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11th 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 11th	Trinity 13 / SMSJ Patronal Festival
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP (SJ)
9.30am	Café Church (SJ)
9.30am	Holy Communion followed by refreshments (SMSJ) (Patronal Festival)
11.00am	Parish Communion (SJ)
11.00am	Service of the Word (SE) (Livestream)
Monday 12th	
9.30am	Fledgelings baby & toddler group (SJCC)
Tuesday 13th	
2.00pm	Tea & Chat (SMSJPC)
Wednesday 14th	
9.15am	Toddlers Praise (SE)
Saturday 17th	
3.00pm	Churchyard Trust afternoon tea (SJCC)
Sunday 18th	Trinity 14 / Back to Church Sunday
8.00am	Holy Communion CW (SJ)
9.30am	Family Communion (SJ)
9.30am	Holy Communion (SMSJ)
11.00am	Parish Communion (SJ)
11.00am	Holy Communion (SE)

Youth evening at St Eligius 16th September

Come along and make some new friends and have a lot of fun as we share Pizza and Movie. Ages 10 – 14years on Friday 16th September from 6.30pm to 8pm. Book your place on Eventbrite <https://Youthevening.eventbrite.co.uk>

Churchyard Trust Afternoon Tea – 17th Sept at SJCC 3pm

Make a date to be there for a delicious tea – sandwiches, cakes and more - plus a sales table and excellent raffle. All proceeds towards the upkeep of the beautiful Churchyard.

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.

Tea and Chat – SMSJ Parish Centre

Tea and Chat will meet in St Mary and St John's Parish Centre every second and fourth Tuesday at 2pm. Tea and Chat is now part of the Friendship Alliance. Do join us for tea and cake at our Friendship Table! The route of Billing Avenue to SMSJPC will be directed along a temporary Road for 38

weeks whilst the regeneration of the Gorse Ride Community continues. Reverend Julian.

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>

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. 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

- 16 Sept – 6.30pm – 8pm Youth Evening (SE)
- 17 Sept - 3pm – 4.30pm Churchyard Trust Afternoon Tea (SJCC)
- 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, Helen & Jeff, Daniel, Helen & Chris Goble, John Coombs, Tina Worrell, Alison Woodrow, Ginger Timms, Regina and Bella, Susan Campbell, Tom and Hannah Edwards

And those who mourn the loss of their loved ones: Rosalind Drury, Eileen Grant, Michael Wood, Ivy Kelly

Readings and Prayers for

11 September 2022:

TRINITY 13 (SJ & SE)

Exodus 32:7-14

Moses had been instructed by God to come to meet him on Mount Sinai. Moses stayed there for many days. In the meantime there had been trouble in the Israelite camp in the foothills ...

⁷The LORD said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt."' ⁹The LORD said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.'

¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, 'O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever.'" ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Psalm 51:1-11

¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgement.

⁵Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

⁶You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

¹¹Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Paul reminds his readers of his pre-conversion behaviour and of his dependence on God's forgiveness.

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life.

¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Luke 15:1-10

Jesus responds to criticism with parables.

¹All the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

³So he told them this parable: ⁴'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

⁸'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

Collect

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.