



News Sheet for Sunday 24 December 4th Sunday of Advent

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to our worship today. It is a great joy to have you with us as we worship God together. May we wish you and all you love a very happy, blessed and peaceful Christmas.

If you are with us for the first time, or the first time in a while, then you are particularly welcome and please do make yourself known to us after the service today.

Today we celebrate both the final Sunday of Advent and the Eve of the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ - all in one day. Jesus came into the world for the salvation of all, and that includes you whoever you are - so rejoice our Lord has come!

Today is a very busy day in the parish:

10.00am Parish Eucharist (without music) at P&J

5.00pm Crib Service at All Saints

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7.30pm Early Midnight Mass at P&J

11.30pm Midnight Mass at All Saints

Tomorrow – **Christmas day** we have 2 services:

8.00am BCP Communion at P&J

10.00am Eucharist at All Saints

Do please join us for any or all of these.

God bless you all,

Mark

THIS WEEK

Sunday 24 Dec ALL SAINTS CHURCH:	5.00pm Crib Service 11.30pm Midnight Mass
Ss PHILIP & JAMES:	10.00am Parish Eucharist (without music) 5.00pm Crib Service 7.30pm Early Midnight Mass
Christmas Day ALL SAINTS CHURCH:	10.00am Parish Eucharist
Ss PHILIP & JAMES:	8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 31 Dec ALL SAINTS CHURCH:	10.00am Joint Parish Eucharist

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

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER

[2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16](#)

[Romans 16:25-end](#)

[Luke 1:26-38](#)

PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER

TODAY'S COLLECT: Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: 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: Jack, Barbara Willis, Zoe, Jean Belgrove, Xander Coleman-Day, Marcia Farrey, 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, Leo Goodson, Joan Hall, Dexter Heard, Michael Heard, Giorgia Laughton, Bonnie Lewis, Sheila O'Connor, Gill Page, Peter Rogers, Michael Standen, Eileen Taylor, Erica Taylor, Clare and family, Jean Harris, Dewey and family, John Simson.

Those who have died recently: Chris Williams, Michael Riches

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time: Lorna Anderson, Charles Marsh, Bert Atkinson, Doreen Suter, Robert Stannard, Hugh Lindsay, Peter Duckworth, Keith Clubley, Carolyn Woodcock, Peter Jaynes, Doris Wilman

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 25 DECEMBER

Meditation: - 'We are not grains of sand upon the shore buffeted by sea and storm, we are individuals loved by God more intimately than we could ever know. Though from a distance we seem insignificant and frail the creating breath that formed us now lives in and sustains us.'

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

Please pray....

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

Tues - (S. Stephen) for all Christians who risk their lives to work and witness for Christ.

Wed - (S. John the Evangelist) for St. John Ambulance and Red Cross.

Thur - (The Holy Innocents) for Children who are or have been victims of abuse or violence

Fri - (The Holy Family) for family refuge and crisis centres.

Sat - for the emergency services and all who work in catering and entertainment

Sun - for peace on earth and hope for the future

ALL WEEK - for those who live in Chertsey St, Chestnut Close, Cheviot Drive, Chineham Close, Cholsley Drive, Church Grove.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS - The Parish Office will be closed for the Christmas break. Will re-open on 2 January 2024, 10am-12pm Tuesday to Friday.

COFFEE BAR CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK - The Coffee bar at FPCC will be closed for the Christmas break from Tues 19 - Fri 29 December. Will reopen on Tue 2 January 2024.

WEBSITE TESTERS - We are looking for two or more people who could spare some time to test the improvements we are making to the website. No expertise needed, in fact the less the better! We want to make the website intuitive for all. For more information or to report any website issues, please contact Robert Smith on 01252 624171 or Email at robert.smith77@btinternet.com.

BABY SAINTS - Will resume meeting every Wednesday morning at FPCC, 10.30 - 11.30am on 10 January 2024. If you have or care for preschool children we'd love to see you.

HART FOODBANK DONATIONS - Thank you for your gifts to the Foodbank. This week there is an urgent need for milk (long-life) , juice (cartons), jams/preserves, sponge puddings, veg (tinned), fruit (tinned), pasta sauce, meat (tinned - not hot dogs please), tinned/carton custard, shampoo. Items can be left in the Foodbank containers in the narthex at Ss Philip & James Church and in FPCC. Thank you, as always, for your donations to the foodbank, they are all very much appreciated.

CONCERT ON SUNDAY 21 JANUARY 2024 AT SS P & J CHURCH AT 3PM - Quintessentially Wind and Hart of Brass will play an hour of light music followed by tea and cake. Tickets £10 from anne.smith33@btinternet.com or 01252 624171. Proceeds to Parish Funds.

COME AND SING "MIKADO" SAT 3 FEB 2024 at P & J CHURCH - 1pm rehearsal, 3.30 pm informal performance, over by 6 pm. Book your place to sing in the chorus for £10 plus £1 score hire from Anne Smith, details above. Proceeds to Parish funds.

HART FOODBANK MANAGER VACANCY - For further details of the position and an application form please contact Mark Mabin (Chairman) 07534 038457 or email mark.mabin@hartfoodbank.org.uk Closing Date for applications is Friday 12 January 2024 and Interviews : W/C Monday 15 January 2024.

PRINTER CARTRIDGES FOR RECYCLING - The Parish is trialling a scheme to raise funds and help the environment by sending used printer cartridge for recycling. Collection box at FPCC for you to deposit your empty cartridges. It is hoped to have a similar box at P&J later in the year. In the meantime please leave your empty cartridges in the Step by Step box. Unfortunately we can only take branded cartridges such as Hewlett-Packard. If you have any queries please contact Linda Dart.

LIVINGSTONES - Are in need of help for the future of the shop please visit the website for information on how you can help www.livingstones.org.uk or pop in to talk to someone.

QUIET DAY: SAT 17 FEBRUARY 2024 AT LADYWELL CONVENT, GODALMING - 'Meeting Jesus in the Wilderness'. £25 to include lunch and refreshments through the day. Please sign up soon; list closes on 15 January. If signed up already, do pay at the parish office, thank you. More details from Jane Jones.

PHYLLIS TUCKWELL HOME SUPPORT - Local hospice care charity Phyllis Tuckwell is looking for more volunteers to join its Home Support team. To sign up or find out more, please call 01252 729400, email voluntary.services@pth.org.uk or visit <http://www.pth.org.uk/get-in-touch-volunteering> where you can fill in an online form.

STEP BY STEP - Donations box in the narthex at P&J and in FPCC. Donations of the following items welcome: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shower gel/cream, soap, shampoo/conditioner. No bath products please. Thank you.

STAMPS - Please keep dropping off your used stamps into FPCC, you will find a bag on the notice board.

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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