



News Sheet for 1 February - The Presentation

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 we celebrate the feast of the presentation of our Lord in the temple - candlemas! 'Jesus - the light of the World'.

We have two services in our parish today:

8am BCP Holy Communion (traditional language) at P&J

10am Parish Eucharist at All Saints. At this service we will welcome the Revd. Andy LeRoux from the Vine church to speak to us about the reopening of Living Stones.

SPECIAL REQUEST: These are dark and difficult times we are living through. The international and national news is often the source of anxiety, and lots of people in our church family and beyond are struggling with their own burdens. Can I ask you to do two things please? Pray daily for the little flock of Jesus that is the Parish of Fleet and especially for all who are struggling. Also, can we all resolve to be extra patient and kind to one another - I know from long years of experience that this is what you will do, so thank you in advance!

May God bless you all,

Mark

THIS WEEK

Sunday 1 Feb	Ss PHILIP & JAMES:	8.00am BCP Holy Communion
	ALL SAINTS CHURCH:	10.00am Parish Eucharist with Godly Play
Tuesday 3 Feb		11.00am Prayer Group, All Saints Church
		2.00pm Tea & Chat, FPCC
Wednesday 4 Feb		9.30am Holy Communion Service, Ss Philip & James Church
		10.00am-12.00pm Little Saints, FPCC
		10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors
Saturday 7 Feb		10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors
Sunday 8 Feb	Ss PHILIP & JAMES:	10.00am Parish Eucharist
		6.30pm Choral Evensong
	ALL SAINTS CHURCH:	No Service

READINGS FOR 1 FEBRUARY

[Malachi 3:1-5](#)

[Hebrews 2:14-end](#)

[Luke 2:22-40](#)

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.



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, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Those in urgent need of our prayers including: Anne Amos, Jean Box, Ethan, Patricia Greenway-Quintero, Michael Heard, Sylvia Honiwell, Janice Jose, Ayesha Kite, Graham Kitts, Noel Parker-Ashley, Andrew Stone, Erica Taylor, Tyler Thompson, Victoria Willis.

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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, Joan Hall, Dexter Heard, Jack, Jonah, Bonnie Lewis, Gill Page, Phillip, Peter Rogers, Anne Richardson, John Simson, Violet Slade, Dee Stephenson, Michael Standen, Clare and family, Karen W, Barbara Willis.

Those who have died recently: Sylvia Woolcott.

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time: John Hammond, George Owen, Norman Record, Rory Webb, Muriel Stannard, Vera Goddard, Joyce Shapland, Terence Sims, Tim Kite, Clare Wickenden, Olive Davies, Winifred Watson, Frederick Burrows, Barbara Craig, Ronald Champion-Jones, Kitty Bateman, Francis Morgan, Christopher Dyer.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 2 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 - for all the schools of our parish - All Saints School, Tavistock, Velmead, Heatherside, Fleet Infants, Elvetham Heath, Court Moor and Calthorpe Park. For the whole school community and for all that they do to engage with the wider community.

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

Wed - for the people of the USA, especially the state of Minnesota. For government, people, and state and federal authorities. For calm, compassion, and wisdom for all.

Thurs - for foster parents and adoption agencies.

- Fri** - for all who work in the NHS. For Frimley Park Hospital, Fleet Hospital, Hart Health Partnership, Richmond Surgery.
- Sat** - for all involved in the process of recycling and renewable energy. For all of us to take responsibility for the future of our planet.
- Sun** - for the young people and families of our church, and for our ministry to them.
- ALL WEEK** for those who live in Elvetham Crescent, Elvetham Heath Way, Elvetham Place, Elvetham Rd, Emery Down Drive, Eversley Drive.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS - This week the Parish Office will be open 10am-12pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday.

LITTLE 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.

SKETCH/DRAW AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH - On 21 February from 2pm - 4pm, enjoy an afternoon of looking and drawing what interests you inside All Saints Church. Adults and Children welcome. No experience necessary. Just bring your pencils and paper and just have a go and enjoy what the church has to offer.

If you would like to volunteer on the day by either assisting people in church/suggesting where to draw/share history of the church or any drawing tips for the visitors, please contact Sam sam@parishoffleet.org.uk.

THE BIBLE COURSE - Are you interested in understanding the Bible better or finding out how the books fit together? We will be running the Bible course, produced by the Bible Society on four Monday evenings: 2, 9, 23 and 30 March, with coffee from 7.15 at FPCC and then studying together in AS church. Donation of £5 if you'd like to buy the Bible course book. Sign-up sheets in both churches.

SAVE THE DATE: QUIET DAY AT LADYWELL CONVENT ON SAT 30 MAY, 10AM TO 4PM - Sign up sheet nearer the time. If need more details, do contact Jane or Claire.

QUINTETS CONCERT - The concert last Sunday raised £620 for parish funds. Thank you to everyone who helped: bakers, servers, front of house, musicians and audience members. Anne Smith.

COME AND SING "HMS PINAFORE" ON SAT 7 FEB AT SS PHILIP AND JAMES CHURCH - Chorus from 1pm. Informal performance at 3.30 pm, over by 5.30 pm. Book your place to sing in the chorus for £10 plus £1 score hire from anne.smith33@btinternet.com or 01252 624171. Proceeds to Parish funds. Tickets for performance are £8 on line or £10 on door



GRANDPARENTING FOR FAITH COURSE: 6 week course to be held at Church on the Heath (small cost). More details: parentingforfaith.brf.org.uk. If interested, do contact Diana Wood: diana.parenting@gmail.com. Also Diana invites you to an informal Grandparent gathering every second Tuesday 10.30 at Church on the Heath.

HART FOODBANK DONATIONS - Thank you for your gifts to the Foodbank. This week there is an urgent need for tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, long life milk, instant coffee, women's and men's deodorant, washing detergents. Currently we do **not** need any water, pasta, sugar, flour or cereals. We are also unable to accept, any longer, baby milk and baby foods/products. Please do not donate these to the foodbank.

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.

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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