



Parish of Fleet
All Saints
St Philip & St James



News Sheet for
31 August – Trinity 11

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.

In the news this week there has been lots of discussion about the union flag, and where and when it should be flown. Some of this, I regret to say, has centred around a subtext, through which some are seeking to define who is and who is not welcome in this country. What a sad misuse of our flag, which I have always been proud to remember represents an array of cultures coming together - England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland but also St George (A Turk who settled in Palestine) St Andrew (A Galilean Jew) and St David (A Celt, who lived for some time in Brittany). In other words, the 'Union' flag stands as testimony to a nation that has always included and welcomed people from a wide array of nations and cultures. Every time I walk past All Saints Church, I think of our own flag flying there, our parish flag, designed by Sam Lord, which features our parish logo, a cross made up of the figures of many people all of different colours. Seeing this flag flying there makes me quite proud of who we are as a parish! Please be reassured in these fragmented times that all people, regardless of age, gender, race or sexual orientation, are welcome to our worship and will be treated as beloved children of God our heavenly Father.

May God bless you all,

Mark

THIS WEEK

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

Sunday 31 Aug

ALL SAINTS CHURCH: 10.00am Parish Eucharist

Ss PHILIP & JAMES: No Service

Tuesday 2 Sept

11.00am Prayer Group, All Saints Church

2.00pm Tea & Chat, FPCC

Wednesday 3 Sept

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

Saturday 6 Sept

10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors

Sunday 7 Sept

Ss PHILIP & JAMES: 8.00am BCP Holy Communion

ALL SAINTS CHURCH: 10.00am Parish Eucharist with Godly Play

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.



READINGS FOR 31 AUGUST

[Jeremiah 2:4-13](#)

[Hebrews 13:1-8](#)

[Luke 14:1, 7-14](#)

TODAY'S COLLECT: God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Those in urgent need of our prayers including: Anne Amos, Ethan, Jonah, Diana Handford, Michael Heard, Sylvia Honiwell, Janice Jose, Graham Kitts, Tyler Thompson, Victoria Willis, Barbara Wheeler.

PLEASE NOTE – THIS LIST IS FOR USE IN PRIVATE PRAYER AND IS NOT TO BE INCLUDED IN INTERCESSIONS IN PUBLIC WORSHIP

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, Diana, Harvey, Joan Hall, Dexter Heard, Bonnie Lewis, Gill Page, Phillip, Peter Rogers, Anne Richardson, John Simson, Violet Slade, Dee Stephenson, Michael Standen, Eileen Taylor, Erica Taylor, Clare and family, Karen W, Barbara Willis.

Those who have died recently: Jean Belgrove, Shirley Pennell, Cynthia Tigwell

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time: Sylvia Worthington, Walter Warner, Ethel Dyer, Douglas Roberts, Sidney Brown, Ethel McGee, Duncan Main, Irene Rudd, David Talbot

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 1 SEPTEMBER

Meditation: - 'A mistake that makes you humble is better than an achievement that makes you arrogant'
- Anon.

We give thanks for ... opportunities to serve God and other people.

Please pray....

- Mon** - for our schools as the new term begins.
- Tues** - for victims of knife crime and gang violence in our cities.
- Wed** - for those who have to deal with unexpected challenges or unwelcome news this week.
- Thur** - for those suffering from breast cancer.
- Fri** - for those who work in the financial sector.
- Sat** - for those who feel they have been passed over or treated unjustly
- Sun** - for those whose children are being baptised soon, for those to be confirmed and for all who are hearing the call of Christ to follow him.
- ALL WEEK** for those who live in Silverdale, Snowdrop Walk, Sorrell Court, South Grove, Southby Drive, Spreadbury Drive.

A PRAYER FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WORKER

Almighty God, your son Jesus commanded his disciples to bring children to him and do nothing to stand in their way. We pray for your blessing upon our ministry to children and families, and we pray that you will send us someone with a heart for this ministry and the skills to ensure its flourishing. We know that you have already chosen and called such a person, we pray that we may have the wisdom to seek them out and to recognise you at work in them. We entrust this task to your mercy and grace, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

VACANCY - CHILDREN AND FAMILIES' WORKER – PARISH OF FLEET. HAMPSHIRE (Church of England)

Part time – 15 Hours per week

Salary £14 per hour - c£11,000 p.a.

Monday to Friday (Occasional Saturday)

The Parish of Fleet would like to appoint a Children and Families worker to oversee and support existing activities and lead new initiatives in accordance with the Parish Development Plan. This is an exciting opportunity for the right person to join a lively and friendly ministry team in a time of significant church growth.

