

News Sheet for Sunday 28 January Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

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. If you are with us for the first time, please do make yourself known to us after the service.

Today there will be a combined service at P&J at 10.00am, which will be a Gift Day service with Godly Play (details are to be found elsewhere in this News sheet).

Because of this, there is NO SERVICE AT ALL SAINTS THIS SUNDAY.

God bless you all,

Mark

THIS WEEK

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

Sunday 28 Jan ALL SAINTS CHURCH: No service

Ss PHILIP & JAMES: 10.00am Gift Day Service with Godly Play

Tuesday 30 Jan 11.00am Prayer Group, Ss Philip & James Church

Wednesday 31 Jan 9.30am Communion Service, Ss Philip & James Church

10.0am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors

10.30am Baby Saints, FPCC

Friday 2 Feb Dribbles and Giggles, FPCC

Saturday 3 Feb 10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors

Sunday 4 Feb ALL SAINTS CHURCH: 10.00am Parish Eucharist

Ss PHILIP & JAMES: 8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Celtic Morning Worship

3.30pm Celebrating Parish Groups Service

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

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 28 JANUARY

Malachi 3:1-5 Hebrews 2:14-end Luke 2:22-40

PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 28 JANUARY

TODAY'S COLLECT: God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Generous Lord, in word and Eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Those in urgent need of our prayers including: Jack, Barbara Willis, Zoe, Jean Belgrove, Xander Coleman-Day, Cynthia Fowler, Marcia Farrey, Norman Holt, Carol Paton, John Simson, Debbie Taylor, 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

Those who have died recently: Hubert Lees, Rosemary Guiver

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time: Sylvia Pepper,
Margaret Silver, Tommy Atkins, Yolande Jewson, Harriet Beattie, John Hammond, George Owen,
Norman Record, Rory Webb, Muriel Stannard, Vera Goddard, Joyce Shapland

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 29 JANUARY

Meditation: - 'We are not at peace with others because we are not at peace with ourselves, and we are not at peace with ourselves because we are not at peace with God' Thomas Merton

We give thanks for... those who made us the people we are today.

Please pray....

Mon - for our parish and its mission.

Tues - for junior church leaders and youth workers.

Wed - for all those affected by extreme weather this past week.

Thur - for relations with the other nations of the world that will be life giving to all.

Fri - for pregnant women and new parents.

Sat - for the charity shops of our town and the causes they support.

Sun - for a responsible use of the world natural resources.

ALL WEEK for those who live in East Hundreds, Ellen Drive, Elms Rd, Elnoth Drive, Elphage Rd, Elvetham Close.

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 Monday to Friday.

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.

<u>CALLY'S INDUCTION SERVICE</u> — Cally's induction into her new parish, Bridport, Dorset, will take place on Thurs April 11th, 7pm - 9.30pm. The journey will take 2 hours + each way. Everyone is very welcome to attend and there will be refreshments at the service. If you are interested in going please do sign up on the sign-up sheets in P&J church, All Saints, or FPCC, as soon as possible to help us with numbers.

<u>ROTAS</u> - I need your help! - The moving of rotas online into ChurchSuite is progressing well - see the 'Rotas' page under 'Diary' on the parish website where there are links to useful guidance documents. If anyone believes they are on a rota but has not heard from me yet, or has been incorrectly allocated to a duty, or has any other concern, then please get in touch on 01252 624171 or by email to: robert.smith77@btinternet.com. Feedback is greatly appreciated. Thank you. Robert Smith.

ALPHA COURSE - The Alpha course that we started in the autumn continues from Monday 22 Jan and will continue until the end of Feb. There will be no meal before the session but please do come to FPCC from 7pm for coffee and chat. The course will start at 7.30 pm in All Saints Church. All those who were part of the course in the autumn are very welcome to attend – if you would like to start Alpha from the beginning, we hope to start a new course later in the year.

GIFT DAY SERVICE - Sun 28 Jan 10am at P&J in aid of Jamii AIDS orphanage in western Kenya and Compass school, Nairobi with a presentation from Dr Lucy Pamment. Do come and hear and give!

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.

<u>CELEBRATING PARISH GROUPS SERVICE SUN FEB 4TH AT 3.30PM at P&J</u> - If you belong to any church group or rota, come along. This is a time to re-dedicate our work to God and to offer our talents to Him in a time of praise and worship. Whether it is sharing in a housegroup, music group, making after service coffee, afternoon tea or looking after small children, please come along. If you are planning to come please contact Sally Hastings on <u>sally hastings@hotmail.com</u> / 01252 629205, or Linda Dart on <u>lindadart7@gmail.com</u> / 01252 202664 to give us some idea of numbers or simply rock up on the day. If you can bring a plate of food to share that's better still.

<u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u> - Ash Wednesday this year falls on the 14th February. There will be two services on that day 9.30am at P&J and 7.30pm at All Saints. Both will be a Eucharist with imposition of ashes, without hymns. Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is an important day in the church calendar - do please come to either of these services if you are able.

<u>TOMATO PLANTS</u> - for collection during Christian Aid week in May are now ready to order from Alan Wilson. Email Alan <u>AW629252@aol.com</u> or phone 07377539043 for details.

<u>A BIG THANK YOU!</u> - to everyone involved in the concert and tea at P&J last Sunday afternoon. Bakers, servers, audience, front of house and musicians all played their part to raise £783 for Church funds.

<u>LIVINGSTONES EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING</u> – On Mon 29 Jan, 7.30pm at Fleet Baptist Church, 115 Clarence Road, Fleet, GU51 to decide on the possible closure of LivingStones, in its current form. All Christians in Fleet, Crookham and our local area are invited to come together to help discern God's will for Livingstones future after 40 years of service to the town and surrounding areas.

<u>CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP GROUP</u> - Do you like contemporary worship songs (Stuart Townsend, Matt Redmond, Chris Tomlin, Rend Collective etc)? Do you sing or play an instrument to a less than virtuoso standard but would like to play with others for fun with no pressure? Would you like to shake a tambourine just to praise the Lord? If so, Mark would be interested in hearing from you with a view to having some fun informal sessions to see how it leads us. Any instrument to any standard is welcome - but if we get six pianists you may have to bring your own! Email: <u>vicar@parishoffleet.org.uk</u>

HART FOODBANK DONATIONS - There is currently a backlog at the Hart Foodbank which hopes to be sorted in the next couple of weeks. Please hold off all donations till the backlog is cleared. Thank you.

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.

<u>PHYLLIS TUCKWELL NEEDS HELPS FILLING SPIRITUAL CARE BASKETS</u> – Please see notice board at FPCC for more information.

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 – Thank you for all the support during 2023. Please do keep dropping off your used stamps into the bag on the notice board at FPCC.

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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