



Finchampstead & California Parish Notices 13th March 2022

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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 13th Lent 2
8.00am Holy Communion BCP (SJ)
9.30am Café Church (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)

Monday 14th
3.15pm Creative Café (SMSJPC)

Tuesday 15th
1.45pm Fledgelings Baby & Toddler Group (SJCC)

Wednesday 16th
9.15am Toddlers Praise (SE)

Sunday 20th Lent 3
8.00am Holy Communion CW (SJ)
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Christian Aid is part of the DEC Humanitarian Appeal for Ukraine. If you would like to support the appeal directly please go to www.dec.org.uk or www.christianaid.org.uk Christian Aid Emergency Appeal Envelopes will be available in our churches for anyone who wishes to donate and to be handed into the church office by March 24th.

Baptism Anniversary Celebrations

We are delighted to say this regular feature is back and we invite you all along on Sunday 3rd 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.

100 square board for Church Flowers

The prizes are a £40 voucher towards a meal at the Queens Oak & Fairtrade Easter Egg! Good Luck!

Half marathon run for Belle's Story on 27 March

I am running in the Cardiff half marathon for a charity called Belle's Story which supports children with life-changing illnesses as well as their families. Read more through my local giving page (<https://localgiving.org/fundraising/rich-cardiff-half-2022>). Thank you. Richard Easton.

Baptisms: Sienna, Ashton, Chloe, Jess

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

And those who mourn the loss of their loved ones: Sheila Dutton, James Young, Dennis Crossley, Chris Pape

Nothing New in Lent 2022 – Take up the challenge!

It's not too late to do your bit to reduce your impact on the environment by not buying anything new during Lent! (Except essential food and medicines of course.) For tips and ideas, see the posters on our noticeboards. Help us take better care of God's creation. *The Green Team*

Come and See Lent Group

The Tuesday lunchtime group will meet 12pm – 1:30pm starting Tuesday 15th March at SMSJ Parish Centre. Bring your own packed lunch. Tea and coffee served. Other groups will be as originally planned. Contact the office for more detail if you wish to join a group.

Mothering Sunday 27th March

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.

Ladies Breakfast 26 March 9am – 10am at SJCC

Please let Carolyn know if you can come. 07779724090 or carolynfox@aol.com

Green Team Working Party 26 March 10 – 12 in the churchyard and 'Lost Liddell Gardens'

Sign-up sheets on noticeboard in SJCC or ring the office to say you are coming and to book your bacon butties!

Revd Dennis Crossley 3 Aug 1923 - 10 Feb 2022 RIP

Revd Crossley, Rector of this parish for many years, died peacefully at home on 10 Feb. His funeral is on Wednesday 23 March, 11.30am at St George's Church, Owlsmoor, followed by Committal at Easthampstead Park and refreshments at the Golden Retriever from 1pm. All welcome. His wife, Bridget, requests no flowers but donations please to St George's Church, Owlsmoor.

Save the Date

20 April Spring Parish Lecture
23 April - Green Team Working Party
24 April - Farewell Tea for Canon John
23 May - Annual Church Meeting

Readings and Prayers for 13 March 2022: LENT 2 COME AND SEE - THE LORD'S PRAYER (2)

Psalm 99

¹ The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble.

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake.

² The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.

³ Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Holy is he.

⁴ Mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵ Extol the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool.
Holy is he.

⁶ Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on
his name.

They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.

⁷ He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
they kept his decrees,
and the statutes that he gave them.

⁸ O LORD our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

⁹ Extol the LORD our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy.

1 Peter 2:11-17

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. ¹² Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

¹³ For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. ¹⁵ For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. ¹⁶ As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. ¹⁷ Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor.

Matthew 13:24-33,44-45

²⁴ Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone

who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" ²⁸ He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹ But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

³¹ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

³³ He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

Collect

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.