Working hours will be flexible but the applicant will need to be able to attend existing weekday family activities, and occasional Saturday events.

There will be opportunity for further training in children's and families work through the Diocese of Guildford.

Given the nature and context of the work it is an occupational requirement that the post holder should be a Baptised Christian and able to promote and uphold the beliefs and values of the Church of England.

Contract: 3 years contract with possibility of extension.

Deadline for applications: 31st August 2025

An appointment will be made in accordance with safe recruiting practices and will be subject to a full enhanced DBS check and appropriate safeguarding training.

For a recruitment pack, or for more details about the post please contact:

office@Parishoffleet.org.uk 01252 812114

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 to Friday.

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

JEAN BELGROVE'S CELEBRATION OF LIFE- 12 noon on Fri 5 September, at St Matthias Church, 360c Ditchling Rd, Brighton BN1 6JG, followed by food and drinks. Please contact Mark Belgrove if you wish to attend mark.belgrove@gmail.com. Please find the live stream details below:

<https://youtube.com/live/Q3UuWJFidrc?feature=share>

SHIRLEY PENNELL'S FUNERAL SERVICE - Committal service on Thursday 11 September at 12 noon, at Redan Road Chapel, Aldershot GU12 4SW. Refreshments after the service will be at The Windmill Pub in Ewshot. If you are attending, sign up sheets are on the noticeboards at P&J & FPCC/let Jenny or the office know and also if you would be driving/need a lift.

SAVE THE DATE - Family Activity Afternoon, from Tree to Tea, Saturday 18 October 2-4 pm, FPCC, craft, games, story and tea. Helpers needed for craft tables and tea. Offers of help welcome - see Mark, Jane or Claire.

RIDE & STRIDE FOR THE HERITAGE OF CHURCHES – On Saturday 13 September All Saints will be participating in this charity event run by the Hampshire & Islands Historic Churches Trust. Come and visit All Saints Church, coffee bar will be open 10am-12pm, donations welcome and all money taken on that morning will also be donated to the event. Enjoy Graham Hix playing light piano music in the church between 10.3am and 11.15am. Please do come along to support this event and bring your friends with you too.

BABY SAINTS – Baby Saints resumes meeting this week on Wednesday 3 September at FPCC, 10.00 – 12pm. If you have or care for preschool children we'd love to see you.

GILBERT & SULLIVAN'S PATIENCE - Will be performed in P&J Church on Saturday 13 Sept at 7.30pm in aid of Parish Funds. Tickets are £17.50 in advance and £20 on the door from anne.smith33@btinternet.com/01252 624171 or online using this QR code.



CONFIRMATION - There will be a confirmation service at All Saints Church on All Saints Sunday (2 November) at 6.30pm. We would be delighted to present for confirmation any adults or children 11+ who...

- 1) Regularly come to church (any of our Sunday or Weekday services) and are prepared to commit to doing so in the future.
 - 2) Are able to attend six preparation sessions on Saturday Mornings between 10 and 11 am on 20 September, 27th September, 4th October, 11th October, 18th October and 25th October.
 - 3) Are able to attend the Confirmation itself on 2 November.
 - 4) Want to make their full commitment to Jesus and be formally admitted to communion in his church.
- Please speak to Mark, Jane, Claire or Dick if you would like to be involved in this.

KNITTED ANGELS - The year is flying by, isn't it!! Time to think about the fluttering of knitted angels in Fleet, in December! We need more than 1000 so I hope you knitters have your needles on standby! Bag of wool, patterns (both knitting and crochet in P&J Foyer and also in FPCC foyer. So please help yourselves.

It would be helpful to have any finished angels before the end of November, but later is also ok as we don't distribute them until mid/late December. Thank you, they are very special to lots of people in Fleet and bring much comfort, especially for those who find Christmas difficult. Sue Butterfield 07876640452.

COFFEE BAR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Could you spare 3 hours once a month to help in the Coffee Bar. We are looking for more people to volunteer just a very small amount of time just once a month to help serve hot drinks and delicious cakes to our customers. Our Coffee Bar is a wonderful meeting place for both parishioners and local community. It provides important outreach for the parish. Please contact either Elizabeth on 07801479178 or Ruth on 01252 614846.

HART FOODBANK DONATIONS - Thank you for your gifts to the Foodbank. This week there is an urgent need for men's grooming/deodorant, women's deodorant, treats/chocolate etc., longlife milk (not skimmed please), detergents/soap powders, vegetarian meals. Currently we do **not** need any water, sugar, flour or cereals. 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.

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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