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**2<sup>nd</sup> October 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 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Trinity 16/Harvest Festival</b>
8.00am	Holy Communion CW (SJ)
9.30am	Family Communion (SJ)
9.30am	Holy Communion with children's activities (SMSJ)
11.00am	Parish Communion (SJ)
11.00am	Holy Communion (SE)
6.00pm	Evensong (SJ)
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	
9.30am	Fledgelings baby & toddler group (SJCC)
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	
3.45pm	United Kidz@Play (AGCC)
7.15 for 7.30pm	Alpha Course (SJCC)
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.15am	Toddler Praise (SE)
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	
7.15pm	Purpose Driven Life Study Group (SJCC)
8.00pm	Prayer Meeting (SMSJPC)
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.00am	Ladies' Breakfast (SJCC)
10.00am	Green Team Working Party (SJCC)
4.30pm	United@5 Contemporary for all ages (SE)
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Trinity 17</b>
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP (SJ)
9.30am	Café Church (SJCC)
9.30am	Holy Communion with children's activities (SMSJ)
11.00am	Parish Communion (SJ) (Livestream)
11.00am	Service of the Word (SE)

**Larry Le Var**

I regret to inform you that Lt. Col. (Rtd) Larry Le Var died suddenly but peacefully this week while on holiday in Cyprus. Larry, a much-loved parishioner, was most instrumental in the repurposing of the St Eligius' Church building for worship. Rita is understandably distraught. She will remain in Cyprus to complete the necessary formalities for Larry to be brought back to the UK. Our thoughts and prayers remain with Rita and their family.

Read more about Larry's leadership role in creating our St Eligius' Church: <https://pfc-church.uk/pfc-st-eligius-history/>

**Funeral of Nancy Day**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm at Easthampstead Crematorium on Nine Mile Ride, All welcome.

**Youth evening - Pizza & Light Party at St Eligius**

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm to 8pm** Ages 10 – 14years. Come along, make some new friends, have a lot of fun. Book your place on Eventbrite <https://light-party.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Thursday Evening Prayer Meeting - Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Oct at 8pm at**

**SMSJPC** - to pray for our church and its ministry. For more information contact [julian@finchampstead.co.uk](mailto:julian@finchampstead.co.uk)

**Ladies' Breakfast 9am – 10am Sat 8 Oct at SJCC** -all ladies welcome – time to chat plus a short 'thought for the day'. For catering purposes, please let me know if you can come – 07779724090 or [carolynfox@aol.com](mailto:carolynfox@aol.com) Carolyn Fox xx

**Working Party in the Lost Liddell gardens at SJCC - 10am -12 on Sat 8 Oct**- sign up in SJCC or let the office know for planning work and to book your bacon butty lunch.

**Ways to donate to DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal and Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal** - online or by phone on 0330 678 1000 for Pakistan and on 0370 60 60 900 for Ukraine Or by post to DEC, P.O. Box 999, London EC3A with cheques payable either to DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal or DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. (Christian Aid is part of DEC)

**Alpha course at St James' Tuesdays 7.30pm (refreshments served from 7.15pm)** - a series of weekly sessions where you can explore life's big questions and the Christian faith in an open-minded and welcoming environment. No cost, and no pressure. Each session includes refreshments from 7.15pm. Everyone is invited!! Book your place on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/alpha-launch-evening-tickets-367507293207>

**The Finchampstead Society is hosting a QUIZ NIGHT Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.** Proceeds to the Ukrainian Appeal. Cost is £5. Bring your own snacks. Bar and Raffle. Speak to Chris Driver for more info. [mandcm@btinternet.com](mailto:mandcm@btinternet.com)

**Parish Autumn Lecture - Tues 18th October 7.30pm SJCC** **Looking after the Earth: What is the challenge? The latest science on the climate and nature crises.**

Our speaker, Dr Mike Morecroft is a member of the Natural England & Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. 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. Booking on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/403916173147>

**Finchampstead Support Group for the Sue Ryder Duchess of Kent Hospice QUIZ NIGHT – 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 6.30pm for 7pm** at Finchampstead Memorial Hall RG40 4JU. Tickets are £18 and include a lasagne and salad supper. Bar and raffle.

<b>Save the Date</b>	
14 Oct	6.30pm Youth Pizza & Light Party (SE)
18 Oct	7.30pm Autumn Lecture (SJCC)
30 Oct	6pm All Souls Service (SJ)
13 Nov	10.50am Whole Parish Remembrance Service (SE)

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

**And those who mourn the loss of loved ones:** Ivy Kelly, Eric Tarran, Ranjit Beamiss, Nancy Day, John Dudley, Michael Harding, Larry Le Var

# Readings and Prayers for

2 October 2022:

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

### Deuteronomy 26:1-11

*Moses explains to the Israelites how, when they reach the promised land, they must reflect and act on God's goodness to them.*

<sup>1</sup> When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup> you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup> You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' <sup>4</sup> When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup> you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup> When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, <sup>7</sup> we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup> The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup> Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

### Psalm 100

### Revelation 14:14-18

*Part of John's vision of the end-times when the angels are sent to harvest faithful followers of Christ.*

<sup>14</sup> Then I looked, and there was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like the Son of Man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand. <sup>15</sup> Another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to the one who sat on the cloud, 'Use your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is fully ripe.' <sup>16</sup> So the one who sat on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped. <sup>17</sup> Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. <sup>18</sup> Then another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over fire, and he called with a loud voice to him who had

the sharp sickle, 'Use your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe.'

### John 6:25-35

*After the feeding of the 5000 Jesus uses bread as a symbol to reveal to his disciples some deep truths about himself.*

<sup>25</sup> When the crowd found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' <sup>30</sup> So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." <sup>32</sup> Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' <sup>34</sup> They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' <sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

### Collect

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Post Communion

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.