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8th 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 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)
Monday 9th	
3.15pm	Creative Café (SMSJPC)
Tuesday 10th	
1.45pm	Fledgelings baby & toddler group (SJCC)
2.00pm	Tea & Chat (SMSJPC)
Wednesday 11th	
9.15am	Toddlers Praise (SE)
Thursday 12th	
2.00pm	Mothers' Union Meeting (SJCC) – speaker from Link Visiting Scheme. All welcome
Saturday 14th	
4.30pm	United@5 (SE)
Sunday 15th	Easter 5
8.00am	Holy Communion CW (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)

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

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.

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

eventbrite.co.uk/e/327057446627 Adults £5 Children £3.

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.

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

Christian Aid Week May 15th – 21st 2022

This year the 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

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

Save the Date

- 21 May – 9.45am -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: John Ennis, Lennard Crouch, Rita Pringle

Readings and Prayers for

8 May 2022: EASTER 4

Acts 9:36-43

In the early days of the Christian church, Peter acted and performed a miracle in the same way that Jesus had.

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John, in a further passage from his vision of heaven, tells us who he saw there and what heaven is like.

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹² singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' ¹⁴ I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

John 10:22-30

Jesus explains to a sceptical audience his deep commitment to those who follow him.

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.

²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' ²⁵ Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.'

Collect

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.