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23rd 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

Sunday 23rd	Trinity 19
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)
11.00am	Holy Communion (SE)
Tuesday 25th	
2.00pm	Tea & Chat (SMSJPC)
Sunday 30th	All Saints' & All Souls' Sunday
	Don't forget the clocks go back!!
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP (SJ)
9.30am	Café Church (SJCC)
9.30am	Holy Communion with children's activities (SMSJ)
11.00am	Parish Communion for All Saints' (SJ) - with visiting preacher
11.00am	Holy Communion (SE)
6.00pm	All Souls' Service (SJ) (see details)

Parish Staff News

Congratulations to Pamela (our current parish administrator) who has been appointed as our new Youth Worker. Pamela will take on her new role as soon as possible. We are now starting recruitment for the Parish Administrator role, based at SJCC on a part time basis - 20hrs per week mornings only. If you would like to know more about this role, please contact the parish office for further details. Closing date for applications - 28 October.

Annual All Souls' Service - Sunday 30th October 6pm at St James' Church You will have the opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones who have died. If you would like the name of your loved one to be read out during the service, please write their name on sign-up sheets in all three churches [by Sunday 23rd October](#) or email the parish office [by the same deadline](#). After the All Souls' Service we will be serving coffee and would welcome donations of cakes. Please bring them along on the day or leave them in SJCC on Friday 28th Many thanks.

Crowthorne Baptist Church Barn Dance @ Eagle House School Saturday 28 Oct 7pm to 10pm Adult Tickets £5 Children (7-16) £3 (not suitable for younger children for safety reasons) Tickets available from: <https://www.tick-etsource.co.uk/booking/select/RdiEJKhzXNnT> Enquiries: cbcevents144@gmail.com. There is no food or bar available, but you may bring your own, not forgetting suitable receptacles, and please take home afterwards. Please note this is NOT a Halloween event!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Whole Parish Remembrance Service at St Eligius' Church, Arborfield Green, (RG2 9NB) 13th November at 10.50am

There will be no 9.30am service at St Mary and St John's and no 11am service at St James' on Remembrance Sunday. Instead, we will have a Whole Parish Remembrance Service at St Eligius starting at 10.50am. Parking is limited so please car-share where possible. The 8am and 9.30am café church services at St James' will still go ahead as normal. The Church will also be leading the traditional outdoor service that afternoon at 3pm at the newly positioned War Memorial by Finchampstead Memorial Park, The Village.

Tea and Chat SMSJPC 2pm - 3.30pm every 2nd & 4th Tuesday

Tea and Chat will continue to meet in St Mary and St John's Parish Centre despite the building work on the Gorse Ride Estate. Please note Billing Avenue will be accessed via a temporary Road for 38 weeks during the next phase of the Community regeneration. Rev Julian.

Purpose Driven Life Study Group (SJCC) Thursdays 7.15pm

Not too late to join the study group. It is a course with video input and then discussion, but each week is effectively 'stand-alone'. You will be most welcome. (Taking a break on 27 Oct - resumes 3 November.)

Thank you from CIRDIC to the Parish of Finchampstead and California

A very heartfelt thank you from the staff, clients and volunteers at CIRDIC for your Harvest gifts, including a total of £288 in monetary donations. Thank you all for your generosity to the poor.

From Andrea on behalf of Mabel Boyd, Manager.

Youth Group 6.30pm to 8pm @ St Eligius 11th November

Ages 11 to 14 welcome to join in with some fun and games for our last youth group for this year. Book via <https://youth-group.eventbrite.co.uk>

Save the Date

- 30 Oct 11am Visiting preacher Derek Chandler (SJ)
- 30 Oct 6pm All Souls' Service (SJ)
- 10 Nov 2pm Mothers' Union meeting (SJCC) with speaker on the War memorials of W Berkshire. All welcome.
- 11 Nov 6.30pm Youth Group (SE)
- 13 Nov 10.50am Whole Parish Remembrance Service (SE)**
- 3pm Service of Rededication and Remembrance at Finchampstead War Memorial, The Village
- 20 Nov after services Bring and Buy (SJ)
- Christmas hamper to be drawn later in December
- 27 Nov 6pm Advent Carol Service (SJ)
- 3 Dec 3pm - 6pm Church School Christmas Fair
- 21 Jan Quiz evening with supper (SJCC)
- 11 March Churchyard Spring Tea (SJCC)
- 18 Mar Family bingo with afternoon tea (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, David, Rob
And those who mourn the loss of loved ones: Nancy Day, John Dudley, Michael Harding, Larry Le Var, Robert Mackie Scollick

Readings and Prayers for

23 October 2022:

BIBLE SUNDAY

Isaiah 45:22-25

God's word confirms his supremacy.

- ²² Turn to me and be saved,
all the ends of the earth!
For I am God, and there is no other.
- ²³ By myself I have sworn,
from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness
a word that shall not return:
'To me every knee shall bow,
every tongue shall swear.'
- ²⁴ Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me,
are righteousness and strength;
all who were incensed against him
shall come to him and be ashamed.
- ²⁵ In the LORD all the offspring of Israel
shall triumph and glory.

Psalms 119:129-136

- ¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.
- ¹³⁰ The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple.
- ¹³¹ With open mouth I pant,
because I long for your commandments.
- ¹³² Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your custom towards those who love your
name.
- ¹³³ Keep my steps steady according to your promise,
and never let iniquity have dominion over me.
- ¹³⁴ Redeem me from human oppression,
that I may keep your precepts.
- ¹³⁵ Make your face shine upon your servant,
and teach me your statutes.
- ¹³⁶ My eyes shed streams of tears
because your law is not kept.

Romans 15:1-6

Paul emphasises the importance of the Jewish scriptures, our Old Testament, as the context for faith in Jesus Christ.

¹ We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. ³ For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.' ⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may

with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 4:16-24

In an unprecedented way, Jesus stakes his claim to be the fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy.

¹⁶ When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' ²³ He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum."' ²⁴ And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.'

Collect

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.