



Parish of Fleet
All Saints
St Philip & St James

News Sheet for Sunday 1 October Harvest Festival

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

The days are beginning to shorten and there's a crispness in the air, even when the sun is shining. We are in a change of season, as people return to work from time away and the Michaelmas Term gathers momentum. Last Sunday, both church congregations came together to celebrate God's vast creation and lamented humanity's collective failure to look after it. We brought children and adults and both gardening teams together in one big, joy-filled service (a rather long one – sorry about that!) We also reflected on our efforts as individuals and as a parish to do our small bit to look after the world. God is so generous and has given us so much to be thankful for!

We continued with this theme earlier in the week with our Harvest Prayers and Lunch – and now today, with Harvest Festival, hosted jointly with All Saints School.

In this new season, perhaps there is the start of a more outward focus. After years of having to concentrate on the enormous rebuilding project at All Saints, we are starting to reap the benefits, as the church and coffee bar open up more and more and various people – new and old – come through our doors. There is much that is outward-focused to look forward to in both churches. The P&J Christmas Tree Festival team are hard at work again this year, there's another family activity morning planned (for 21 October at P&J) and meanwhile up at All Saints, Alpha starts this month and plans are afoot to work with All Saints School to paint a temporary outside wall with the children. Our connections with the school remain strong and life-giving and we have enjoyed a steady stream of baptisms and weddings in recent months – and wonderful music concerts and productions. After all the grief and hard work of the past eight years, life in the Parish of Fleet is looking happy and vibrant right now and we have much to be grateful for! I am reminded of those beautiful words in Psalm 57: those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy.

God bless you all,

Cally

THIS WEEK

The Coffee Bar is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10.00am-12.00pm

- Sunday 1 Oct -** Ss PHILIP & JAMES: 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
ALL SAINTS CHURCH: 10.00am Harvest Festival with All Saints School
Ss PHILIP & JAMES: No service
- Tuesday 3 Oct** 11.00am Prayer Group, Ss Philip & James Church
- Wednesday 4 Oct** Ss PHILIP & JAMES: 9.30am Communion Service
10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors
10.30am Baby Saints FPCC
- Friday 6 Oct** 10.00am-12.00pm Dribbles and Giggles FPCC
- Saturday 7 Oct** 10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors

Sunday 8 Oct **Ss PHILIP & JAMES:** 10.00am Morning Worship

ALL SAINTS CHURCH: 10am Parish Eucharist

Ss PHILIP & JAMES: 12pm Baptism of Lily Kite

ALL SAINTS CHURCH : 3pm Recital by Roy Woodhams

ALL SAINTS CHURCH: 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Ss Philip & James Church is open for prayer Wednesdays 11.00am-1.30pm & Sundays 12noon-3.00pm.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER

[Luke 12: 16 - 30](#)

PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER

TODAY'S COLLECT: Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Those in urgent need of our prayers including: Jack, Barbara Willis, Zoe, Jean Belgrove, Xander Coleman-Day, Ann Mann, Carol Paton, Tyler Thompson, Phillip, Garth and Judy Kellett, Diana, Alan Brown

Members of our extended church family in need of our continuing prayers:

Anne Marie Hudson, Matthew Allen, Gladys Barber, Melanie Brant, Marion Brown, Chris, Yvonne Dunk, Joan Hall, Dexter Heard, Michael Heard, Giorgia Laughton, Bonnie Lewis, Sheila O'Connor, Gill Page, Peter Rogers, Michael Standen, Eileen Taylor, Erica Taylor, Molly Wilson, Clare and family, Jean Harris, Dewey and family, John Simson

Those who have died recently: Lucy Tyler, Tony Holbeche.

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time: Isabella Hill, Graham Pool, Irene Bishop, Elizabeth Moon, Ronald Sweetapple, Alan Roberts, Spencer Welch, Chris Butterfield, John Lean.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 2 OCTOBER 2023

Meditation: 'Tears are prayers too. They travel to God when we cannot speak.' Psalm 56:8

We give thanks for those who put their own lives at risk to ensure our safety and security.

Please pray....

