



News Sheet for 7 December - 2nd 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 second Sunday of Advent. Please join us for our Parish Eucharist at All Saints 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 7 Dec	Ss PHILIP & JAMES:	8.00am BCP Holy Communion
	ALL SAINTS CHURCH:	10.00am Parish Eucharist with Godly Play
Monday 8 Dec		10.00am Blue Christmas, FPCC
Tuesday 9 Dec		11.00am Prayer Group, All Saints Church
Wednesday 10 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 13 Dec		10.00am-12.00pm All Saints Church open to visitors
Sunday 14 Dec	ALL SAINTS CHURCH:	10.00am Café Church, FPCC
	Ss PHILIP & JAMES:	10.00am Parish Eucharist
		No Choral Evensong

READINGS FOR 7 DECEMBER

[Isaiah 11:1-10](#)

[Romans 15:4-13](#)

[Matthew 3:1-12](#)

TODAY'S COLLECT: Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; 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, 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: George Baker, Elsie Beale, Pamela Stewart, William Hayes, Ruth Warner, Peggy Boyd, David Fladgate, Henry Cotterell, Amy Cox, Doris Record, Pat Booth

PRAYER DIARY FOR WEEK BEGINNING 8 DECEMBER

"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." – Isaiah 40:31.

Monday 8 Dec – Waiting & Hope (Advent)

Pray for: Those waiting for important answers: medical results, job decisions, immigration processes.

Tuesday 9 Dec – Government & Public Life

Pray for: Those in public life who suffer or are disadvantaged because of their determination to carry out their duties in truth and integrity.

Wednesday 10 Dec – The Lost & Searching

Pray for: Those who have lost their faith, those whose faith is challenged and those who are discovering faith for the first time.

Thursday 11 Dec – The Vulnerable & Hurting

Pray for: The lonely and isolated, those who are dreading the Christmas season for one reason or another.

Friday 12 Dec – Church & Leaders

Pray for: Clergy and ministers of all kinds who know they will be stretched and exhausted over the coming weeks.

Saturday 13 Dec – Families, Workplaces & School

Pray for: For those who have argued or 'fallen out' with each other, that the Spirit of Advent may bring reconciliation.

Sunday 14 Dec – The Nations & Mission

Pray for: Christians in countries where the majority are hostile towards Christianity

ALL WEEK for those who live in Basingbourne Close, Basingbourne Rd, Bearwood Gdns, Beach Ride, Belvedere 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.

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.

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.

BLUE CHRISTMAS - 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 8 December between 10am and 12 noon for a cuppa, a chat, a listening ear and if it helps, some quiet time in church or a prayer.

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 longlife milk, fruit juice, sponge puddings, sweet spreads - honey, choc spread, peanut butter etc., men's grooming - deodorant, body spray etc. shower gel. 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.

Supplementary to the above Needs List, for those of you who can provide 'fresh' produce we would be keen to receive the following:

eggs, veg - carrots, root veg, brassica, potatoes, salad items - lettuce, peppers, cucumber etc., butter and cheese - large blocks - we can cut down, We can also take frozen items - we have our own freezers and fridges on the mobile pantry site. Our mobile pantry project is growing and needs more fresh produce to work with.

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.

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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