

# News Sheet for Sunday 4 February Presentation of Christ in the Temple

### 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 4 Services in our Parish:

8.00am Holy Communion at P&J

10.00am Parish Eucharist at All Saints

10.00am Celtic Morning Worship at P&J

3.30pm Celebrating Parish Groups Service at P&J

Please do join us for Worship today.

God bless you all,

Mark

#### **THIS WEEK**

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

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

**Tuesday 6 Feb** 11.00am Prayer Group, Ss Philip & James Church

2.00pm Tea and Chat, FPCC

**Wednesday 7 Feb** 9.30am Communion Service, Ss Philip & James Church

10.0am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors

10.30am Baby Saints, FPCC

Friday 9 Feb 10.00am – 12pm Dribbles and Giggles, FPCC

Saturday 10 Feb 10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors

**Sunday 11 Feb ALL SAINTS CHURCH:** 10.00am Morning Worship

**Ss PHILIP & JAMES:** 10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Choral Evensong

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

#### **READINGS FOR SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY**

Malachi 3:1-5 Hebrews 2:14-end Psalm 24 Luke 2:22-40

#### PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY

**TODAY'S COLLECT**: Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:** 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.

# 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, Sylvia Honiwell, Rosemary Jones, 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: Clare Wickenden, Olive Davies, Winifred Watson, Frederick Burrows, Barbara Craig, Ronald Champion-Jones, Hilda Elizabeth Frosdick, James Alan Bamford, Francis Morgan, Christopher Fasquelle, Violet Rudd, Patricia Oldham, George Speaight

### PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 5 FEBRUARY

**Meditation:** - 'We are all visitors to this time, this place. We are just passing through. Our purpose here is to observe, to learn, to grow, to love...and then we return home.' Aboriginal Proverb

We give thanks for... those we love and who love us.

#### Please pray....

**Mon** - (St. Agatha) for the ministry of our discipleship group.

**Tues** - for the deaf, and all who minister to them.

**Wed** - for the people of Nigeria, especially the many Christians persecuted for their faith.

**Thur** - for foster parents and adoption agencies.

**Fri** - for those currently enduring chemotherapy or other challenging treatments.

**Sat** - for all involved in the process of recycling and renewable energy.

**Sun** - Lord please help us to be holy, and to be faithful in all our relationships.

**ALL WEEK** for those who live in Elvetham Crescent, Elvetham heath Way, Elvetham Place, Elvetham Rd, Emery Down Drive, Eversley 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 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. **The list will close on 4<sup>th</sup> February**.

**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.

**TEA & CHAT** - 6 February.2pm to 3.30 at FPCC. Everyone is welcome!

<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>PARISH QUIZ</u> – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February at P&J. Arrival time 6pm for 6.30pm start. £6 per adult and £3 under 12 years. Jacket Potato supper with a selection of fillings. BYO beverages. Sign-up sheets on notice boards in both churches.

<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>

**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.

**ROTAS** - 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: <a href="mailto:robert.smith77@btinternet.com">robert.smith77@btinternet.com</a>. Feedback is greatly appreciated. Thank you. Robert Smith.

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

<u>GIFT DAY SERVICE</u> - Dr Lucy and Jane thank you for your generosity in supporting the projects in Kenya. We are overwhelmed! Heartfelt thanks from the Compass school, Nairobi. An update on the projects will follow.

<u>HART FOODBANK DONATIONS</u> - Thank you for your gifts to the Foodbank. This week there is an urgent need for milk - long life, juice (not squash please), fruit – tinned, rice pudding, tinned vegetables, tinned meat (not hot dogs please), custard, jams/marmalades, fish - tinned. 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.

**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.

**PHYLLIS TUCKWELL NEEDS HELPS FILLING SPIRITUAL CARE BASKETS** – 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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