



## News Sheet for Sunday 31 December First Sunday of Christmas

### 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 and joyful New Year.

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.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow – he alone is unchanging – eternally loving, eternally faithful, eternally just. Whatever the year ahead may hold, we can trust in him to be beside us as we face it – bringing everything together for good.

So happy New Year!

Today in the parish we have only one service:

#### **10.00am Parish Eucharist at All Saints**

Please join us for that, to pray for our world as a new year begins.

God bless you all,

Mark

### THIS WEEK

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

<b>Sunday 31 Dec</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS CHURCH:</b>	10.00am Joint Parish Eucharist
<b>Tuesday 2 Jan</b>		11.00am Prayer Group, Ss Philip & James Church
<b>Wednesday 3 Jan</b>		9.30am Communion Service, Ss Philip & James Church
		10.0am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors
<b>Saturday 6 Jan</b>		10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors
<b>Sunday 7 Jan</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS CHURCH:</b>	10.00am Parish Eucharist
	<b>Ss PHILIP &amp; JAMES:</b>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion
		10.00am Celtic Morning Worship

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

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER

[Isaiah 61:10-62:3](#)

[Psalms 148](#)

[Galatians 4:4-7](#)

[Luke 2:15-21](#)

## PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER

**TODAY'S COLLECT:** God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:** 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:** 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:** Michael Riches

**Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time:** Gillian Martel, Connie King, Brian Duke, David Healey, Frances Roark, Ronald Dyer, Beatrice Gribble, Jack Townsend, Lilian Buck, David Healey, Irene Joy, Ronald Dyer

### PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 1 JANUARY

**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....**

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

**Tues** - (S. Basil and St. Gregory) for Christians of the Eastern Orthodox Church.

**Wed** - Victims of Slavery and people trafficking.

**Thur** - those who work in the transport industry.

**Fri** - our servers and sacristans.

**Sat** - (the Epiphany of our Lord) for courage to speak to others about Jesus.

**Epiphany Sun** - for people of all faiths to work together for the sake of all humanity.

**ALL WEEK** - for those who live in Church Rd, Clarence Rd, Coach House Gdns, Colbred Corner, Connaught Rd, Coombe Drive.

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS** - The Parish Office will be open 10am-12pm Tuesday to Friday.

**COFFEE BAR WILL BE OPEN THIS WEEK** - Will re-open on Tue 2 January 2024.

**TEA & CHAT** – Will be meeting at FPCC on Tues 2 January, 2-3.30pm.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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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