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**27<sup>th</sup> March 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

<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mothering Sunday (Lent 4)</b>
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP (SJ)
<b>9.00am</b>	Café Church - Mother's Day Breakfast (SJCC)
9.30am	Holy Communion (SMSJ)
11.00am	Parish Communion (SJ)
11.00am	Holy Communion (Livestream) (SE)
5.00pm	Confirmation prep class (SJCC)
6.00pm	Contrast Youth Group (SJCC)
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	
3.15pm	Creative Café (SMSJPC)
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	
1.45pm	Fledgelings Baby & Toddler Group (SJCC)
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.15am	Toddlers Praise (SE)
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Lent 5</b>
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	Contrast Youth Group (SJCC)
6.00pm	Evensong (SJ)

**NEW Website launched!!! Works on mobile/tablet/desktop**

Just type in [pfc-church.uk](http://pfc-church.uk) and then **update your bookmarks!** Click What's On to see an online diary of all the events and services. Click Subscribe (top right) to make sure you get the email newsletters! You might also notice our more digital media friendly abbreviation of PFC (short for Parish of Finchampstead & California).

**Fun PFC Badge Photo Competition! Get chocolate!!**

Every entry wins a small chocolate bar. Snap a picture with your PFC badge. Be creative! On a soft toy, with a pet or just you in a funny pose or location. **Competition closes on Thursday 31st March at 9am.** Choccy bars given out Sunday 3rd April. Please email entries to [duncanpfc@gmail.com](mailto:duncanpfc@gmail.com) and please also share on social #pfcphotocomp.

**How to use the new website video**

Want a quick tour of the new website? No problem, watch our 5-minute overview video with tips and tricks from Duncan, type in <https://cutt.ly/WebsiteOverview> or scan the QR code with the camera on your smart phone!



**Updated Social Links for Twitter, YouTube and Insta**

We have updated our 3 parish/PFC social channels so they all end "PFCCChurchUK", please update your bookmarks:  
[twitter.com/PFCCChurchUK](https://twitter.com/PFCCChurchUK)  
[instagram.com/PFCCChurchUK](https://www.instagram.com/PFCCChurchUK)  
[youtube.com/PFCCChurchUK](https://www.youtube.com/PFCCChurchUK)

**Mothering Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March – special breakfast**

Make Mother's Day special - bring Mum to church. Cafe service in the Church Centre at St James' with special breakfast from 9am. There will be an opportunity for all the children to make their Mum a card and a gift to take home.

**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](mailto:marjoriestalker@hotmail.com) [ashlyn@web-hq.com](mailto: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.

**Baptism Anniversary Celebrations & Candles at St James'**

We are delighted to say this regular feature is back and we invite you all along on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to our Family Communion service in church at 9.30. If you let us know you are coming, we will add your names to the roll call.

**Canon John Edwards' Lecture**

Wed, 20 April at 19:30. Please register on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/296843937207> or contact the office if you need assistance with registration.

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

This should 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 by **31 March**. [carolynfox@aol.com](mailto: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

**Save the Date**

- 10 April – Palm Sunday celebrations
- 14 April – 2pm Open MU meeting with Traidcraft speaker
- 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Supper, Communion & Vigil
- 15 April 11am 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
- 23 April – 10am Green Team Working Party
- 24 April – 3pm Farewell Tea for Canon John
- 23 May - Annual Church Meeting
- 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

# Readings and Prayers for 27 March 2022: LENT 4

## COME AND SEE - THE LORD'S PRAYER (4) (MOTHERING SUNDAY)

### Genesis 45:1-11

*Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery. But God looked after him and he became second in command to the Egyptian Pharaoh. Not knowing who he was, his brothers came and begged for help at a time of famine.*

<sup>1</sup> Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. <sup>2</sup> And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. <sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

<sup>4</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup> And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup> For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup> God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup> So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup> You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup> I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty."

### Psalms 32:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

<sup>2</sup> Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

<sup>3</sup> While I kept silence, my body wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup> For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;  
I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD',  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

<sup>6</sup> Therefore let all who are faithful  
offer prayer to you;  
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters  
shall not reach them.

<sup>7</sup> You are a hiding-place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

### 1 Corinthians 13:1-10

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup> For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup> but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

### Luke 15:11-24

<sup>11</sup> Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

### Collect

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Post Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.