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22nd 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 22nd	Easter 6
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)
Monday 23rd	
3.15pm	Creative Café (SMSJPC)
7.30pm	Annual Church Meeting (SJCC) followed by Cheese & Wine
(All members of Electoral Roll invited to attend & vote)	
Tuesday 24th	
1.45pm	Fledgelings baby & toddler group (SJCC)
Wednesday 25th	
9.15am	Toddlers Praise (SE)
Thursday 26th	Ascension Day
8.00pm	Holy Communion (SJ)
Sunday 29th	Easter 7
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)

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

Christian Aid Week May 15th - 21st 2022

This year's theme is helping to turn hunger into hope. Christian Aid Week envelopes will be available in our churches on Sundays May 15th and 22nd so donations can be given in at church. See caweek.org for more information on how CA's partners help with development of drought-resistant seeds, water conservation and other projects.

Blokes Curry Night at Kabirs Restaurant, Crowthorne -

Wednesday 25th May at 7pm Come and join us for a three-course meal (incl. coffee) for £14.95 at Kabirs Restaurant, 1-3 Dukes Ride, Crowthorne, RG45 6LZ. For more information contact julian@finchampstead.co.uk

Blokes Beer at The Ship Inn, Wokingham

Champions League Final Saturday 28th May at 7.30pm Come and join us as at the Ship Inn in Wokingham as we watch the clash of the Titans Champions League Final decider between Real Madrid and Liverpool at the Ship Inn, 104 Peach Street, Wokingham, RG40 1XH, For more information contact julian@finchampstead.co.uk

Invitation to Summer Puddings and Drinks Evening

Thursday June 9th 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 6th 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 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. 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.

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

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - 23 May at 7.30pm at SJCC, followed by wine & cheese.

- for all members of the Electoral Roll to hear reports, agree the accounts and elect new PCC members. **At least 5 new PCC members required to be elected on 23 May** - At this exciting time of renewing the vision/planning the way forward for our parish under our new Rector, could you help discern God's will and then be involved in making it happen? Do you know someone who would be ideal? Nomination forms are in our churches or contact me for more information. Carolyn Fox PCC Secretary 0118 9732262 / 07779724090 or 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.

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

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, Ginger Timms

And those who mourn the loss of their loved ones: Lennard Crouch, Rita Pringle, Brenda Bosley, Tony Timms

Readings and Prayers for 22 May 2022: EASTER 6

Acts 16:9-15

Paul and his companions respond to his inspired dream.

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul.

¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Psalms 67

Revelation 21:10,22–22.5

John's vision of the end-times concludes with a reference back to the tree of life from the garden of Eden.

One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came, ¹⁰ and in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises

abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

²² Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

John 14:23-29

Jesus tells his disciples that the Holy Spirit will continue to teach them about the things of God even after Jesus himself is no longer with them.

²³ Jesus said, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Collect

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.