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4th 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 4th	Trinity 12
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)
6.00pm	Evensong (SJ)
Thursday 8th	
2.00pm	Mothers' Union Meeting (SJCC)
Saturday 10th	
10.00am	Green Team Working Party in SJCC Grounds - sign up in Church Centre or let office know to book your bacon butties.
4.30pm	United@5 (SE)
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)
11.00am	Parish Communion (SJ)
11.00am	Service of the Word (SE)

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 despite the building work on the Gorse Ride Estate. Please note Billing Avenue will be closed for three to six months from September 2022 and an alternative track will be put in its place. Reverend Julian.

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 – 4.30pm

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

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 to offer any help or for more information.

Alpha course launch Evening at St James' 27th Sept 7pm

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 food, a short talk and time of discussion where you can share your thoughts about what you've heard.

Alpha is an invitation to step outside of routine and join the conversation.

What have you got to lose?

Everyone is invited!!

Tickets can be booked 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. Please register your interest with the office: 0118 9730133 or Office@stjames.finchampstead.co.uk; Booking can be made on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/403916173147>

Save the Date

- 10 Sept – 10am Green Team Working Party (SJCC)
- 11 Sept – 9.30am SMSJ Patronal Festival (Special service with refreshments)
- 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)
- 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: Rosalind Drury, Eileen Grant, Michael Wood, Ivy Kelley

Readings and Prayers for

4 September 2022:

TRINITY 12

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The conclusion of Moses' long speech to the Israelites shortly before his death.

¹⁵ See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Psalm 1

Philemon 1-21

In this, the shortest and most personal of his letters, Paul addresses some of the issues raised by a runaway slave.

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ² to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸ For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me

in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Luke 14:25-33

Jesus, who elsewhere was criticised for his enjoyment of food, draws some lessons from what can happen at celebration meals.

²⁵ Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Collect

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.