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3rd April 2022 | Notices

SJ-St James', SJCC-St James' Church Centre,
SMSJ-St Mary & St John's at Gorse Ride Junior School,
SMSJPC-SMSJ Parish Centre, SE-St Eligius Church

Sunday 3rd	Lent 5
8.00am	Holy Communion CW (SJ)
9.30am	Family Communion (SJ)
9.30am	Holy Communion (SMSJ)
11.00am	Parish Communion (SJ)
11.00am	Service of the Word (SE)
5.00pm	Confirmation prep (SJCC)
6.00pm	Evensong (SJ)
Monday 4th	
3.15pm	Creative Café (SMSJPC)
Tuesday 5th	
3.45pm	United Kiz@Play (Arborfield CC)
Wednesday 6th	
9.15am	Toddlers Praise (SE)
Sunday 10th	Palm Sunday
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP (SJ)
9.30am	Café Church (SJCC)
9.30am	Holy Communion (SMSJ)
11.00am	Parish Communion (SJ)
11.00am	All Age Communion (Livestream) (SE)
5.00pm	Confirmation prep class (SJCC)

Quench Easter bookstall after services @St James' on 3 April

This will include some Fairtrade, plastic free, palm oil free Real Easter eggs with the easter story booklet but if you'd like to order for yourself or to send to the Foodbank, let me know as soon as possible. carolynfox@aol.com or 07779724090. Milk choc eggs £4.50, White choc eggs £5, Dark choc £5.50 Stocks getting low. Happy to deliver. Thank you. Carolyn Fox

Invitation from Mothers' Union to our Open Meeting on

Thursday April 14th at 2pm in SJCC
Come and find out more about fairtrade. Our speaker will talk about fairtrade and her visit to producers in Nepal. She will bring along a selection of fairtrade products. Light refreshments will be served.

Pianist for St Mary and St John's Church (SMSJ)

We are looking for a pianist to play at our 9.30am Holy Communion service in Gorse Ride Junior School on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in the role, please contact the Church Wardens of SMSJ for more information. marjoriestalker@hotmail.com ashlyn@web-hq.com

Can you help? Crowthorne Foodbank currently needs Carton

Juice, Hand-wash, Anti-bacterial Spray, Adult toothpaste, laundry tablets, both Ladies and Men's deodorants, Men's Shower Gel & Shaving Gel, Breakfast cereals, Rice, Pasta, Pasta sauce, Ketchup, Coffee, Teabags, Cup a Soup, Baby Powdered Milk, Pot Noodles. A collection box is in St. James' Church Centre or use collection boxes in local supermarkets.

Do you have a little free time on a Tuesday afternoon?

We urgently need help to keep Fledgelings running. Could you volunteer to - help set/clear, make tea, bake a cake, organise a simple craft activity, read a story, sing a song, chat to the mums/dads/carers, help promote? Fledgelings has been running for 36 years this month and many people have fond memories of their time helping or just appreciating the chance to make new friends. If this is you then please consider what you can do to ensure it carries on for the next generation. If you feel you can volunteer for any of these then please contact Nicky nicky@alder.ndo.co.uk 07989175156 for more information

Canon John's Farewell Lecture

The lecture is entitled:
DEARLY BELOVED ... Friendship, Faith, Foibles and Fancies
We think John will be reminiscing a bit about his 20 years of ordained ministry and perhaps looking forward as well, but he won't tell us any more than that.
Wednesday 20th April at 7.30 for 8 at St James' Church Centre. Please note that free tickets will be required - please book here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/296843937207> or contact the office if you need assistance with registration.

John will be giving a slightly abbreviated preview of the lecture on the morning of the same day (20th April) - from 11.30 to 12.30, also at the Church Centre (tickets not required).

Save the Date

- 14 April - 2pm Open MU meeting with Traidcraft speaker
- 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Supper, Communion & Vigil
- 15 April 10am Good Friday Family service @SJ
- 11am Outdoor family service and lunch @SMSJ
- 12 - 3pm Last hours at the Cross SJ
- 17 April Easter Sunday services at all 3 churches including
6am dawn service at St James
- 20 April - Canon John's Farewell Lecture
- 23 April - 10am Green Team Working Party
- 24 April - 3pm Farewell Tea for Canon John
- 21 May - 10 -4pm Parish Quiet Day @ St Michaels, Bray
- 21 May - 3pm Family Bingo @SJ
- 23 May - Annual Church Meeting
- 9 June - 7.30pm MU puddings and wine open meeting with speaker from soulscape
- 18 June - 11 - 3pm Village Fete

Parish Intercessions List - Please pray for: Joyce Beckett, Sophie Hall, Ann Pask, Colin Ramsay McClaren, Rosalind Drury, Linda Whiteside, Rita Campbell, Steve Prosser, David Powell, Bob Helliwell, Pamela Redford, Mo Nottage, Helen & Jeff, Daniel, Helen & Chris Goble, John Coombs, Tina Worrell, Alison Woodrow, Tony and Ginger Timms

And those who mourn the loss of their loved ones: Chris Pape, Sally Skinner, Anthony Moore, Peggy McGrath, Florence Lawrenson

Readings and Prayers for

3 April 2022: LENT 5

COME AND SEE -

THE LORD'S PRAYER (5)

1 Chronicles 29:10-14

¹⁰ Then David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly; David said: 'Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of our ancestor Israel, for ever and ever. ¹¹ Yours, O LORD, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. ¹² Riches and honour come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³ And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name. ¹⁴ 'But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill-offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

Psalm 145:1-13

¹ I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
² Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name for ever and ever.
³ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.
⁴ One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.
⁵ On the glorious splendour of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
⁶ The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness.
⁷ They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹ The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.
¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,
¹² to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.
¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Revelation 4:1-11

1 After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' 2 At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! 3 And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. 4 Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. 5 Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven

flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God: 6 and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷ the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. ⁸ And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.'

⁹ And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, ¹¹ 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

John 14:1-14

Jesus said, ¹ 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.' ⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶ Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' ⁸ Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Collect

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of the blood of our Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.