

News Sheet for 16 November -2nd Sunday before 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. If you are with us for the first time, please do make yourself known to us after the service. We welcome in the name of our Lord all who wish to worship with us, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, sexuality or gender orientation. We rejoice in the fact that we are a very diverse Christian community and

see this as our calling under Christ. We work hard in this parish to ensure the safety and safeguarding of all who join us for worship, if you have any concerns in this area, please do let us know immediately. If you have any special needs or would like to speak to a pastoral minister or have someone pray with you, please mention it to a welcomer or member of the ministry team.

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

Today is safeguarding Sunday. Our parish Safeguarding Officer, Dick Fawn will be preaching at our Parish Eucharist at All Saints at 10am.

Looking ahead to December

Our special Christmas services will be as follows...

Sunday 21st December Ss PHILIP & JAMES 10.00am Christingle Service

ALL SAINTS 6.30pm Service of Readings and Carols

Wednesday 24th December Ss PHILIP & JAMES 5.00pm Crib Service

ALL SAINTS 5.00pm 'Come to the Stable' (Crib Service)

Ss PHILIP & JAMES 7.30 pm Early Midnight Mass

ALL SAINTS 11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Thursday 25th December Ss PHILIP & JAMES 8.00am BCP Holy Communion

ALL SAINTS 10.00am Parish Eucharist for Christmas Day

May God bless you all,

Mark

THIS WEEK

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

Sunday 16 Nov ALL SAINTS CHURCH: 8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Ss PHILIP & JAMES: 10.00am Family Service

Tuesday 18 Nov 11.00am Prayer Group, All Saints Church

Wednesday 19 Nov 9.30am Holy Communion Service, Ss Philip & James Church

10.00am-12.00pm Baby Saints, FPCC

10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors

Saturday 22 Nov 10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors

Sunday 23 Nov

ALL SAINTS CHURCH: No Service

Ss PHILIP & JAMES: 10.00am Parish Eucharist with Godly Play

SUNDAY SERVICE SLIDES

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



READINGS FOR 16 NOVEMBER

Malachi 4.1-2a 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13 Luke 21, 5-19

TODAY'S COLLECT: Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Those in urgent need of our prayers including: Anne Amos, Ethan, Patricia Greenway-Quintero, Michael Heard, Sylvia Honiwell, Janice Jose, Graham Kitts, Tyler Thompson, Victoria Willis.

PLEASE NOTE – THIS LIST IS FOR USE IN PRIVATE PRAYER AND IS NOT TO BE INCLUDED IN INTERCESSIONS IN PUBLIC WORSHIP

Members of our extended church family in need of our continuing prayers: Annegret, Matthew Allen, Gladys Barber, Alan Beckett, Brian Biffin, Marion Brown, Martine Dyer, Diana, Joan Hall, Dexter Heard, Jack, Jonah, 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, Barbara Willis,.

Those who have died recently: Bob Lee (Sue Benham's Dad), Diana Handford.

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time: Winifred Dudgeon, Louise Rogers, Mary Poulter, Tonka Bilish, John More, Robert Hurst, Lucy Winckler, Wilfred Sedden, Jack Coe, Joan Judge, Euphemia Hadley, Sydney Baker, Doris May Victoria Bicknell.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 17 NOVEMBER

We give thanks ... We give thanks for musicians, artists, writers – all who enrich our lives with their creativity.

Please pray....

Mon - for our parochial church council meeting today.

Tues - for the elderly, isolated and vulnerable.

Wed - for businesses, workplaces and the economic wellbeing of our nation.

Thur - for our non-believing friends and family members, that Christ may become real for them.

Fri - for those who represent us in local and national government.

Sat - for those who were recently victims of hurricane in the Caribbean.

Sun - (Christ the universal King) for our families, friends and loved ones.

ALL WEEK for those who live in Westminster Close, Westover Road, Wherwell Drive, Whitchurch Road, Whitewater Road, Williams Way.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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

<u>PARISH OFFICE HOURS</u> - This week the Parish Office will be open 10am-12pm Monday, Wednesday & Friday Only.

