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18th 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 18th	Trinity 14 / Back to Church Sunday
8.00am	Holy Communion CW (SJ)
9.30am	Café Church (SJCC)
9.30am	Holy Communion with children's activities (SMSJ)
11.00am	Parish Communion (SJ)
11.00am	Holy Communion (SE)
5.00pm - 7.00pm	Church open with bible readings and prayers every 15 mins. (SJ)
Wednesday 21st	
9.15am	Toddler Praise (SE)
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)

***Postponed* Churchyard Trust Afternoon Tea at SJCC**

The afternoon tea scheduled for Sat 17th September is postponed - new date will be confirmed soon.

Back to Church Sunday - 18th September

'Hope is found here' is the theme for this year's back to church Sunday. This is a great opportunity and reason to invite friends and neighbours to church, whether they've previously attended church or have never set foot in one. It is also an opportunity to ring up and or bring our friends whom we haven't seen in church perhaps since the pandemic!

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

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, 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)
- 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, Daniel, Helen & Chris Goble, John Coombs, Tina Worrell, Alison Woodrow, Ginger Timms, Regina and Bella, Susan Campbell, Tom and Hannah Edwards, Jamie-Marie Hemming

And those who mourn the loss of their loved ones: Ivy Kelly, Eric Tarran, Ranjit Beamiss

Readings and Prayers for

18 September 2022:

TRINITY 14

Amos 8:4-7

The prophet Amos confronts sharp practice, particularly when the poor suffer.

⁴ Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵ saying, 'When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, ⁶ buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.' ⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Psalm 113

¹ Praise the LORD.

Praise, O servants of the LORD;
praise the name of the LORD.

² Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time on and for evermore.

³ From the rising of the sun to its setting
the name of the LORD is to be praised.

⁴ The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens.

⁵ Who is like the LORD our God,
who is seated on high,

⁶ who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?

⁷ He raises the poor from the dust,
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

⁸ to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.

⁹ He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.

Praise the LORD.

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Paul distinguishes between earthly and divine kingship.

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone,

² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and human-

kind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Luke 16:1-13

In this teaching, Jesus' attitude to wealth and dishonesty is subtle and challenging.

¹ Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." ³ Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." ⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" ⁶ He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." ⁷ Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ 'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

Collect

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.