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31st July 2022, 7th & 14th 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

Sunday 31st	Trinity 7
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP (SJ)
9.30am	Café Church – Summer Party (last café church for this term) (SJCC)
9.30am	<u>Joint SMSJ/SE Holy Communion (SE)</u>
11.00am	Parish Communion (SJ)
Sunday 7th	Trinity 8
8.00am	Holy Communion CW (SJ)
9.30am	<u>Joint SMSJ/SE Holy Communion (SE)</u>
11.00am	Parish Communion (SJ)
6.00pm	Evensong
Sunday 14th	Trinity 9
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP (SJ)
9.30am	<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 1st August to Friday 12th 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 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://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 31st July until 28th 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 4th 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; 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 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

14 August 2022: TRINITY 9

Jeremiah 23:23-29

God is frustrated by the nation's willingness to listen to false prophets.

²³ Am I a God nearby, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed.' ²⁶ How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷ They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Psalm 82

Hebrews 11:29-12: 2

The faith of the heroes and heroines of the Old Testament should encourage our faith in Jesus.

^{11.29} By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

^{12.1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Luke 12:49-56

Jesus has been talking about how his followers should behave. Now he warns that the future may bring unlooked for controversy.

Jesus said,⁴⁹ 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled. ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed. ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵² From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

Collect

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.