<u>FUNERAL SERVICE OF BOB LEE</u> – The funeral service of Bob Lee (Sue Benham's dad) will be on Monday 17 November, 1pm at All Saints Church. All are welcome to attend the service and for refreshments at the FPCC after the service. Please let Sue know if you would be attending the refreshments.

SAVE THE DATE FOR CPR TRAINING - On Saturday 22 November, 10am -12 Noon at P&J Church, First Aid refresher in CPR and using a training defibrillator. This session will be run by a qualified trainer. Do let Jane Jones know if you'd like to attend.

BABY SAINTS - Baby Saints meets every Wednesday term time at FPCC, 10.00am-12.00pm. If you have or care for preschool children we'd love to see you.

<u>CHURCH ON THE HEATH CELEBRATING ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY</u> - The Church on the Heath will hold a special service at 10am on Sunday 30th November to celebrate its 25th anniversary.

Established as a partnership of the Anglican, Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed churches, the launch service for the church was held on the first Sunday in Advent 2000.

The anniversary service will be led by our minister Rev Patrick Butler and will be attended by senior representatives of our parent denominations. The Bishop of Guildford, the Rt Rev Andrew Watson will be preaching.

To get the anniversary weekend started, we are holding a Ceilidh at 7pm on Friday 28th November. Tickets for the event can be purchased by visiting our website at churchontheheath.org.uk

<u>HART FOODBANK DONATIONS</u> - Thank you for your gifts to the Foodbank. This week there is an urgent need for shampoo, washing up liquid, fruit juice, fruit squash, long life milk, men's shaving - razors, shaving foam etc. Currently we do <u>not</u> need any water, pasta, sugar, flour or cereals. 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.

KNITTED ANGELS – Thank you so much to everyone who has been knitting angels for our lovely Fleet Community. This year we are targeting local Care Homes, any left will be hung around local streets, for lucky local residents to find.

The Angel Blessing Service will take place at The Church of Our Lady, Kings Road at 4pm on Sunday 14 December. Please come if you are able, it's a beautiful service and so lovely to see all of the angels together.

I would be grateful if you could let me have ones you have so kindly knitted around the end of November or beginning of December, so that I have time to attach the blessing labels. But don't worry if they fly to me late, I will cope! I can always collect them from you if you let me have your address. Thank you so much again. Sue Butterfield 07876640452.

<u>CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL ENTRY FORMS</u> - If you would like to enter a tree into the Christmas Tree Festival please get your forms either online https://wpapp.parishoffleet.org.uk/ctf/ or collect an entry form FPCC.

YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL NEEDS YOU - On 5, 6 and 7 December, we will be welcoming our community through our doors to admire the trees, listen to a wide range of live music and of course enjoy the refreshments and entertainment in the hall.

For this we **really do need your help**: welcoming at front of house, stewarding within the festival, volunteering to staff the stalls and help with the catering. In the autumn term, volunteer sheets in the P&J Narthex and in the FPCC are available for you to volunteer as much or as little as you are able, or **maybe donate of items** for the raffle or tombola.

Without your help this weekend of outreach and Christian fellowship cannot happen, bringing Christ into the lives of everyone who joins us in celebrating our festival of Christmas Trees, as well as raising money for local charities and Parish funds.

You are also invited to exhibit a tree using the link: https://wpapp.parishoffleet.org.uk/ctf/.

STEP BY STEP - Please leave your donations to Step by Step in the collection boxes, for P&J in the Narthex and in the Coffee Bar at All Saints. They welcome donations of the following items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shower gels and creams, soap, shampoo and conditioners. No bath products please as the centre only has showers.

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.

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.

GIVING OPTION - You can now donate to parish funds by scanning this QR code with any smart phone with a QR reader on it or by clicking on this QR code - it takes you directly to a web page where you can make your donation.



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