wintney Street, Wood Lane.

PRAYER ROOM AT FPCC IN ADVENT - There will be a wonderful opportunity to engage in an advent prayer journey in our Prayer Room at FPCC. Cally will provide more details at the Sunday service and you will be able to sign up to take part then.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

FAMILY WORSHIP - Sunday 21 November, 11.30am, Ss Philip & James Church. All welcome.

ALL SAINTS UPDATE - Due to essential drainage work the builders are going to fence off the paved paths to the FPCC on Thursday November 25 until further notice, or for at least one week. You can enter the FPCC through the front door as usual but access will be through the car park. The office, hall and coffee bar will operate as normal but parking will be limited to spaces agreed in advance with event/activity organisers.

FLEET HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE - Saturday 27 November, 10am-12noon, Fleet Parish Community Centre.

ANGEL BLESSING SERVICE CHANGE OF TIME - Sunday 28 November, 3.00pm, United Reformed Church, Kings Road, Fleet. Angel Blessing Service with refreshments afterwards. Please wear a mask. This is a lovely service and everyone is very welcome. For more details please contact Sue Butterfield, 01252 621 786.

YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL NEEDS YOU - The Christmas Tree Festival takes place over the weekend of 3 to 5 December. Thank you if you have already signed up to help! We need plenty more helpers as we once again welcome our community through our doors and hopefully online too. Sign up sheets where you can volunteer for stewarding, stalls or refreshments are 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. as refreshments to serve at the Christmas Tree Festival. Contact Karen Kite, 01252 613251.

TOMBOLA AND CHAMPAGNE RAFFLE - Donations of champagne and a variety of new items for the tombola at the Christmas Tree Festival would be appreciated. Boxes can be found in P&J 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.

ALL SAINTS STALL - Fundraising stall at Christmas tree festival 3-5 December. Donations of cakes of all kinds, jams, marmalade chutneys etc. would be gratefully received to sell in aid of the all Saints fund. Please contact Elizabeth 01252 613156 - happy to collect.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS - Caritas and Tesco are requesting new (packaged but not wrapped) toys for children aged from 0-18. LivingStones in Fleet will be accepting gifts until 17 December.

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 21 NOVEMBER

[Daniel 7.9-10 & 13-14](#) *This passage, written a century before the New Testament, describes a vision, whose meaning is intentionally opaque. It alludes to contemporary events and the hopes and fears of an oppressed people. Later, in New Testament times, the author of the Book of Revelation quotes from it as he can see in it the foretelling of the dominion of Christ.*

[Revelation 1.4b-8](#) *The Book of Revelation is an extended letter to the Seven Churches of Asia. Written in code it gives succour and comfort to an oppressed people. Apocalyptic writing such as this - and the Book of Daniel - was popular at the time since it avoided the danger of censorship.*

[John 18.33b-37](#) *Pilate can be seen as representing the non-Christian and pagan view of Christ and His Kingdom, namely one of puzzlement and complete incomprehension. To understand the Truth to which Christ refers one needs to study not only the Gospels but also Christ's background, namely the Bible as a whole.*

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