



Finchampstead & California Parish Notices 6th 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 6th	Lent 1
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)
Monday 7th	
3.15pm	Creative Café (SMSJPC)
Tuesday 8th	
1.45pm	Fledgelings Baby & Toddler Group (SJCC)
2.00pm	Tea & Chat (SMSJPC)
Wednesday 9th	
9.15am	Toddlers Praise (SE)
3.15pm	United Kids@Play (Arborfield CC)
Thursday 10th	
2.00pm	Mothers Union meeting (SJCC)
8.00pm	Prayer Meeting (Online)
Saturday 12th	
10.00am	Parish Vision Day (St Michaels)
4.30pm	United@5 (SE)
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)

Parish Vision Away Day

Saturday 12 March 2022 at St Michaels Sandhurst. Space is still available. Please email carolynfox@aol.com by 9th March if you would like to attend.

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!

Come and See – 5 Tuesdays from 8th March to 5th April

Starting with a Cheese and Wine evening at 7pm on the 8th of March at St James' Church Centre. Please complete the form available in church if you would like to attend.

Half marathon run for Belle's Story

I am running in the Cardiff half marathon this year on the 27th March. I am running for a charity called Belle's Story which supports children with life-changing illnesses as well as their families. You can read a bit about Belle and the charity in the link on my local giving page (<https://localgiving.org/fundraising/rich-cardiff-half-2022>). Thank you. Richard Easton.

Nothing New in Lent 2022

Have you taken up the Green Team challenge to reduce your impact on the environment by not buying anything new during Lent? (Except essential food and medicines of course.) There are posters on noticeboards for more explanation and lots of useful tips and ideas for how and why to do this. Help us take better care of God's creation.

James 'Jim' Young (Church Warden) RIP

The funeral for the late Jim Young a previous Church Warden at St James will take place at 1pm at St James Church on Thursday 10th March followed by a cremation at Easthampstead Park Crematorium at 2.30pm. A reception will take place after the church service at St James in the Queens Oak.

Revd Julian

Revd Dennis Crossley (Rector) RIP

Many of you will know that Revd Crossley led the parish for many years. His wife Bridget was also the deanery secretary for many years.

Revd Dennis died on Wednesday 9th February. His funeral is on Wednesday 23rd March. 11.30am at St George's Church, Owlsmoor, followed by Committal at Easthampstead Park at 1pm.

Revd Judi Hattaway, Sonning Deanery Chapter Clerk

Save the Date

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

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, Chris Pape, Daniel, Helen & Chris Goble

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

Readings and Prayers for 6 March 2022: LENT 1 COME AND SEE - THE LORD'S PRAYER (1)

Isaiah 25:1,4-9

¹ O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵ the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Psalm 111

¹ Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

² Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

³ Full of honour and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures for ever.

⁴ He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸ They are established for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and
uprightness.

⁹ He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant for ever.
Holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of
wisdom; all those who practise it have a good
understanding.

His praise endures for ever.

1 John 3:1-3

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he^[a] is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Matthew 6:5-15

Jesus said, ⁵ 'And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷ 'When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words.

⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹ 'Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

¹⁴ For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; ¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Collect

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.