- Mon** - for those persecuted because of race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, religion or disability.
- Tues** - for interfaith dialogue.
- Wed** - for all who lead an itinerant life (Feast day of St Francis of Assisi)

- Thur** - for ecumenical work with fellow Christians of other denominations.
- Fri** - for those suffering with back or joint pain.
- Sat** - for far-flung friends and family.
- Sun** - for those recently baptised, confirmed or born again to faith.
- QUOTE** - Once, a winter storm drove St Cuthbert hard upon the shores of Fife. One fearful co-mariner said in his despair, "To land in such a storm is certain loss of life". Another cried, "Return by sea is equal death." But Cuthbert replied, "Earth and sea are both set against us. But friends, look up - for Heaven still lies open to us!"
(Alfred Percival Graves – adapted)

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

CHRISTIAN AID APPEAL - 'Thanks to all who gave to the Christian Aid appeal for the survivors of the floods in Libya. You gave an impressive £913.54p to provide emergency shelter, sanitation, medical assistance and food. Thank you so much.'

STEP BY STEP HARVEST FESTIVAL DONATIONS 1st OCTOBER - Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shower gel/cream, soap, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant. No bath products please. Thank you.

FAMILY ACTIVITY AFTERNOON AT P&J - Save the date - Sat 21 Oct, 2-4pm. A themed afternoon celebrating Noah's ark story with craft, games, activities & refreshments – suitable for all ages.

Thurs 5 October 11am at FPCC: a meeting for all those able to help with craft tables for the activity afternoon.

TO CELEBRATE OUR NEW ORGAN A RECITAL BY ROY WOODHAMS - Sunday 8 October at 3pm All Saints Church followed by Tea & Cake in the FPCC, donations for the All Saints Fund.

CALLING ALL COFFEE AND TEA MAKERS. - We need a few more helpers for after the 10.00 am service at P&J on a Sunday. You'll need to arrive by 9.30 am to set up and are, usually, finished by about noon. Training, if you think you need it, may be given. Speak to Anne Biffin after the service or email

FIRE WARDENS NEEDED - Volunteers needed to act as fire wardens for All Saints Church during services. Training given that we hope will never be needed. Please contact Jenny Thorne for more information or find sign-up sheet on FPCC notice board.

ALPHA COURSE - We are going to be running the Alpha course in the Parish on Monday evenings from 9 Oct - 6 Nov. These will be in All Saints Church from 7-9pm. The Alpha course is for those who want to know more about the Christian faith, and indeed what life is about. Whether you have been coming to church all your life, have never been to church, or are somewhere in between, Alpha would be of benefit to you, and you are very welcome to come along. If you are interested, please put these dates in your diary. Sign-up sheets are in both churches or do talk to Mark, Cally or one of the ministry team for more information.

BABY SAINTS - We're meeting every Wednesday morning at FPCC, 10.30 - 11.30am. If you have or care for preschool children we'd love to see you.

PHYLLIS TUCKWELL HOSPICE CARE

If you're looking for a worthwhile way to spend a few spare hours a week, then look no further! Local hospice care charity Phyllis Tuckwell is searching for volunteer drivers, escorts and receptionists, and would love to hear from you.

If you would like to find out more about any of these volunteering roles, please contact Phyllis Tuckwell's Voluntary Services team on voluntary.services@pth.org.uk or call 01252 729400.

STEP BY STEP 13 OCTOBER 2023 – SLEEP OUT!

Our Sleep Out is back, can you get sponsored to spend a night sleeping rough at Farnborough Business Park for Step by Step? Please find more information here: [Sleep Out Challenge for Youth Homeless Charity \(stepbystep.org.uk\)](http://stepbystep.org.uk)

HART FOODBANK - Thank you for your gifts to the Foodbank. This week there is an urgent need for tinned spaghetti, washing detergent, tinned or packet soup, pasta sauce, tinned fish, tinned fruit, tinned meat, custard, jams/marmalade, shampoo. Items can be left in the Foodbank containers in the narthex at Ss Philip & James Church and in FPCC.

HART FOODBANK -has a wonderful benefactor in a local farm who is donating fresh eggs to the foodbank but she can only bring them to us on egg trays, which we then box into half dozens. Because of this we are very keen to get hold of egg boxes, be they recycled or new ones. We would be very happy to receive them.

FLEET METHODIST CHURCH - will be holding a plant sale and coffee morning on Saturday 14 October 10:30 to 12:30. if you want to top up your garden and have a chat whilst enjoying a cuppa and cake, then this is for you. Of course, if you have any plants, or other garden related items, that you would like to donate, this will be very welcome.

All money raised will go to our designated charity for this year which is MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) which provides air transport and support for many other charities around the world in order to help them get their aid to where it is needed. See <https://www.maf-uk.org/> for more information.

NEW PARKING PERMITS FOR CHURCH ROAD CAR PARK - Please collect permits from the church office if you haven't already done so.

STAMP COLLECTION - Please do continue to drop off used stamps at FPCC as Mike will continue to collect them and will be used to support cancer care.

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 your donation.



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