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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 7 August 2022: TRINITY 8

## Genesis 15:1-6

*God makes an unprecedented agreement with Abram.*

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' <sup>4</sup> But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

## Psalm 33:12-21

## Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

*Here the writer describes the faith of the famous ancestors of the Jewish people.*

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

<sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be

called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

## Luke 12:32-40

*In last week's reading Jesus warned of the dangers of wealth and complacency. Now he describes how true faith will be rewarded.*

Jesus said, <sup>32</sup> 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup> 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

<sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup> 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

## Collect

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.