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5th June 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 AGCC - Arborfield Green Community Centre

Sunday 5th	Pentecost
8.00am	Holy Communion CW (SJ)
9.30am	Holy Communion (SMSJ)
11.00am	Parish Communion (SJ)
11.00am	Service of the Word (SE)
Monday 6th	
3.15pm	Creative Café (SMSJPC)
Tuesday 7th	
1.45pm	Fledgelings baby & toddler group (SJCC)
3.45pm	Kids@Play (AGCC)
Wednesday 8th	
9.15am	Toddlers Praise (SE)
Saturday 11th	
4.30pm	United@5 (SE)
Sunday 12th	Trinity Sunday
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)

the total this year to date is £300-37, of which £164-28 was gift aided.

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.

Youth Greenhouse Event 18th June 9.30 -2pm

A few of the PFC team have been engaging with the Youth Greenhouse Group in the Diocese (see this link for more info on Greenhouses [Diocese of Oxford | Greenhouses \(anglican.org\)](http://Diocese of Oxford | Greenhouses (anglican.org))) to think about how we begin to engage with youth in the parish. We would really like to invite anyone who has a passion for youth and wants to see them flourish. The next session is being held at St James Finch 9.30 - 2pm. Lunch is provided. Please do consider coming along for all or part of the day. To book your place or discuss further please contact one of the ministry team or email tonia@steligius.church

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

Year 6 Transition event - easing the transition to secondary school

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 15th 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 12th June <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mind-the-gap-soulscape-in-conjunction-with-pfc-church-tickets-332785980827>

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 Thanks very much

Taizé: Pilgrimage for young adults aged 16 - 30

The Bishop of Reading is leading our Taizé pilgrimage. It will run from 14 - 21 August and is open to anyone from school year 11 to age 30. Travel will be by train from St Pancras International to Macon, and then a short onward journey to Taizé by bus. Please follow the link for more details: <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/training-events/taize.php>

Save the Date

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

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

Church Cleaning at St James

Can you please help to do an occasional clean of St. James church? Timings could be flexible. If you can spare an hour, every now and again, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the office or speak to Joy or Robert. Many thanks.

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.

Charities and Missions Sunday on June 12th

Members of the Charities and Missions Group hope you will enjoy hearing about the work of some of the charities and missions our parish supports in our services. The speaker in each church will bring along publicity material and may be able to answer questions during coffee after the service. This year there will not be a lunch in SJCC.

Christian Aid Week 2022

Thank you very much to all who supported CA Week either directly online or through our church collections for which

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

5 June 2022: PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-21

The day of Pentecost, for all its drama, was firmly rooted in the Old Testament prophecies.

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³ But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Psalm 104:26-36

Romans 8:14-17

Paul sets out the implications of receiving the Holy Spirit.

¹⁴ All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

John 14:8-17

Jesus explains to his disciples how the Holy Spirit arises out of his own relationship with God.

⁸ Philip said to Jesus, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. ¹⁵ If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.'

Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.