



News Sheet for 14 December - 3rd 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. 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 Third Sunday of Advent. Please join us for our Parish Eucharist at P&J or Café Church at All Saints both at 10am.

Our special Christmas services will be as follows:

Sunday 21st December -	P&J - 10.00am Christingle Service
	All Saints - 10.00am Parish Eucharist
	All Saints - 6.30 pm Service of Readings and Carols
Wednesday 24th December -	P&J - 5.00pm Crib Service
	All Saints - 5.00pm 'Come to the Stable' (Crib Service)
	P&J - 7.30pm - Early Midnight Mass
	All Saints - 11.30pm Midnight Mass
Thursday 25th December -	P&J - 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
	All Saints - 10.00am Parish Eucharist for Christmas Day

May God bless you all,

Mark

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.



THIS WEEK

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

Sunday 14 Dec	ALL SAINTS CHURCH:	10.00am Café Church, FPCC
	Ss PHILIP & JAMES:	10.00am Parish Eucharist
		No Choral Evensong
Tuesday 16 Dec		11.00am Prayer Group, All Saints Church
Wednesday 17 Dec		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 20 Dec		10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors
Sunday 21 Dec	ALL SAINTS CHURCH:	8.00am BCP Holy Communion
		10.00am Parish Eucharist
		6.30pm Service of Readings and Carols
	Ss PHILIP & JAMES:	10.00am Christingle Service

READINGS FOR 14 DECEMBER

[Isaiah 35:1-10](#)

[James 5:7-10](#)

[Matthew 11:2-11](#)

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: Anne Amos, Ethan, Patricia Greenway-Quintero, Michael Heard, Sylvia Honiwell, Janice Jose, Graham Kitts, Andrew Stone, 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: Jim Guiver

Those from our two memorial books whose anniversaries fall at this time: May Byatt, Peggy Tibbles, Judy Kellett, Sydney Coppard, Blanch Reynolds, Justin Fagence, Jack Spalding, Rebecca Gardner, Nina Poole, Maureen Kettle, Percy Barber, Edith Hankard, Michael Riches, Dorothy Simmons, Mary Norman, Vera Jeffries, David Mearing, Iris Molyneux-Carter

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 15 DECEMBER

“In returning and rest you shall be saved, in quietness and trust shall be your strength” – Isaiah 30.

We give thanks for ... those who have inspired us in our life of prayer.

Please pray....

- Mon** - for vulnerable children and all those responsible for their welfare.
- Tues** - for the postal service and delivery drivers at this busy time.
- Wed** - for those who work or live in care homes.
- Thur** - for all who will be alone this Christmas.
- Fri** - for victims of racism, sexism, ageism, homophobia or any form of intolerance.
- Sat** - for the hungry, homeless and refugee.
- Sun** - for all those who, like Mary, find their lives turned upside down by unexpected events.

ALL WEEK for those who live in Beveren Close, Birch Ave, Blackthorns, Bluebell Walk, Bramblewood Place, Bramshot Drive.

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.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL THANK YOU FROM ANNE & BRIAN - Dear Friends, It is humbling to see the amount of hard work put in by so many folk to ensure that this year's festival was an outstanding success. I would particularly like to thank Mark (I really appreciated that applause), Karen, for overseeing the kitchen and stalls in the hall, and Mike for managing the finances. Thank you Claire, for imputing the votes – I know what a tedious task that can be.

I must also thank everyone else, those who baked so many magnificent cakes, staffed the stalls, welcomed our visitors, printed the programmes, decorated the hall, the Narthex, and around the door. Thank you everyone who displayed a tree. I did get a chance to have a look on Sunday, and was impressed with the sheer originality and variety.

I felt the greatest triumph was the live music. The All Saints School Choir, Christchurch Handbell Ringers, Emma's Recorder Ensemble, the U3A Ukulele Band, The Fleet String Quartet, Quintessentially Wind, The Fleet Rock Orchestra, and of course Samuel on the organ, for accompanying the carols around the trees. A real triumph of teamwork, thank you all. Brian and Anne

THANK YOU FROM THE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE - Would like to extend an enormous thank you to everyone who helped out in any way at the Festival last weekend. The display of refreshments was unbelievable, the lunchtime soup delicious and we have never had such an army of helpers to set up, man areas over the weekend and clear away. All this allowed us to open our doors and Welcome our Community into the Love of Christ. Thank you.

PARKING AT FPCC - Please note that parking space at FPCC and All Saints Church is very limited. There are no reserved spaces and parking cannot be guaranteed for anyone (even the Vicar). The layby outside All Saints is for dropping off those who have mobility issues and for deliveries. Drivers should then park in the public car park. If you are a regular worshipper, you can get a permit to do this for free (only on Sundays) from the Parish Office. Parking at FPCC is on a first come, first served basis and cannot be policed. Sorry parking is so limited, but it is all we have! Mark

ANGEL BLESSING SERVICE TODAY - 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 today Sunday 14 December. Please come if you are able, it's a beautiful service and so lovely to see all of the angels together.

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.

FUNERAL OF JIM GUIVER - You will be sad to hear that Jim Guiver (P&J) passed away at the Royal Hampshire Hospital in Winchester. Jimmy and his late wife Rosemary, who died in January 2024, plus their 5 children were stalwarts of P&J for many years until they moved to Shropshire around 20 years ago. The funeral is at 11am on Friday 19 December at St Mary's, Church Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, SO50 6DL and afterwards at The Antlers restaurant, Bishopstoke Park - just across from the church.

DRIVERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH - Charlotte Benham, on behalf of Fleet Town Council, organises the Christmas lunch for those alone at Christmas, held in the Harlington each year. They desperately need drivers to ferry people to and from the Harlington Christmas lunch on Christmas day. 11.30am pick up around Fleet and Church Crookham. Return trip at 4pm. If you can help please contact Charlotte.Benham@fleet-tc.gov.uk.

PRINTER CHANGE IN THE OFFICE - Please note that the printer in the church office will be going back to the suppliers on 15 December. If you need any music or other material printed for the Christmas services/activities, please do so by 15 December. The new printer will be delivered after the Christmas holidays.

HART FOODBANK DONATIONS - Thank you for your gifts to the Foodbank. This week there is an urgent need for fruit juice, vegetarian meals, sponge puddings, fruit squash, household cleaning items, women's deodorant. 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.

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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