



Parish of Fleet

All Saints

St Philip & St James

**News Sheet for
Sunday 19 December 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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

This is the last Sunday of Advent! Today we have three services in the Parish.

At 10.00 am at P&J we have Christingle - a very special all age Christmas service which will not include the Eucharist/Communion.

At 11.30 am at FPCC we have the Eucharist for Advent 4.

At 6.30 pm at P&J we have our Carol service - led by an augmented cross-parish choir.

You are very welcome at any, or indeed all of these services.

On Friday of course it will be Christmas Eve, and as usual there will be a range of services for that very special day...

3.00pm FPCC Crib Service - booking essential – [click here to book for FPCC](#)

5.00pm P&J Crib Service - booking essential – [click here to book for P&J](#)

7.30pm FPCC Early Midnight Mass (no need to book)

11.30pm P&J Midnight Mass (no need to book)

On Christmas day, there will be an 8.00 am Communion at P&J and a 10.00 am Eucharist at P&J (no need to book).

Please note that on Boxing day, Sunday 26th, there will be no live service in the parish, but we encourage you to join in an online Diocesan Service led by our Bishops which you can find via this link: [Guildford Diocese's All Age Boxing Day Service 2021 - YouTube](#)

Meanwhile Tina and I would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

May God bless you all.

Mark

THIS WEEK

The Coffee Bar at Fleet Parish Community Centre is closed until Tuesday 4 January.

Sunday 19 December - 10.00am Christingle, Ss Philip & James Church, livestreamed via [Facebook](#)

11.30am Eucharist (CW), Fleet Parish Community Centre

6.30pm Music and Readings for Christmas, Ss Philip & James Church

Wednesday 22 December - 9.30am Midweek Service, [Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920](#)

Friday 24 December - Christmas Eve

3.00pm Come to the Stable, [click here to book](#), Fleet Parish Community Centre

5.00pm Crib Service [click here to book](#), Ss Philip & James

7.30pm The Early, Early Midnight Mass, Fleet Parish Community Centre

11.30pm First Communion of Christmas, Ss Philip & James

Saturday 25 December - Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion (1662), Fleet Parish Community Centre

10.00am Family Eucharist, Ss Philip & James

Sunday 26 December - 10.00am, [Guildford Diocese's All Age Boxing Day Service 2021 - YouTube](#)

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

PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TODAY'S COLLECT God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK . . .

Those in urgent need of our prayers including... Alona Beauchamp, 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, 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 Frank Fazey, Alan Squier.

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time... Dorothy Simmons, Mary Norman, Vera Jeffries, David Mearing, Bernard Beer, Keith Jones, Gwen Loverseed, Donald Brodie, Ivy Cox, Leslie Wigg, Lorna Anderson, Edith Griffith, Charles Marsh, Bert Atkinson, Doreen Suter.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 20 DECEMBER

Meditation 'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness- on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'
Isaiah 9

We give thanks for Jesus, the Saviour of the World, God's gift to us all.

Please pray...

Mon - For all who have to work over the Christmas period.

Tues - For the people of Bethlehem, and all Palestinian people.

Wed - For modern day shepherds, and all who work in agriculture in these uncertain times.

Thurs - For midwives, obstetricians, and those who work in neonatal care.

Fri - Christmas Eve - For all who are busy, travelling, overwhelmed or alone.

Sat - Christmas Day - For the homeless, the refugee, and all who reach out to them.

Sun - (St. Stephen) For all imprisoned or endangered for speaking out for their faith or for justice.

ALL WEEK - For those who live in Chertsey Street, Chestnut Close, Cheviot Drive, Chineham Close, Cholsley Drive and Church Grove.

PRAYER ROOM AT FPCC - If you would like to visit the advent prayer room at FPCC this week while the Parish Office & Coffee Bar are closed please contact Cally to arrange access.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS - Please note that it is now mandatory to wear face masks in church (unless exempt or leading worship) and the Church of England also recommends that you keep them on while singing.

CHRISTINGLE - This morning, 19 December, we will take a collection for the Children's Society in the Christingle service. If you'd prefer to donate online, please follow this link to their website, donate.childrenssociety.org.uk/page/68003 - it defaults to £25 so please click on the Choose a Different Amount wording under the picture to input the amount you'd like to donate.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL - The net proceeds from the Christmas Tree Festival totalled £3,800. Of this £1,200 was raised by the All Saints Fund stall and goes direct to that Fund. The balance is split between Step by Step (£650) and Hart Foodbank (£650) with the final balance (£1,300) going to Parish Funds. A truly magnificent result so thanks again to everyone who contributed.

CRIB SERVICE BOOKINGS - Crib service bookings are online only until 9.30am on 23 December. If you need to change your booking after this time please ring Sam Lord on 07422 923584.

FESTIVE TEA TOWEL - Festive tea towel (£5) now on sale in aid of Parish Funds - a great Christmas gift idea and raising money for the church as well! Jane Jones will be selling them after church on Sunday morning and is happy to do local deliveries.

12 DAYS OF GIVING - Ecclesiastical are running a campaign where they are giving away £1000 to charities randomly drawn every day from 6 to 21 December. You need to put in an email address and answer a couple of survey questions to nominate a charity - please share with family & friends to maximise the number of nominations and chance of winning. Go to <https://www.movementforgood.com/12days/index.php?cn=1129190&ct=church> and it should prefill with our charity number (1129190) - just a couple of days left!

ALL SAINTS FUNDRAISER - Saturday 15 January, 3.00pm, Ss Philip and James Church. Concert of classical, show and dance music in aid of All Saints Fund. An hour of quintet music featuring Quintessentially Wind and Hart of Brass followed by tea and cake. Tickets £10 from anne.smith33@btinternet.com, 01252 624171.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY - Our Thursday Bible Study sessions via Zoom will resume in the new year. If you'd like to join in and are not already subscribed please email the Parish Office to be added to the email list to receive the meeting details.

STAMPS FOR CHARITY - We are continuing to collect used stamps for charity in FPCC so please save them from your Christmas post and bring them in when the office is open.

OFFICE AND COFFEE BAR CLOSURES - The Parish Office and Coffee Bar are closed until Tuesday 4 January.

NEWS SHEET DEADLINES - Please note that next week's news sheet will cover weeks commencing 26 December and 2 January so if you'd like any notices to be included please email them to newssheet@parishoffleet.org.uk by Wednesday 23 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.



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