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1st May 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 1st	Easter 3
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)
6.00pm	Evensong (SJ) (choir on holiday)
Tuesday 3rd	
1.45pm	Fledgelings baby & toddler group (SJCC)
3.45pm	Kidz@Play (Arborfield Green CC)
Wednesday 4th	
9.15am	Toddlers Praise (SE)
Sunday 8th	Easter 4
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)

Live streaming of 11am Easter service at SJ - an apology.

We are very sorry that a technical problem prevented the advertised live streaming and recording of the 11am Easter Day service. We are working on it and hope to be up and running shortly.

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

Thank you to those who have volunteered. More still needed. PLEASE CONTACT NICKY URGENTLY IF YOU CAN HELP IN EVEN A SMALL WAY

We urgently need help to keep Fledgelings running. Could you volunteer to - help set up/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 and many 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

100 Square board for church flower fund

Congratulations to Yvonne Stanley (square 43) winning the £40 voucher for the Queens Oak and Ann Jeater (square 30) winning the Easter egg. £74 was raised. Very many thanks for your support!

Celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2nd June

6.30 -8.30pm - picnic in the Memorial Park with live music
9.30pm lighting of the beacon at St James' Church with bubbly and cake. Donations of bubbly would be much appreciated from next week onwards!!! Please bring to church or take to the Church Office on weekday mornings.

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

The church electoral roll will be revised between 9th and 14th May. If you are already on the roll, you do not need to do anything this year. If you are not on the roll but live in the parish or have been attending any services over the last 6 months, could I encourage you to consider applying. Forms are available at all worship centres and can be returned to the church office or any member of the clergy team. Please contact me if you need any further information. Nicky Alder, Electoral Roll Officer nicky@alder.ndo.co.uk

Volunteers BBQ

As a thank you to the many volunteers we have in our parish we would like to invite you to a BBQ on Saturday May 7th @ 4pm @ St Eligius Church. Partners and families welcome. To book your place please use this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/318731112337>

or contact the office if you need assistance. As we have so many people who volunteer we are doing a number of these events. Places will be limited at each event so book early, if you're not able to get a place this time around there will be other events arranged for later in the year.

FAMILY BINGO AND TEA - 21ST MAY 3-5pm

Come and join us at SJ Church Centre for an afternoon of fun and lots of yummy tea! Tickets available after services at SJ, from Parish Office or reserve on Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/327057446627> Adults £5
Children £3.

Holy Week and Easter Services and events. Thank you!

Thank you to all who contributed in any way to the large number and variety of services and events during Holy Week and Easter. The family-focussed events were very much appreciated with great feedback. The 3-hour Good Friday service with very special musical contribution in the last hour was wonderful. Our many church services were well attended. Thank you to our talented flower arrangers at each location for the beautiful flowers, our bellringers and our choir at St James', those who organised and prepared food and everyone else who helped. It's really very much appreciated. Your ministry team and wardens.

Save the Date

15 May - 6pm Confirmation Service @SJ

21 May - 10 -4pm Parish Quiet Day @ St Michaels, Bray

21 May - 3pm Family Bingo @SJCC

23 May - 7.30pm Annual Church Meeting @ SJCC, followed by Cheese & Wine

26 May - 8pm Ascension Day service @ SJ

9 June - 7.30pm MU puddings and wine open meeting with speaker from Soulscape @ SJCC

12 June - Charity & Mission Sunday

18 June - 11 - 3pm Village Fête @Memorial Park

25 June - 9am - 10am Ladies Breakfast @SJCC

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: Josie Lawrenson, John Ennis, Tina O'Henehy

Readings and Prayers for

1 May 2022: EASTER 3

Acts 9:1-6

The start of the account of the conversion of St Paul (then still known by his Jewish name – Saul).

¹ Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' ⁵ He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

Psalms 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John gives us a glimpse of heaven in his vision.

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' ¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' ¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

John 21:1-19

Jesus comes to the disciples after the resurrection. Peter, who denied Jesus three times just before his death, is encouraged three times by Jesus.

¹ After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?'

They answered him, 'No.' ⁶ He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.