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16th 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 16th	Trinity 18
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)
Monday 17th	
9.30am	Fledgelings baby & toddler group (SJCC)
Tuesday 18th	
7.30pm	Parish Autumn Lecture (SJCC)
Wednesday 19th	
9.15am	Toddler Praise (SE)
7.15 for 7.30pm	Alpha Course (SJCC)
Thursday 20th	
7.15pm	Purpose Driven Life Study Group (SJCC)
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)

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.

Larry Le Var

I regret to inform you that Lt. Col. (Rtd) Larry Le Var died suddenly but peacefully recently while on holiday in Cyprus. Larry, a much-loved parishioner, was most instrumental in the repurposing of the St Eligius' Church building for worship. Rita is understandably distraught. Our thoughts and prayers remain with her and their family.

Read more about Larry's leadership role in creating our St Eligius' Church: <https://pfc-church.uk/pfc-st-eligius-history/>

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.

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) Thursday 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.

Harvest gifts for CIRDIC (Churches in Reading Drop In Centre) - two extremely well-laden cars went to CIRDIC after the Harvest services - huge thank you to our congregations, all at Warren Lodge and Finchampstead School for their generosity and for the older pupils who helped load all the gifts into the cars so quickly.

Parish Autumn Lecture - Tues 18th October 7.30pm SJCC
Looking after the Earth: What is the challenge? The latest science on the climate and nature crises.

Our speaker, Dr Mike Morecroft is a member of the Natural England & Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. 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>

Save the Date

- 18 Oct 7.30pm Autumn Lecture (SJCC)
- 30 Oct 11am Visiting preacher Derek Chandler (SJ)
- 30 Oct 6pm All Souls' Service (SJ)
- 13 Nov 10.50am Whole Parish Remembrance Service (SE)

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
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

16 October 2022:

TRINITY 18

Genesis 32:22-31

Jacob, with his whole household, is on his way to a likely confrontation with Esau, the brother he had tricked out of his birthright many years earlier. Although he doesn't know it, he has an even greater confrontation to undergo first.

²² The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until day-break. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' ²⁷ So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' ²⁸ Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Psalm 121

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
² My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
³ He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
⁴ He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
⁵ The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
⁸ The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and for evermore.

2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

Paul stresses that Christians must tell others about Jesus.

^{3.14} But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4.1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Luke 18:1-8

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." ⁴ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶ And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Collect

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.