



News Sheet for 22 February - First Sunday of 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.

This is the season of Lent, when we have chance to reflect on our lives and our habits and to bring them more into line with how God has called us to be.

Today we have one service in our parish:

10am Parish Eucharist at P&J

May God bless you all,

Mark

THIS WEEK

Sunday 22 Feb Ss PHILIP & JAMES:	10.00am Parish Eucharist with Godly Play
ALL SAINTS CHURCH:	No Service
Tuesday 24 Feb	11.00am Prayer Group, All Saints Church
Wednesday 25 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
Friday 27 Feb	10.00am-12.00pm Fun Friday, FPCC
Saturday 28 Feb	10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors
Sunday 1 Mar ALL SAINTS CHURCH:	8.00am BCP Holy Communion 10.00am Parish Eucharist with Godly Play
Ss PHILIP & JAMES:	No Service

READINGS FOR 22 FEBRUARY

[Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7](#)

[Romans 5:12-19](#)

[Matthew 4:1-11](#)

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: Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Those in urgent need of our prayers including: Bishop Andrew Watson, Anne Amos, Jean Box, Ethan, Marcia Farrey, Michael Heard, Sylvia Honiwell, Janice Jose, 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, Barbara Willis.

Those who have died recently: John Asprey, Hilary Wigg.

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time: Enid Hale, James Hancock, Shirley Dearman, Christopher Goodband, Thomas Woolford, Edna Beale, Paul Durrant, Jock Forbes, Estelle Crossman, Alice May Leigh, Violet Harrington, John James, Andrea Roberts.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 23 FEBRUARY

Meditation: "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." Albert Einstein.

We give thanks for ... those many born abroad who now enrich the life of our nation.

Please pray....

- Mon** - for those who find it difficult to resist temptation.
- 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 chapter, staff, musicians and congregation of our cathedral church of the Holy Spirit at Guildford.
- Fri** - for the people of Iran. For peace, justice, and a coming together of the nation.
- Sat** - for those struggling in their prayer life.
- Sun** - for the grace to see Jesus in ourselves and other people.

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.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR BISHOP ANDREW WATSON - Following the announcement last week of Bishop Andrew's diagnosis of inoperable cancer, the Diocese have organised a Day of Prayer for Bishop Andrew in Guildford Cathedral on Monday 23 February from 12 noon to 10.00pm. All are welcome and encouraged to join at any stage during the day for as long as you are able to stay. There will be opportunity for silent prayer, to pray with others, or to light a candle.

At 5.30pm, there will be the usual Choral Evensong, at which we will pray in particular for Bishop Andrew.

Meanwhile, please do continue to keep Bishop Andrew and his family in your daily prayers. Please use this prayer if it is of help.

*'God of our hope and salvation,
we thank you for Andrew, our brother in Christ and father in God:
for his discipleship and leadership, and for his love and care of our diocese.
At this time of his illness, we pray that you would visit him with your healing love,
comfort and strengthen him with your Holy Spirit,
and protect him and his family with your holy angels.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen'*

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 – Today 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 STARTS ON MONDAY 2 MARCH AT FPCC - Coffee served from 7.15pm, to start the course at 7.30pm. The course is now full. If you've ordered a book, do bring £5 payment on the first evening. Course continues on 9, 23 and 30 March.

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@parishfleet.org.uk.

QUIET DAY AT LADYWELL CONVENT ON SAT 30 MAY, 10AM TO 4PM - Sign up sheets at both churches. Limited spaces so do please sign up soon. Please pay £30 (cash or card, **no cheques please**) to Rebecca in the office.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FROM NIGERIA - Fri 6 March: 10am at Church of our Lady, Kings Rd and 7pm Fleet Methodist church, Reading Road South. All welcome.

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. Thank you.

HART FOODBANK DONATIONS - Thank you for your gifts to the Foodbank. This week there is an urgent need for toilet rolls, jelly and packet desserts, vegetarian meals - tinned and packet, tinned vegetables, kitchen towels, tissues. 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.

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.

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.



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