



## News Sheet for Sunday 17 December 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of 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.

Today is a very busy day in the parish.

**8.00am BCP Communion at All Saints**

**10.00am Parish Eucharist at All Saints**

**10.00am Christingle Service at P&J**

**6.30pm Carol Service at All Saints**

Many congratulations to all who took part in our magnificent Christmas Tree Festival last weekend – it was a triumph!

Please consult our website, magazine or news sheet for details of our Christmas services next week.

God bless you all,

Mark

### THIS WEEK

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| <b>Sunday 17 Dec ALL SAINTS CHURCH:</b> | 8.00am BCP Holy Communion<br>10.00am Parish Eucharist<br>6.30pm Carol Service                          |
| <b>Ss PHILIP &amp; JAMES:</b>           | 10.00am Christingle Service  |
| <b>Tuesday 19 Dec</b>                   | 11.00am Prayer Group, Ss Philip & James Church   |
| <b>Wednesday 20 Dec</b>                 | 9.30am Communion Service, Ss Philip & James Church<br>10.0am-12.0pm All Saints Church open to visitors |
| <b>Saturday 23 Dec</b>                  | 10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church will NOT be open to visitors   |
| <b>Sunday 24 Dec ALL SAINTS CHURCH:</b> | 5.00pm Crib Service<br>11.30pm Midnight Mass   |
| <b>Ss PHILIP &amp; JAMES:</b>           | 10.00am Parish Eucharist<br>5.00pm Crib Service<br>7.30pm Early Midnight Mass                          |
| <b>Christmas Day ALL SAINTS CHURCH:</b> | 10.00am Parish Eucharist   |
| <b>Ss PHILIP &amp; JAMES</b>            | 8.00am BCP Holy Communion  |
| <b>Sunday 31 Dec ALL SAINTS CHURCH:</b> | 10.00am Joint Parish Eucharist   |

**Ss Philip & James Church is open for prayer  
Wednesdays 11.00am-1.30pm & Sundays 12noon-3.00pm.**

### **READINGS FOR SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER**

[Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-end](#)

[John 1:6-8, 9-28](#)

### **PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER**

**TODAY'S COLLECT:** God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:** We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**Those in urgent need of our prayers including:** Jack, Barbara Willis, Zoe, Jean Belgrove, Xander Coleman-Day, Marcia Farrey, Carol Paton, Tyler Thompson, Phillip, Garth and Judy Kellett, Diana, Alan Brown.

**Members of our extended church family in need of our continuing prayers:**

Anne Marie Hudson, Matthew Allen, Gladys Barber, Melanie Brant, Marion Brown, Chris, Yvonne Dunk, Leo Goodson, Joan Hall, Dexter Heard, Michael Heard, Giorgia Laughton, Bonnie Lewis, Sheila O'Connor, Gill Page, Peter Rogers, Michael Standen, Eileen Taylor, Erica Taylor, Clare and family, Jean Harris, Dewey and family, John Simson.

**Those who have died recently:** Sandra Jones, Audrey O'Toole, Chris Williams

**Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time:** Rebecca Gardner Maureen Kettle, Dorothy Simmons, Vera Jefferies, David Mearing, Keith Jones, Ivy Cox, Nina Poole Percy Barber, Mary Norman, Gwen Loveseed, Leslie Wigg, Edith Hankard, Donald Brodie

### **PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 18 DECEMBER**

**Meditation:** - 'For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.' Isaiah 9:6

**We give thanks for...** Jesus, the saviour of the world, God's gift to us all.

**Please pray....**

**Mon** - for Children and parents as the school holidays begin.

**Tues** - for those persecuted for their faith, race, or beliefs.

**Wed** - for the emergency services.

**Thur** - for those who work in the retail trade.

**Fri** - for those who find themselves alone or homeless at this time of year.

**Sat** - for the people of Bethlehem.

**Sun** - for all people to hear and receive the good news of the birth of Christ.

**ALL WEEK** - for those who live in Castle St, Cawett Drive, Cedar Drive. Chantry, Chawton Close, Cherberry Close.

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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

**PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS** - The Parish Office will be open 10am-12pm Monday to Friday.

**THANK YOU** - A huge thank you to everyone who baked and volunteered for refreshments, stalls and stewarding. Without your support these areas of the Christmas Tree Festival just could not happen. We were so busy and I think we sold out of nearly every cake, donated tombola item and prizes on the children's games. The CTF team cannot thank you enough.

