

29<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter 7</b>
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 (SE)
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	
6.30pm	Picnic in the Park (Memorial Park)
9.30pm	Lighting the Beacon (SJ)
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pentecost</b>
8.00am	Holy Communion CW (SJ)
9.30am	Holy Communion (SMSJ)
11.00am	Parish Communion (SJ)
11.00am	Service of the Word (SE)

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

**Thank you to those who have volunteered. More needed.**

We are looking for volunteers to make the tea at Fledgelings, please sign up on the sheet in the coffee bar in SJCC if you can help. Thank you

**Invitation to Summer Puddings and Drinks Evening**

Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in SJCC.

Mothers' Union is hosting this evening which gives you an opportunity to find out about the work SOULSCAPE is doing in local schools including Bohunt. They provide a listening ear and help young people to reflect on current issues. As a parish we support Soulscape which is a local Christian charity. For catering purposes, would you please sign up by June 6<sup>th</sup> on one of the sign-up sheets in our churches or SJCC if you are able to come. Thank you.



**Celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Please bring to church or take to the Church Office on weekday mornings.

**No Family Communion on 5th June**

There will be no Family Communion on Sunday 5th June as many families will be looking to make the most of the extended Bank Holiday. Other services will run as advertised. Thank you for your understanding.

**Brenda Bosley's Funeral - Place, Date, and Time**

Brenda's funeral will take place on Tuesday 14th June at 12pm. The venue will be West Berkshire crematorium. There will be gathering afterwards for a wake at the Crown Inn in Theale.

**Strawberries from Manor Farm on sale for Church funds**

I hope to have some at SJ each Sunday morning. £2.50 a punnet. Take potluck or contact me to place an order for then or other days of the week. Carolyn Fox 07779724090 or [carolynfox@aol.com](mailto:carolynfox@aol.com)

**JUNE 5th. PENTECOST** - This year we will NOT have a joint service at SMSJ. Normal services will be held in your usual worship centre.

**Year 6 Transition event - easing the transition to secondary school**

Invite to year 6s and parents from Finchampstead, Farley Hill and The Coombes Schools

We are hosting a Mind the Gap workshop, run by the local charity Soulscape, for year 6 pupils, who don't have Soulscape visiting their school. Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 6.00 - 7.30 pm, St James Church Centre

Parents are welcome to stay and network with other parents during the session.

To book a place, please sign up at Eventbrite by 12<sup>th</sup> June <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mind-the-gap-soulscape-in-conjunction-with-pfc-church-tickets-332785980827The>

**Request for hosts and cake:**

We would like to provide refreshments and cake for young people and parents at the event.

If you available to help or to bake for us, please contact [beth@finchampstead.co.uk](mailto:beth@finchampstead.co.uk)

Thanks very much

**Save the Date**

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, organised by & raising funds for the Church School

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

10am Green Team Working Party

17 Sept -3pm - 4.30pm Churchyard Trust Afternoon Tea

## Readings and Prayers for

29 May 2022: EASTER 7

### Acts 16:16-34

*Last week we heard how Paul and his companions arrived at Philippi. At first things went well and they found lodgings with Lydia, a cloth merchant. But soon they were embroiled in controversy.*

<sup>16</sup> One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup> While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' <sup>18</sup> She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup> But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. <sup>20</sup> When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup> and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.'

<sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup> After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.

<sup>24</sup> Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup> When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' <sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' <sup>31</sup> They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.'

<sup>32</sup> They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup> He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

### Psalm 97

### Revelation 22:12-14;16-17;20-21

*After his vision of the heavenly Jerusalem coming to the earth, John concludes his book with anticipation and divinely inspired encouragement.*

<sup>12</sup> 'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' <sup>14</sup> Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. <sup>16</sup> 'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.'

<sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

<sup>20</sup> The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

### John 17:20-26

*Jesus has concluded his farewell teaching to his disciples; now he prays for them.*

<sup>20</sup> Jesus said, "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup> "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

### Collect

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

### Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.