

News Sheet for Sunday 26 December 2021 First Sunday of Christmas (and Sunday 2 January 2022)

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

A very merry Christmas to you all!

Today (Boxing day, 26th December) there will not be a service in the Parish, by Special permission of Bishop Andrew, but the diocese will be broadcasting a special service for all which you can join via this link if you would like to.

During these days after Christmas, if you have any queries or need to speak to a member of the clergy, please ring me on 01252 219281 or email me <u>vicar@parishoffleet.org.uk</u> if you prefer.

Next Sunday (2nd January) We will be celebrating the feast of the Epiphany (The manifesting of Jesus to all the world) and will be holding services at P&J at 10 am and at FPCC at 11.30 am.

In the meantime may we also wish you all a very happy New Year!

May God bless you all,

Mark

THIS WEEK

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

Sunday 26 December - 10.00am, <u>Guildford Diocese's All Age Boxing Day Service 2021 - YouTube</u> **Wednesday 29 December** - 9.30am Midweek Service, <u>Zoom Meeting ID: 5089713920</u>

Sunday 2 January 10.00am Eucharist, Ss Philip & James Church, livestreamed via <u>Facebook</u> 11.30am Eucharist, Fleet Parish Community Centre

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

Please remember that the 8 am service on Christmas Day is at FPCC NOT P&J

PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 26 DECEMBER - FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

TODAY'S COLLECT Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; 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, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; 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 Alan Squier, Margaret Goulbourn.

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time... Frederick Cooper, Robert Stannard, Hugh Lindsay, Peter Duckworth, Keith Clubley, Carolyn Greig Woodcock, Doris Wilman, Peter Jaynes, Gillian Martel, Jack Townsend, John Stocks, Lilian Buck, Connie King, Brian Duke and David Healey.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 27 DECEMBER

Meditation 'And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way." So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East." Minnie Louise Haskins.

We give thanks for... the rest and recreation of recent days.

Please pray...

Mon - Our cleaners, sacristans, hall manager, churchwardens, gardeners, and all who care for our buildings.

Tues - Victims of slavery and people trafficking.

Wed - Those who work in the transport industry.

Thurs - Homes where there is conflict, violence or abuse - that these may cease and help and support found. For women's refuges around our nation.

Fri - New Years Eve - For all who work in catering and hospitality.

Sat - New Year's Day - For all who are having to work today in order to maintain essential services.

Sun - (Epiphany Sunday) For people of all faiths to work together for the sake of all humanity.

ALL WEEK – For those who live in Church Road, Clarence Road, Coach House Gardens, Colbred Corner, Connaught Road and Coombe Drive.



News Sheet for Sunday 2 January 2022 Epiphany

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A very Happy New Year to you all!

Today we celebrate together the feast of the Epiphany.

At Epiphany we remember the visit of the Magi (Wise men) to Jesus but recognise it as the beginning of Jesus being revealed not just to Israel but to the whole world and to all people for all time!

In that sense we are all involved in this ongoing process – of making Jesus known to the world!

A great way to begin the new year is to come along to worship, online or in person, and to renew our commitment to serve Jesus and work for the building up of his kingdom in the year ahead.

Today we have services at 10.00 am at P&J and 11.30 am at FPCC

Do join us!

May God bless you all.

Mark

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

Sunday 2 January- 10.00am Eucharist, Ss Philip & James Church, livestreamed via Facebook

11.30am Eucharist, Fleet Parish Community Centre

Wednesday 5 January - No Service

Sunday 9 January - 8.00am Holy Communion, Ss Philip & James Church

10.00am Eucharist, Ss Philip & James Church, , livestreamed via Facebook

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PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 2 JANUARY - EPIPHANY

TODAY'S COLLECT O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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 God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 3 JANUARY

Meditation 'We live in a world of outrageous pain. The only response to outrageous pain is outrageous love' - Marc Gafni

We give thanks for our unique and precious place in God's plan for the world.

Please pray...

- Mon Our team of Pastoral Assistants.
- **Tues** For the United Nations and all who work for peace in our world.
- Wed Those who work in caring for our parks, roads and highways.
- **Thurs** Those who work in the charity shops of our town.
- Fri For those who suffer from back or neck pain.
- **Sat** For the people of the Sudan.
- **Sun** For those who join our worship online, especially those who have joined us recently.
- **ALL WEEK** For those who live in Copse Close, Copse End, Copse Lane, Corringway, Court Drive, Courtmoor Avenue.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

TEA TOWEL - Tea towel (£5) now on sale at the Coffee Bar in aid of Parish Funds.

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.

<u>OFFICE AND COFFEE BAR CLOSURES</u> - The Parish Office and Coffee Bar are closed until Tuesday 4 January. **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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