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15th 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 15th	Easter 5
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)
6.00pm	Confirmation Service (SJ)
Monday 16th	
3.15pm	Creative Café (SMSJPC)
Tuesday 17th	
1.45pm	Fledgelings baby & toddler group (SJCC)
Wednesday 18th	
9.15am	Toddlers Praise (SE)
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)

Confirmation Service with Bishop Olivia: 6pm, Sunday 15th May, St James' Church

Dear all, please note that members of our congregations are welcome to attend this service. Be encouraged to attend to lend your support to the candidates and their families. Look forward to seeing many of us there.

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

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 (Adults £5 Children £3) available after services at SJ, from Parish Office or reserve on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/327057446627>

Christian Aid Week May 15th-21st 2022

This year's theme is helping to turn hunger into hope for people such as Jessica and her family in Zimbabwe. They are often very hungry (eating only a little porridge a day) as climate change is leading to more droughts, crop failures and water shortages. 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. **Thank you** to those who donated to Christian Aid for the recent DEC Appeal for Ukraine. £85 was donated of which £20 was gift aided.

Quiet Day at St Michael's Bray - Sat, 21 May, 09:45 - 16:00

Still time to book your place for the Parish Quiet Day, with lunch provided. The day will be led by Angie Buckland, an experienced Spiritual Director registered with the Diocese of Oxford. Please follow the link for booking and more details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/296820537217>

The Prayer Course - Groups start week of 16th May

Our new eight-week journey to grow and deepen our prayer life and community will be starting shortly. There will be groups meeting on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in Arborfield Green and Finchampstead. Do register your interest with the parish office.

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

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? More details and nomination forms will be on the website & in our churches in the next few days. Contact me for more information. Carolyn Fox PCC Secretary 0118 9732262 / 07779724090 or carolynfox@aol.com

Save the Date

- 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
- 10am Green Team Working Party

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: John Ennis, Lennard Crouch, Rita Pringle, Brenda Bosley, Tony Timms

Readings and Prayers for

15 May 2022: EASTER 5

Acts 11:1-18

Peter's vision and the resulting acceptance of Gentiles into full membership of the church marked a major turning point for the early church.

¹ Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." ⁸ But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Psalms 148:1-6

Revelation 21:1-6

John's vision of a completely new cosmos at the end of time.

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trust-worthy and true.' ⁶ Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

John 13:31-35

Before his death Jesus sets out the one great rule for his disciples.

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.