



Parish of Fleet
All Saints

St Philip & St James

News Sheet for Sunday 8 December Advent 2

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. There will also be coffee with fellowship available after the service, please do join us for this - you will receive a warm welcome.

There are two services in our parish today

Ss PHILIP & JAMES 10am Parish Eucharist

FPCC 10am Café Church

Do join us for either of these.

May God bless you all,

Mark

THIS WEEK

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

Sunday 8 Dec

Ss PHILIP & JAMES 10.00am Parish Eucharist

ALL SAINTS CHURCH: 10.00am Café Church, FPCC

Tuesday 10 Dec

11.00am Prayer Group, All Saints Church

Wednesday 11 Dec

9.30am Communion Service, Ss Philip & James Church

10.00am-12.00pm Baby Saints, FPCC

10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors

Friday 13 Dec

10.00am-12.00pm Dribbles & Giggles, FPCC

Saturday 14 Dec

10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors

Sunday 15 Dec

Ss PHILIP & JAMES 10.00am Christingle

ALL SAINTS CHURCH: 8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

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

SUNDAY SERVICE SLIDES

If you would like to access the slides for this Sunday's Eucharist service, you can do so on your smartphone or tablet by pointing your camera at this QR code.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER

[Malachi 3:1-4](#)

[Philippians 1:3-11](#)

[Luke 3:1-6](#)

TODAY'S COLLECT: Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Those in urgent need of our prayers including: Jean Belgrove, Alan Brown, Marcia Farrey, Sylvia Honiwell, Ian Lowers, Tyler Thompson, Barbara Willis, Ethan, Annegret.

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

Matthew Allen, Gladys Barber, Alan Beckett, Marion Brown, Jack, Cynthia Fowler, Karen Kite and family, Diana, Leo Goodson, Joan Hall, Dexter Heard, Michael Heard, Anne Marie Hudson, Judy Kellett, Giorgia Laughton, Bonnie Lewis, Gill Page, Phillip, Peter Rogers, Anne Richardson, John Simson, Violet Slade, Dee Stephenson, Michael Standen, Eileen Taylor, Erica Taylor, Clare and family, Karen W

Those who have died recently: Winifred McCandless

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time: Pamela Stewart, William Hayes, Ruth Warner, Margaret (Peggy) Boyd, David Fladgate, Henry Cotterell, Amy Cox, Doris Record, Patricia (Pat) Booth, May Byatt.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 9 DECEMBER

Meditation: - 'I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.'

We give thanks for Friends and Family.

Please pray....

Mon - for Schools in our town, and for those who minister in them – especially the FACCTS team.

Tues - for refugees everywhere.

Wed - for our church gardeners, and all who care for parks and gardens in our community.

Thur - for God's Justice and truth to prevail in our world.

Fri - for those who find themselves unemployed.

- Sat** - for everyone who feels under pressure, for whatever reason.
- Sun** - that many will come to meet and worship the living God.
- ALL WEEK** for those who live in Alder Court, Aldershot Road, Alfred Close, Alton Road, Ancells Road, Andover Drive, Angora Way.

PARISH NEWS AND 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.

MARK'S INSTALLATION AS CANON - Many congratulations to Mark on his installation as Canon of Guildford Cathedral. Honorary Canons are appointed to support the Bishop in mission and ministry through their prayers and participation in the life of the Cathedral church.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES – For information about our Christmas Services please refer to our website or posters at both churches.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE Sunday 15 Dec at P&J - 10.00am Christingle Service in aid of The Children's Society - everyone welcome especially children and families.

BLUE CHRISTMAS - Monday 16 December, 12pm at FPCC. If you're feeling despondent this year for whatever reason and will find the Christmas season difficult, do come to our gathering. We will meet for coffee and then go over to church for quiet reflection and candle lighting. All very welcome; do bring a friend. More details from Claire, Mark and Jane.

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP – FPCC on Thursday 12 December at 2pm, in aid of All Saints Church building fund. Please phone Ruth on 01252 614846 to book a place and for full details.

CANDLEMAS SERVICE, FEBRUARY 2ND 4PM AT P&J - A chance to rededicate our acts of service to God's Glory. Members of all church groups in the parish, including house groups, the Coffee Bar, Baby Saints, Dribbles and Giggles, to name but a few, will have an opportunity to celebrate our life together as a Church family and rededicate ourselves to God's work at a Candlemas Service, P&J, Feb 2nd, 4pm followed by a bring and share light tea. Put the date in your diary and be sure to come along!

NEW YEAR TEA AND CHAT - Wednesday 8th January from 2pm at FPCC

SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY 10am at P&J – Gift day service in Aid of The Leprosy Mission. More details contact Kate Dashwood.

HART FOODBANK DONATIONS - Thank you for your gifts to the Foodbank. This week there is an urgent need for coffee, tea, savoury Spreads (Marmite/Peanut Butter etc.), bottled fruit squash, jams/preserves. Currently we do not need any pasta, water, sugar or flour. 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. Please could you also drop off any carrier bags that you no longer need, to help us transfer the items to the Foodbank.

BABY SAINTS - Meets every Wednesday in term time at FPCC, 10.00am – 12.00pm. If you have or care for preschool children we'd love to see you. Last session for this term is Wednesday 18th December.

JOY OF WATER ART EXHIBITION – Friday 6 - 14 December at Livingstones Bookshop on the High Street. Each piece of art reflects the life-giving force of water, and 50% of proceeds will support Compassion to provide clean water interventions for those who need it most. Opening dates and times are 6, 7, 12, 13, & 14 December from 11-5 pm.

TWO SAVE THE DATES

Saturday 15 March 2025: Parish trip to St Albans Cathedral. Leave P&J at 9am, return by 6pm.

Saturday 31 May 2025: Quiet day at Ladywell Convent, Godalming led by Gertrud Sollars.

Sign-up sheets for both days nearer the time. More details from Jane or Claire.

PRAYER BOARD AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH - What would you like us to pray for? Please write down your prayer requests and the prayer group will check it weekly before their Tuesday prayer meetings. Alternatively, you may use this link <https://wpapp.parishoffleet.org.uk/tuesday-prayer-group/> to send your prayer requests via the website.

STAMPS - Thank you for all your support with used stamps. Please do continue to drop 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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