



## News Sheet for 15 February - Sunday before Lent

### 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 have three services in our parish.

**8.00am BCP Holy Communion – All Saints**

**10.00am Parish Eucharist – All Saints**

**10.00am Family Worship – P&J**

May God bless you all,

*Mark*

### THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday 15 Feb ALL SAINTS CHURCH:</b>	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Parish Eucharist
<b>Ss PHILIP &amp; JAMES:</b>	10.00am Family Worship
<b>Tuesday 17 Feb</b>	11.00am Prayer Group, All Saints Church
<b>Wednesday 18 Feb</b>	
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
<b>Ss PHILIP &amp; JAMES:</b>	9.30am Holy Communion with Ashes 7.30pm Holy Communion with Ashes
<b>ALL SAINTS CHURCH:</b>	No Service 10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors
<b>Saturday 21 Feb</b>	10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors 2.00pm – 4.00pm Sketch/Draw at All Saints Church
<b>Sunday 22 Feb Ss PHILIP &amp; JAMES:</b>	10.00am Parish Eucharist with Godly Play

### READINGS FOR 15 FEBRUARY

[Exodus 24:12-end](#)

[2 Peter 1:16-end](#)

[Matthew 197:1-9](#)

## 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:** Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord..

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:** Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**Those in urgent need of our prayers including:** Anne Amos, Jean Box, Ethan, Michael Heard, Sylvia Honiwell, Janice Jose, Ayesha Kite, Graham Kitts, Peter Rogers, 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, Patricia Greenway-Quintero, 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:** Noel Parker-Ashley, John Asprey, Hilary Wigg

**Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time:** Thomas Hale, Beatrice Jackson, Peter Palmer, Patricia Louise Newman, Alfred Frederick Warner, William Eddy, Kate Findlay, Vivian Saunders-Mitchell, Doreen Dolton, Raymond Bagnall, Harriet Beale.

### PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 16 FEBRUARY

**Meditation:** "Religion is at its best when it makes us ask hard questions of ourselves. It is at its worst when it deludes us into thinking we have all the answers for everybody else."  
Archibald Macleish

**We give thanks for ...** the rich diversity that makes up the population of our nation.

**Please pray....**

- Mon** - for those anxious about how to manage financially. For the Food Bank and Christians Against Poverty and all whom they strive to help.
- Tues** - for endangered species, and those who work for their conservation.
- Wed** - for those suffering from loss of hearing, sight or memory.
- Thurs** - for the Phyllis Tuckwell hospice, its staff, residents and Chaplains.
- Fri** - for children and families on half term, and for those who work in education.
- Sat** - for the government and people of Syria.
- Sun** - for the grace to see Jesus in ourselves and other people.

**ALL WEEK** for those who live in Farnham Rd, Fern Drive, Fieldway, Fir Close, Fir tree Way, Firethorn Close.

## 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 - Friday.

**BISHOP ANDREW WATSON** - Bishop Andrew, our diocesan bishop announced this week that he has been diagnosed with an inoperable cancer. He has made this widely known in a very courageous and faithful way, and I would ask you to pray for him, his wife Beverley, and all his family as they face the challenges ahead. Please also pray for Bishop Paul, and all the Diocesan leadership as they lead us through these uncertain and testing times.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** - This coming Wednesday, 18 February, is Ash Wednesday the first day of the sacred season of Lent. This is a great opportunity to begin our Lenten observance together, to reflect on the nature of sin and human frailty, and to see it in the light of the transforming power of God. It is an Anglican discipline for all Christians to come to worship on Ash Wednesday, to receive the imposition of Ashes and to pray for a good Lent, so please do try to come to one or other of our services on that day - at 9.30am and at 7.30pm - both at P&J.

**NOEL PARKER- ASHLEY** - We were very sad to hear of the sudden death of our dear friend Noel just a week ago or so. Noel was a lovely man, a big character, and great encourager. We will miss him very much. The funeral service for Noel will be on Wednesday 18 February (this Wednesday) at 1pm in All Saints Church. All who knew Noel are of course welcome to this service.

**HMS PINAFORE** - Our trip aboard HMS PINAFORE last Saturday was most successful, raising £1154 for Parish funds. Big thanks to the cast and crew, caterers and front of house teams, as well as our lively audience. Anne Smith.

**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](mailto:sam@parishoffleet.org.uk).

**POSY MAKING FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY** - Sat 14 March, 10am to 12noon in P&J hall. If you can help make posies or contribute greenery, do talk to Barbara Lyons or Jane Jones.

**GODLY PLAY** - On Sunday 22 Feb at P&J after the 10am service, the Godly play team will be leaving the story telling equipment out in the hall. Kim and Janette will be happy to talk about the Godly play resources and how these sessions enable children to grow in faith.

**THE BIBLE COURSE** - 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. **Please sign up by Sunday so we can order the books early next week.** Sign-up sheets in both churches.

**FUN FRIDAY STARTING 27 FEBRUARY 10AM – 12 NOON AT FPCC.** Join us for a relaxed, friendly morning of soft play, craft, toys, books and more. A great space for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. Bring along parents, carers, grandparents or childminders for a fun start to the weekend. No need to book – just come along. Want to know more, please contact the parish office on 01252 812114 or [office@parishoffleet.org.uk](mailto:office@parishoffleet.org.uk).

**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.

**ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION** - The Church Electoral Roll is to be revised beginning on **30 March 2026 and ending on 12 April 2026**. New persons wishing to be on the electoral roll need to complete a form. Persons wishing to change details, such as names and addresses also need to fill in a new form. Also, any deletions of current members need to be notified to me. **Forms must be in by 10 April at the latest**. Please refer to the notice board at FPCC & P&J or the parish magazine for more info. Tina Hayton.

**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.

**LIVINGSTONES** - Following the presentation at Church by Andy le Roux this Sunday, here is a link to the video and instructions on how to give. If you are able to give directly to the Livingstones bank account, this avoids any fees. There is also great benefit in signing a gift aid form, which could be posted into the Livingstones front door, or the address provided. Please pray for this exciting project, and we can't wait to open up this summer! Thank you! <https://www.livingstones.org.uk/>

**HART FOODBANK DONATIONS** - Thank you for your gifts to the Foodbank. This week there is an urgent need for toilet rolls, savoury spreads - Marmite, peanut butter, fish paste etc., washing up liquid, tinned spaghetti, household cleaning - cloths, sprays, bleach etc., shampoo. 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.

**CHRISTIAN AID PLANT AND CAKE SALE AT P&J CAR PARK** - Will be held on Saturday 16 May at 2pm.

**ALAN'S TOMATO PLANTS FOR CHRISTIAN AID SALE MAY 2026** - Orders are now being collated so that you get exceptionally strong plants of the following rare varieties Axiana Cherry, Campari Round, Sungold Cherry, Shirley Round and Crimson Crush an outdoor blight resistant type. Want to know more? Please contact Alan Wilson on [AW629252@aol.com](mailto:AW629252@aol.com). Thank you.

**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.

**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.



### **PARISH CONTACTS**

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