



News Sheet for Sunday 2 March Sunday next 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.

Please do also join us on Wednesday, which is Ash Wednesday, the first day of the season of Lent. There will be two opportunities to take part in the Eucharist with the imposition of Ashes - at 9.30am and 7.30pm - both at P&J.

May God bless you all,

Mark

THIS WEEK

The Coffee Bar is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10.00am-12.00pm

Sunday 2 Mar

Ss PHILIP & JAMES 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.00am No service

ALL SAINTS CHURCH: 10.00am Parish Eucharist with Godly Play

Tuesday 4 Mar

11.00am Prayer Group, All Saints Church
2.00pm Tea & Chat, FPCC

Ash Wednesday 5 Mar

9.30am Holy Communion Service, Ss Philip & James Church
10.00am-12.00pm Baby Saints, FPCC
10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors
7.30pm Eucharist Service with imposition of ashes, Ss Philip & James Church

Thursday 6 Mar

8.00pm All Saints Ladies Group, P&J Hall,

Friday 7 Mar

10.00am-12.00pm Dribbles & Giggles, FPCC
10.00am World Day of Prayer service, All Saints Church

Saturday 8 Mar

10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors

Sunday 9 Mar

Ss PHILIP & JAMES 10.00am Parish Eucharist

ALL SAINTS CHURCH: 10.00am Café Church, FPCC

6.30pm Choral Evensong

SUNDAY SERVICE SLIDES

If you would like to access the slides for this Sunday's Eucharist service, you can do so on your smartphone or tablet by pointing your camera at this QR code.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY 2 MARCH

[Exodus 34:29-end](#)

[2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2](#)

[Luke 9:28-36, 36-43a](#)

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: Andrew, Jean Belgrove, Alan Brown, Ashley Clarke, Ethan, Marcia Farrey, Harvey, Michael Heard, Sylvia Honiwell, Tyler Thompson, Barbara Willis, Victoria Willis, Barbara Wheeler

Members of our extended church family in need of our continuing prayers: Annegret, Matthew Allen, Gladys Barber, Alan Beckett, Marion Brown, Martine Dyer, Jack, Cynthia Fowler, Karen Kite and family, Diana, Leo Goodson, Joan Hall, Dexter Heard, Bonnie Lewis, Ian Lowers, Gill Page, Phillip, Peter Rogers, Anne Richardson, John Simson, Violet Slade, Dee Stephenson, Michael Standen, Eileen Taylor, Erica Taylor, Clare and family, Karen W

Those who have died recently: Martin Redgrave

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time: Walter Pennell, Janet Ellen, Edwina Sims, Albert South, Gladys Ashdown, Patrick Torrie, Peggy Mason, Victor Carr, Jennette Wickes, Anthea Skellett, Joyce Russell, Anthony Brown, Gwendolyn Charlton, Dorothy Middleton, Molly Phillips, Pamela Pool, Kate Gilchrist, Olive Straw, Allan Butterfield

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 3 MARCH

Meditation: - 'But now, says the Lord, come back to me with all your heart ... return to the Lord, your God, for he is all tenderness and compassion, slow to anger and rich in steadfast love'.
Joel 2.

We give thanks for... the inexhaustible forgiveness of God, which moves us to repentance.

Please pray....

Mon - for our coffee shop team and all who offer hospitality on our behalf.

Tues - for girls and young women denied an education because of their gender.

Wed - for our Baptism team.

Thur - for the Government and people of Venezuela.

Fri - for families in conflict, that God will bring healing and reconciliation.

- Sat** - for those who suffer from dementia.
- Sun** - for those we have wronged, those who have wronged us, and those we find it hard to forgive.
- ALL WEEK** for those who live in Gorseway, Gough Rd, Grantley Drive, Greenways, Guernsey Drive, Guildford Rd.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS - The Parish Office will be open 10am-12pm Monday, Wednesday & Friday only, this coming week.

TEA AND CHAT - Tuesday 4 March from 2pm at FPCC. All are welcome!

BABY SAINTS - Baby 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.

