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## 24<sup>th</sup> July 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 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Trinity 6</b>
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)
2.00pm	<u>SJ Patronal Festival Mini-Fete (SJ)</u>
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Trinity 7</b>
8.00am	Holy Communion CW (SJ)
9.30am	Café Church – Last for this term (SJCC)
<b>9.30am</b>	<u>Joint SMSJ/SE Holy Communion (SE)</u>
11.00am	Parish Communion (SJ)

### Sunday 24 July at and around St James' Church 2pm - 5pm

Come and join the fun at the Mini-Fete – stalls, games, cream teas, explore the church & climb the tower to admire the view (the latter for over 8-year-olds only). All welcome.

### 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>

### Lost Property

Please look in the box in SJCC and claim any items that may be yours. After 2 weeks the remaining items will be taken to the charity shop. Thank you.

### Free Counselling Service

Six free counselling sessions are being offered to known attendees of our churches. To book go to [www.counselling-directory.org.uk](http://www.counselling-directory.org.uk), enter postcode RG40 4LU, and search for Sharon White.

### Foodbank donations:

These can be left in the box under the stairs at SJCC. There is a full list of items needed. Monetary donations are also very welcome <https://crowthorne.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

### Volunteers to support Live streaming of services

Are you comfortable with technology? Are you able to help with our live streaming one Sunday every couple of months? If so, we could really use your help.

We need one more member on our Live-streaming team rota without which this service, much valued especially by our housebound & vulnerable, may have to stop. Kindly contact the office on 01189730133 or [office@stjames.finchampstead.co.uk](mailto:office@stjames.finchampstead.co.uk). You will receive all the training you require. Thank you very much.

### 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.

### 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 twice in August.

The weekly mailing will resume in September. Thank you for your understanding.

### Help for Ukrainians

Crowthorne Baptist Church has been running a Coffee Morning for Ukrainian guests and their hosts and is looking for extra help. Russian or Ukrainian speaker who can help make doctors' and other appointments. Someone to come along to the coffee mornings on Tuesdays between 10 -12 to help writing job applications. (Russian is not essential for this; others will help with translation.) A Trauma Counsellor - many of our guests and their children have been through harrowing experiences and are now ready to talk. Please contact Sue Burrow at [sue.burrow@btinternet](mailto:sue.burrow@btinternet) to offer any help or for more information.

### 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.

#### **Save the Date**

- 11 Aug – 12.30 for 1pm MU Mary Sumner 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)

**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, Heidi

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

# Readings and Prayers for 24 July 2022: ST JAMES' PATRONAL FESTIVAL

## Acts 11:27–12:2

*Persecution of the first Christians includes the martyrdom of James.*

<sup>11.27</sup> At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. <sup>28</sup> One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. <sup>29</sup> The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; <sup>30</sup> this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul. <sup>12.1</sup> About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. <sup>2</sup> He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

## Psalm 126

<sup>1</sup> When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dreamed.  
<sup>2</sup> Our mouths were filled with laughter,  
our tongues with songs of joy.  
Then it was said among the nations,  
“The LORD has done great things for them.”  
<sup>3</sup> The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are filled with joy.  
<sup>4</sup> Restore our fortunes, LORD,  
like streams in the Negev.  
<sup>5</sup> Those who sow with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.  
<sup>6</sup> Those who go out weeping,  
carrying seed to sow,  
will return with songs of joy,  
carrying sheaves with them.

## 2 Corinthians 4:7-15

*Paul describes what it is like to be an Apostle of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup> We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup> always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup> For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup> So death is at work in us, but life in you. <sup>13</sup> But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—‘I believed, and so I spoke’—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup> because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into

his presence. <sup>15</sup> Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

## Mark 10:35-45

*Jesus has just been explaining to his disciples on the way up to Jerusalem how he must suffer and be killed. James and John's inappropriate request gives Jesus the opportunity to identify the true priorities for his followers.*

<sup>35</sup> James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, ‘Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.’ <sup>36</sup> And he said to them, ‘What is it you want me to do for you?’ <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, ‘Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.’ <sup>38</sup> But Jesus said to them, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?’ <sup>39</sup> They replied, ‘We are able.’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.’

<sup>41</sup> When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup> So Jesus called them and said to them, ‘You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup> But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.’

## Collect

Merciful God, whose holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.