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### 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022, 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Aug 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

<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Trinity 7</b>
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP (SJ)
9.30am	Café Church – Summer Party (last café church for this term) (SJCC)
<b>9.30am</b>	<u>Joint SMSJ/SE Holy Communion (SE)</u>
11.00am	Parish Communion (SJ)
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Trinity 8</b>
8.00am	Holy Communion CW (SJ)
<b>9.30am</b>	<u>Joint SMSJ/SE Holy Communion (SE)</u>
11.00am	Parish Communion (SJ)
6.00pm	Evensong
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Trinity 9</b>
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP (SJ)
<b>9.30am</b>	<u>Joint SMSJ/SE Holy Communion (SE)</u>
11.00am	Parish Communion (SJ)

#### No weekly Mailing in August

Please note that we will be taking a break from the weekly mailing in August so we can all have a little rest. The weekly Bible readings will be issued, but the notices on the pew sheet will only be updated for 21 August and 4 Sept. The weekly mailing will resume for 4 September. Thank you for your understanding.

#### Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed for annual leave from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August. The Office email account will be checked occasionally, along with telephone messages. We will respond to you as soon as we can. Many thanks.

#### Creative Café at SMSJ, Fledgelings Baby and Toddler Group at SJ, Toddler Praise and Kidz@Play at SE

are all now on summer break. They look forward to welcoming you back in September. Have a great summer! Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped during this term.

#### St James' Patronal Festival Mini Fete Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who helped to make our Patronal Festival Celebrations on 24 July such a successful and enjoyable afternoon either by helping on the day or by donating prizes, plants, bric-a-brac, toys, books, cakes etc or by coming to buy - your help and support is so much appreciated. We are delighted to say that around £1481.00 was raised and will be added to church funds.

#### Youth evening at St Eligius 16<sup>th</sup> August

Come along and make some new friends and have a lot of fun as we share Pizza and play games. Ages 10 – 14years on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August from 6.30pm to 8pm. Book your place on Eventbrite <https://Youth-evening.eventbrite.co.uk>

#### Changes to services from 31 July to 28 August inclusive

To enable our clergy to have a period of rest and to absorb clergy absences, St Mary and St John will join with St Eligius for a Holy Communion service **at St Eligius' at 9.30am** every Sunday from 31<sup>st</sup> July until 28<sup>th</sup> August inclusive.

There will be no service at Gorse Ride School and no 11am service at St Eligius' for those weeks.

The 8.00am service and 11.00am service at St James' will take place as usual.

There will be no 9.30 cafe style service at St James' during August.

The normal pattern of services will resume on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Thank you for your understanding and support of the clergy team. The Church Wardens of SE, SMSJ and SJ.

#### Canon John Edwards Autumn Lecture - by Mike Morecroft (Tuesday 18th October 19.30pm)

#### Looking after the Earth: What is the challenge? The latest science on the climate and nature crises.

Dr Mike Morecroft, a member of the Natural England & Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change, will be giving our parish autumn lecture to (loosely) tie-in with our harvest thanksgiving. A nationally and internationally recognised expert on climate change and nature and a lead author on the most recent IPCC report to the United Nations, Mike will particularly focus on the science, which is his professional expertise, and help us to reflect on what it all means for us as Christians along with some practical suggestions. Please register your interest with the office: 0118 9730133 or [Office@stjames.finchampstead.co.uk](mailto:Office@stjames.finchampstead.co.uk); Booking will also open on Eventbrite shortly.

#### Help for Ukrainians

Crowthorne Baptist Church has been running Coffee Morning on Tuesdays 10 – 12 for Ukrainian guests and their hosts and is looking for extra help with job applications, appointments etc. (Also, Russian or Ukrainian speakers and a Trauma Counsellor would be particularly helpful.) Please contact Sue Burrow at [sue.burrow@btinternet](mailto:sue.burrow@btinternet) to offer any help or for more information.

#### **Save the Date**

11 Aug – 12.30 for 1pm MU Mary Sumner Bring & Share lunch (SJCC)

16 Aug – 6.30pm Youth evening @ St Eligius

10 Sept – 10am Green Team Working Party (SJCC)

11 Sept – 9.30am SMSJ Patronal Festival (Special service with refreshments)

17 Sept - 3pm – 4.30pm Churchyard Trust Afternoon Tea (SJCC)

27 Sept – Launch of next Alpha course (SJCC)

8 October – 9am Next Ladies' Breakfast (SJCC)

8 Oct – 10am Green Team Working Party (SJCC)

18 Oct 7.30pm Autumn Lecture (SJCC)

**Parish Intercessions List – Please pray for:** Joyce Beckett, Sophie Hall, Ann Pask, Colin Ramsay McClaren, Linda Whiteside, Steve Prosser, David Powell, Bob Helliwell, Pamela Redford, Mo Nottage, Helen & Jeff, Daniel, Helen & Chris Goble, John Coombs, Tina Worrell, Alison Woodrow, Ginger Timms, Regina and Bella, Susan Campbell

**And those who mourn the loss of their loved ones:** Doreen Newton, Rosalind Drury

## Readings and Prayers for

31 July 2022: TRINITY 7

### Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14; 2:18-23

*The writer of Ecclesiastes reflects pessimistic-ally on the human lot.*

<sup>1,2</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup> I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup> applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup> I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2,18</sup> I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity.

<sup>20</sup> So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, <sup>21</sup> because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup> What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup> For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

### Psalms 49:1-12

*Colossians 3:1-11*

*Paul sets out the implications of the Lordship of Christ.*

<sup>1</sup> So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup> But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all.

### Luke 12:13-21

*Jesus replies to a question from his audience by telling a story about the dangers of wealth and complacency.*

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.'

<sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" <sup>18</sup> Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

### Collect

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.