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL - A new Church Electoral Roll is being prepared beginning on 27th March 2025 and ending on 9th April 2025. Every person who wishes to have his or her name entered on the new Roll, whether it is entered on the present roll or not, needs to complete a form which can be found in the narthex at P&J or in the FPCC. Once complete, please put them in the boxes provided or give them to Tina Hayton or the parish office. Forms must be in by 6th April at the latest.

FIND YOUR SHAPE. – Starts Monday 3 March at 7.30pm at FPCC. Coffee served from 7.15pm. A discipleship course, helping you explore your gifts, heart's desires, abilities and experience, to help you better serve the church and community. Monday evenings on 3, 10, 24, 31 March and 7 April. Sign up sheets in both churches or come along on the night.

ST ALBANS CATHEDRAL VISIT ON SATURDAY 15 MARCH – This is now full. We leave P&J at 8.45 am, returning around 5.30 pm.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FROM THE COOK ISLANDS - On Friday March 7 at 10.00am at All Saints Church and 7.00pm at Christ Church Crookham. Refreshments served after the services. All very welcome!

COFFEE BAR JOB SHARE – I've been helping in the coffee bar for many years, but now find it too tiring to do 3 hours. Is there anyone who might like to share a shift with me – say one doing 9.30am-11.15am and the other doing 11.00am-12.30pm? Mostly I do Wednesdays with an occasional Friday. If you think this might work for you, please phone Kate Dashwood 01252 617377.

KNITTERS WANTED - To knit a Cone Cosy for All Saints church, 27" high by 12" by 12". Apply to Jenny Thorne for details.

ADVANCE NOTICE ON FLEET HALF MARATHON - The Fleet Half Marathon takes place on 16 March with a race start time of 9.30am. Reading Road North will be closed from 08.30am and Fleet Road and Elvetham Road closed from 9.30am. If you are heading to All Saints from outside that triangle, you will need to be there before 09.30am. Access to Ss Philip & James will be easier, though still impacted by these closures.

HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER REQUIRED - We are looking for a volunteer to be the parish Health and Safety Officer. This is not an onerous job but would benefit from some experience in understanding workplace health and safety issues. Nearly all the appropriate documentation and provisions are in place but we need someone to oversee regular reviews. If you can help, please contact the Vicar or the Churchwardens.

CHRISTIAN AID - Gardeners and cake makers please take note, this year's Christian Aid Plant and Cake Sale will be held on Saturday 17 May at 2pm in P&J car park. This year we mark 80 years of Christian Aid, originally founded to alleviate the wreckage of lives in World War II. While inhumanity and poverty persist, and disasters threaten, we can't stop.

FACULTY FOR DISPOSAL OF PRIEST'S STALL AT P&J - Please be aware that the Parish is applying for a faculty to dispose of the Priest's Stall at P&J (commonly known as the 'Sledge'). Statutory notices are on notice boards at P&J and in FPCC.

ONLINE PAYMENTS FOR PARISH MAGAZINE - If you pay for your parish magazine subscription online, please could you ensure you use the link on the website rather than transferring the payment directly into the CAF account. Many thanks.

LENT GROUPS 2025 - An opportunity to study the Bible and fellowship with Christians who live near you. Meeting in houses in small groups. Groups organised by area. Studying The Beatitudes. On Wednesdays from 12th March to 9th April inclusive. Daytime or Evening. Sign up by February 28 at <https://churchontheheath.churchsuite.com/events/dzfigkw>. For more information, contact Will Parker: willandjan.parker@ntlworld.com.

QUIET DAY AT LADYWELL CONVENT, GODALMING ON SATURDAY 31 MAY - Led by Gertrud Sollars. Sign-up sheet on notice boards nearer the time. More details from Jane or Claire.

HART FOODBANK DONATIONS - Thank you for your gifts to the Foodbank. This week there is an urgent need for pulses (tinned in particular, not packets), sponge puddings, tinned fish, tinned potatoes, fruit squash (bottles). Currently we do **not** need any pasta, water, sugar, flour, biscuits. 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. Please could you also drop off any carrier bags that you no longer need, to help us transfer the items to the Foodbank.

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.

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.

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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