



News Sheet for 23 November - Christ the King

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.

Today is the Feast of 'Christ the Universal King'. Jesus is Lord of all, the servant King who invites us all into his kingdom, a kingdom with no end, no limits, no boundaries. A Kingdom of Servants. A kingdom where all are welcome and beside which all other kingdoms and authorities fade into irrelevance.

Join us to worship Christ our King at 10 am at P&J.

May God bless you all,

Mark

THIS WEEK

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

Sunday 23 Nov ALL SAINTS CHURCH: No Service

Ss PHILIP & JAMES: 10.00am Parish Eucharist with Godly Play

Tuesday 25 Nov 11.00am Prayer Group, All Saints Church

Wednesday 26 Nov 9.30am **NO Wednesday morning Eucharist** this week as both Mark and Jane are on a training course

10.00am-12.00pm Baby Saints, FPCC

10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors

Saturday 29 Nov 10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors

Sunday 30 Nov ALL SAINTS CHURCH: No Service

Ss PHILIP & JAMES: 10.00am Parish Eucharist

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 23 NOVEMBER

[Jeremiah 23. 1-6](#)

[Colossians 1. 11-20](#)

[Luke 23. 22-43](#)

TODAY'S COLLECT: God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Those in urgent need of our prayers including: Anne Amos, Ethan, Patricia Greenway-Quintero, Michael Heard, Sylvia Honiwell, Janice Jose, Graham Kitts, Tyler Thompson, Victoria Willis.

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, Brian Biffin, Marion Brown, Martine Dyer, Diana, Joan Hall, Dexter Heard, Jack, Jonah, 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: Diana Handford.

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time: James Leach, Angus Cairns, Walter Boulton, George Draycott, Peter Aldridge, Marjorie More, Patricia Peacock, Doris Dickerson, Kathleen Holmes, Wendy Mellon, Patricia Robinson.

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 24 NOVEMBER

“Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work.” — Oswald Chambers

As we enter this week, let us quiet our hearts and remember that prayer is not a task but a sacred communion with God. May each day's focus draw us closer to His heart and align us with His will. Please pray....

- Mon** - Thanksgiving & Reflection - pray for a spirit of gratitude in all circumstances, even and especially when it is hard to feel grateful. Gratitude lifts us close to God.
- Tues** - Families & Relationships - pray for those we love, especially those we love but find it hard to get along with, or have become distanced from.
- Wed** - Community & Nation - cover schools, healthcare workers, and public servants in prayer. Pray that God will help them carry their responsibilities with integrity and wisdom
- Thur** - Spiritual Growth - seek strength to walk in holiness and truth. We pray for those whose faith continues to inspire and encourage us.
- Fri** - Healing & Restoration - we pray for those who are anxious about their health or that of a loved one. We remember that God's will for us all is wholeness and life in abundance.
- Sat** - Provision & Purpose - we pray that God will grant us 'our daily bread' enough for our needs, but not so much that it will diminish our dependence upon him. We pray that he will give us and our parish all we need to fulfil his will and purpose.
- Sun** - Worship & Revival - ask for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our services. We pray for all who come new to us, giving thanks for the blessings they bring.

ALL WEEK for those who live in Albany Road, Aldershot Road, Alton Road, Andover Road, Andrews Close.

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.

'We are pleased to announce that Janette Godfrey has been appointed as our Children and Families worker. Janette will take up this post (which is part time) on 2nd December. We are thrilled to welcome Janette to our team, please pray for her as she sets out on this new stage in her Christian ministry.'

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.

CHRISTIAN AID CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER 3pm– Please join us on Sunday 30th November at 3pm for our annual fundraising Christmas Celebration for Christian Aid in All Saints Church. Including seasonal music, readings and carols, with tea afterwards in the hall.

FUNERAL OF DIANA HANDFORD - The funeral service of Diana Handford will be on Thursday December 4th at 12noon at All Saints Church. All are welcome please fill in the sign up sheets for refreshments afterwards.

BLUE MONDAY - Are you dreading Christmas this year for some reason, or do you just find this time of year difficult? Come along to FPCC on Monday 8th December between 10 am and 12 noon for a cuppa, a chat, a listening ear and if it helps, some quiet time in church or a prayer.

CHURCH ON THE HEATH CELEBRATING ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY - The Church on the Heath will hold a special service at 10am on Sunday 30th November to celebrate its 25th anniversary.

Established as a partnership of the Anglican, Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed churches, the launch service for the church was held on the first Sunday in Advent 2000.

The anniversary service will be led by our minister Rev Patrick Butler and will be attended by senior representatives of our parent denominations. The Bishop of Guildford, the Rt Rev Andrew Watson will be preaching.

To get the anniversary weekend started, we are holding a Ceilidh at 7pm on Friday 28th November. Tickets for the event can be purchased by visiting our website at churchontheheath.org.uk

HART FOODBANK DONATIONS - Thank you for your gifts to the Foodbank. This week there is an urgent need for long life milk, porridge - packets and tubs, fruit juice, tinned fruit, cleaning products - sprays, bleach, cloths and pads, men's shaving - razors, shaving foam etc. Currently we do **not** need any water, pasta, 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.

KNITTED ANGELS – Thank you so much to everyone who has been knitting angels for our lovely Fleet Community. This year we are targeting local Care Homes, any left will be hung around local streets, for lucky local residents to find.

The Angel Blessing Service will take place at The Church of Our Lady, Kings Road at 4pm on Sunday 14 December. Please come if you are able, it's a beautiful service and so lovely to see all of the angels together.

I would be grateful if you could let me have ones you have so kindly knitted around the end of November or beginning of December, so that I have time to attach the blessing labels. But don't worry if they fly to me late, I will cope ! I can always collect them from you if you let me have your address. Thank you so much again. Sue Butterfield 07876640452.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL ENTRY FORMS - If you would like to enter a tree into the Christmas Tree Festival please get your forms either online <https://wpapp.parishoffleet.org.uk/ctf/> or collect an entry form from FPCC.

YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL NEEDS YOU - On 5, 6 and 7 December, we will be welcoming our community through our doors to admire the trees, listen to a wide range of live music and of course enjoy the refreshments and entertainment in the hall.

For this we **really do need your help**: welcoming at front of house, stewarding within the festival, volunteering to staff the stalls and help with the catering. In the autumn term, volunteer sheets in the P&J Narthex and in the FPCC are available for you to volunteer as much or as little as you are able, or **maybe donate of items** for the raffle or tombola.

Without your help this weekend of outreach and Christian fellowship cannot happen, bringing Christ into the lives of everyone who joins us in celebrating our festival of Christmas Trees, as well as raising money for local charities and Parish funds.

You are also invited to exhibit a tree using the link: <https://wpapp.parishoffleet.org.uk/ctf/>.

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.

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.

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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