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17th 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

Sunday 17th	Trinity 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)
Sunday 24th	Trinity 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)
2.00pm	SJ Patronal Festival Mini-Fete (SJ)

Creative Cafe - End of term & thank you for your help

Creative Café, the Monday after school group at SMSJ Parish Centre, is now on summer break. Thank you to all who provided food for the children this term - a great help to the young families on the Gorse Ride Estate and they pass on their thanks and best wishes. Revd Julian

Fledgelings Baby and Toddler Group

After a lovely Sports Day and Teddy bear's picnic, Fledgelings is now on summer break. We look forward to welcoming you back in September. Watch the website for new day and time. Have a great summer break! Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped keep Fledgelings running this term.

Youth evening at St Eligius 16th 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 16th August from 6.30pm to 8pm.

Book your place on Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pizza-and-games-youth-evening-tickets-353913503817>

Strawberries and blueberries from Manor Farm on sale for Church funds

at St Eligius' each Sat am and then brought to SJ each Sun am. £2.50 a punnet. Take potluck or contact me to place an order. Carolyn Fox 07779724090 or carolynfox@aol.com

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.

St. James Patronal Festival Day Mini-fete - Sunday 24th July 2pm-5pm Tower open!!!

After a couple of years with Covid restrictions we are delighted that we can now celebrate St James' Day in our usual style with opening the church tower (for over 8-year-olds). Also, cream teas, games and stalls, something for everyone; please bring your family and friends, we look forward to seeing you all.

Donations very much needed please for tombola, bric-a-brac, toys, plants, books, cakes and raffle. Please put them be the box in the lobby area in the SJ Church Centre. Help also required on a stall or running a game, with the refreshments or helping in church.

Please contact the church office or ring Sue on 0118 9732069 or email sue@sampsononline.co.uk

Food Banks increasingly need our help:

Food items - carton juice, long life milk, cup a soup, jam

Cleaning products - bin bags, bleach, anti-bacterial spray, washing tablets, soap bars, washing up liquid, j

clothes Personal care - hair conditioner, adult toothbrushes, ladies' deodorant, men's deodorant, men's shower gel, adult toothpaste, children toothpaste,

We've got plenty of - soup, pasta, rice, baby powder milk, men's shaving gel

Items may be left in the box under the stairs in SJCC

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. You will receive all the training you require. Thank you very much.

Save the Date

24th July - Patronal Festival Mini-fete@ SJ (see details)

13th Aug Sat 5pm - United@5 contemporary service with something for everyone. Hopefully outside. Pizza from 4.45pm

16th Aug - 6.30pm Youth evening @ St Eligius'

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

29th Sept Launch of next Alpha course

Baptisms: Frederyk McCue

Parish Intercessions List - Please pray for: Joyce Beckett, Sophie Hall, Ann Pask, Colin Ramsay McClaren, Rosalind Drury, 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

Readings and Prayers for

17 July 2022: TRINITY 5

Genesis 18:1-10a

Abraham and Sarah were both old, so the message from God appeared to promise the impossible.

¹ The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹ They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' ¹⁰ Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.'

Psalm 15

¹ O LORD, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?
² Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;
³ who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbours;
⁴ in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honour those who fear the LORD;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
⁵ who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Colossians 1:15-28

Paul reflects on the practical implications of the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

¹⁵ Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased

to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—
²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

Luke 10:38-42

Immediately after telling the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus shows how it is not always easy for his followers to do the right thing.

³⁸ Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Collect

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.