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25th September 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 25th	Trinity 15
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP (SJ)
9.30am	Café Church (SJ)
9.30am	Holy Communion with children's activities (SMSJ)
11.00am	Parish Communion (SJ) (Livestream)
11.00am	Holy Communion (SE)
Monday 26th	
9.30am	Fledgelings baby & toddler group (SJCC)
Tuesday 27th	
2.00pm	Tea & Chat (SMSJPC)
Wednesday 28th	
9.15am	Toddler Praise (SE)
Sunday 2nd	Trinity 16/Harvest Festival
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)

Tea and Chat – SMSJ Parish Centre

Tea and Chat will continue to meet in St Mary and St John's Parish Centre every second and fourth Tuesday from 2pm to 3.30pm. Please note Billing Avenue will be accessed via a temporary Road for 38 weeks during the next phase of the Community regeneration. Reverend Julian.

Youth evening Light Party at St Eligius 14th October

Come along and make some new friends and have a lot of fun with a Pizza and Light Party. Ages 10 – 14years on Friday 14th October from 6.30pm to 8pm. Book your place on Eventbrite <https://light-party.eventbrite.co.uk>

Purpose Driven Life – Thursday 29th September

There will be opportunity to explore the question, 'What on Earth Am I Here For?' as we work through the material from the ground-breaking Purpose Driven Life suite. Beginning on 29th September, we'll meet on six consecutive Thursday evenings (7.30pm-8.30pm) at St James' Church Centre. Contact the church office if you would like to join us.

Ways to donate to DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal and Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal from CMG

For anyone who wishes to donate to either of these appeals, donations may be made **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 launch Evening at St James' 27th Sept 7.30pm (refreshments served from 7.15pm)

Alpha is a series of weekly sessions where you can explore life's big questions and the Christian faith in an open-minded and welcoming environment. There's no cost, and no pressure... just lots of great conversations and space to think. Each session includes refreshments from 7.15pm, a short talk and time of discussion where you can share your thoughts about what you've heard. 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 7th October at 7pm. Proceeds to go to the Ukrainian Appeal. Cost is £5. Bring your own snacks. Bar and Raffle. Speak to Chris Driver for more information.

Canon John Edwards Autumn Lecture - by Mike Morecroft (Tuesday 18th October 7.30pm)

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. Booking on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/403916173147>

Appeal for Donations for CIRDIC (Churches in Reading Drop-in Centre) at Harvest Services on Sunday 2nd Oct

Items currently needed are tins of Chicken Soup, Chicken Curry, Vegetable Soup, Peas, Custard, Carrots, Fruit & Rice Pudding, sugar, mixed herbs, curry powder, gravy mix, rice, mayonnaise, brown sauce, tomato ketchup, instant custard powder, white sauce mix, long life milk, jars of curry sauce, jars of sweet and sour sauce and Teabags, Instant Coffee, Instant Hot Chocolate. **Non-food items for men** are medium size underwear, socks, razors, deodorants, and tops and **for ladies'** underwear sizes 8, 10 and 12 and socks. **Financial donations** may be brought to church in a sealed envelope marked **Harvest Appeal for CIRDIC on 2nd Oct.**

Save the Date

- 27 Sept – Launch of next Alpha course (SJCC)
- 29 Sept – Purpose Driven Life Session 1 (SJCC)
- 2 Oct – Harvest Festival (all services)
- 8 October – 9am Next Ladies' Breakfast (SJCC)
- 8 Oct – 10am Green Team Working Party (SJCC)
- 14 Oct – 6.30pm Youth Pizza & Light Party (SE)
- 18 Oct 7.30pm Autumn Lecture (SJCC)

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 their loved ones: Ivy Kelly, Eric Tarran, Ranjit Beamiss, Nancy Day, John Dudley, Michael Harding

Readings and Prayers for

25 September 2022:

TRINITY 15

Amos 6:1a,4-7

The prophet Amos condemns the luxury which tempts people to ignore the suffering of others.

¹ Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. ⁴ Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; ⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; ⁶ who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Psalms 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

This letter concludes with a further perspective on the dangers of wealth.

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness.

¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells another parable about the dangers of wealth, a regular theme of the prophets like Amos.

Jesus said,¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” ²⁵ But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” ²⁷ He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” ²⁹ Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” ³⁰ He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” ³¹ He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”

Collect

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.