**NATIVITY COSTUMES** - Does anyone know the whereabouts of the All Saints nativity costumes? They were last seen at the last Crib Service at All Saints. If you remember where we put them, or are kindly looking after them, please let Mark know.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** – Christmas cards are still available in aid of All Saints fund from the parish office.

**DECORATING ALL SAINTS CHURCH** - We will be decorating All Saints Church for Christmas on Friday 22nd December from 9.30am. We are in need of lots of greenery especially for the windowsills. Any evergreens and variegated evergreen especially welcome. Please bring it to AS on Friday am or contact Andrea Barley on 07956 806853.

**WEBSITE TESTERS** - We are looking for two or more people who could spare some time to test the improvements we are making to the website. No expertise needed, in fact the less the better! We want to make the website intuitive for all. For more information or to report any website issues, please contact Robert Smith on 01252 624171 or Email at [robert.smith77@btinternet.com](mailto:robert.smith77@btinternet.com).

**BABY SAINTS** - Will resume meeting every Wednesday morning at FPCC, 10.30 - 11.30am on 10 January 2024. If you have or care for preschool children we'd love to see you.

**COFFEE BAR CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK** - The Coffee bar at FPCC will be closed for the Christmas break from Tues 19 - Fri 29 December. Will reopen on Tue 2 January 2024.

**HART FOODBANK DONATIONS** - Thank you for your gifts to the Foodbank. This week there is an urgent need for tinned rice pudding, tinned veg, tinned fruit, tinned meats (no hot dogs please), sponge puddings, tinned custard, juice (cartons), squash (NOT too big sizes please), coffee, jams and/or marmalades, washing detergents. 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.

**HART FOODBANK MANAGER VACANCY** - For further details of the position and an application form please contact Mark Mabin (Chairman) 07534 038457 or email [mark.mabin@hartfoodbank.org.uk](mailto:mark.mabin@hartfoodbank.org.uk) Closing Date for applications is Friday 12 January 2024 and Interviews : W/C Monday 15 January 2024.

**PRINTER CARTRIDGES FOR RECYCLING** - The Parish is trialling a scheme to raise funds and help the environment by sending used printer cartridge for recycling. Collection box at FPCC for you to deposit your empty cartridges. It is hoped to have a similar box at P&J later in the year. In the meantime please leave your empty cartridges in the Step by Step box. Unfortunately we can only take branded cartridges such as Hewlett-Packard. If you have any queries please contact Linda Dart.

**LIVINGSTONES** - Are in need of help for the future of the shop please visit the website for information on how you can help [www.livingstones.org.uk](http://www.livingstones.org.uk) or pop in to talk to someone.

**QUIET DAY: SAT 17 FEBRUARY 2024 AT LADYWELL CONVENT, GODALMING** - 'Meeting Jesus in the Wilderness'. £25 to include lunch and refreshments through the day. Please sign up soon; list closes on 15 January. If signed up already, do pay at the parish office, thank you. More details from Jane Jones.

**PHYLLIS TUCKWELL HOME SUPPORT** - Local hospice care charity Phyllis Tuckwell is looking for more volunteers to join its Home Support team. To sign up or find out more, please call 01252 729400, email [voluntary.services@pth.org.uk](mailto:voluntary.services@pth.org.uk) or visit <http://www.pth.org.uk/get-in-touch-volunteering> where you can fill in an online form.

**STEP BY STEP** - Donations box in the narthex at P&J and in FPCC. Donations of the following items welcome: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shower gel/cream, soap, shampoo/conditioner. No bath products please. Thank you.

**STAMPS** - Please keep dropping off your used stamps into FPCC, you will find a bag on the notice board.

**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 your donation.



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