



Parish of Fleet
All Saints
St Philip & St James

News Sheet for Sunday 9 January 2022 Baptism of Christ

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP, IT'S GREAT TO HAVE YOU WITH US.

Today we commemorate the Baptism of Jesus.

Many people find it strange that Jesus chose to be baptised - surely such a thing was unnecessary for the Son of God?

But that was the whole point - being baptised is what children of God do! In being baptised Jesus demonstrated that not only is he 'one of us', but we can also be 'one with him' - fellow members of the royal family of God himself. When God looks at each of us, he sees someone who is his child, his beloved, with whom he is delighted!

The important thing about families, is that they spend time together whenever they can, sharing their news and their stories, sharing a meal, delighting in each other's company, drawing strength from one another.

That's what we, the children of God do when we come together to worship – especially at the Eucharist - so whatever changes, challenges or restrictions may lie ahead, please do continue to come to worship - as regularly as possible - in person or online. As long as God continues to be worshipped by his baptised family, there is hope for the world. It's as simple, and as important, as that!

May God bless you all, his children.

Mark

THIS WEEK

The Coffee Bar at Fleet Parish Community Centre is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 10am-12pm.

Sunday 9 January - 8.00am Holy Communion, Ss Philip & James Church

10.00am Eucharist, Ss Philip & James Church, livestreamed via [Facebook](#)

Wednesday 12 January - 9.30am Midweek Service, Ss Philip & James Church

Sunday 16 January - 10.00am Eucharist, Ss Philip & James Church, , livestreamed via [Facebook](#)

11.30am Eucharist, Fleet Parish Community Centre

Ss Philip & James Church is open for prayer Wednesdays 10.00am-1.30pm & Sundays 12noon-3.00pm.

PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 9 JANUARY - BAPTISM OF CHRIST

TODAY'S COLLECT Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK . . .

Those in urgent need of our prayers including... Alona Beauchamp, Jean Belgrove, Carol Beynon, Melanie Brant, Chris Butterfield, Angus Cairns, Phyllis McGowan, Carol Paton, Peter Rogers, Tyler Thompson, Lucy Tyler, Clare and family, Phillip.

Members of our extended church family in need of our continuing prayers... Matthew Allen, Gladys Barber, Marion Brown, Dilys Denney, David & Yvonne Dunk, Joan Hall, Alan Harvey, Dexter Heard, Michael Heard, Tony Holbeche, Sue Huddie, Garth Kellett, Bonnie Lewis, Sheila O'Connor, Gill Page, Matthew Parkes, John & Barbara Simson, Ken & Dee Stephenson, Eileen Taylor, Erica Taylor, Jean Thomas, John Tillyer and Molly Wilson.

Those who have died recently Ron Dyer.

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time... Peggy Clarke, Frances Draper, Patricia Baker, D'Arcy Mander, John Gulliver, Kenneth Lloyd, Barbara Grimshaw, Dorothy Wilson, Astrid Lloyd, William Beale, Peter Parkes, Nicholas Davies, Robert Eastes, Leonard Pears and Nellie Farley.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 10 JANUARY

Meditation "God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supplies." *Hudson Taylor*

We give thanks for... the natural world in winter, which holds the promise of new life.

Mon - For those sleeping rough or sofa surfing.

Tue - That we might find God in one another.

Wed - For those in LLM (Reader) ministry.

Thu - For the government and people of Indonesia.

Fri - For those suffering from degenerative diseases.

Sat - For young people in danger.

Sun - For all those Jesus is calling to follow him today.

All Week - For those who live Darset Avenue, Denham Close, Denning Close, Devon Close, Dinorben Avenue.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

ALL SAINTS FUNDRAISER - Saturday 15 January, 3.00pm, Ss Philip and James Church. Concert of classical, show and dance music in aid of All Saints Fund. An hour of quintet music featuring Quintessentially Wind and Hart of Brass followed by tea and cake. Tickets £10 from anne.smith33@btinternet.com, 01252 624171.

COFFEE AT FPCC - There will be coffee served from 10.45-11.15am (ie before the 11.30am service) on Sunday 16 January.

HOUSE GROUPS EVENING PRAYER - Sunday 23 January, 4.00pm, Ss Philip and James Church, evening prayer for house groups followed by bring and share tea. All welcome.

1920'S JAZZ DINNER - Barber# Barber Shop Quartet with interval quiz and assisted by our very own Graham Hix. Saturday 5 February at St. Philip & St. James Church. 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. 1920's Dance Wear, two course dinner, bring your own drink - £20 per head. We look forward to welcoming you all for an evening of 20's music and dancing. Please contact Karen Kite on 01252 613251, book on line through the parish website or contact the parish office for tickets. In these uncertain times and to keep everyone safe could all guests please take a lateral flow test before joining us.

SPONSOR A BRICK - As part of the All Saints Rebuilding project we invite you to sponsor a brick for the new West End Entrance. We have a mock-up wall poster in the FPCC which you can sign to show that you have sponsored a brick for £5 (or you can have it written on if you are unable to visit to do this yourself). To donate please visit and fill in a gift aid envelope (if you are able) which should be marked 'BRICK' and hand it in to the Parish Office. Donations can also be made via the [Sponsor a Brick fundraising page](#), cheques via post to the Parish Office or for more details contact Elizabeth Waller, 01252 613156.

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 a donation.



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