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## 20<sup>th</sup> November | 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

<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christ the King / Sunday before Advent</b>
	<b>Bring &amp; Buy sale after services at SJ</b>
8.00am	Holy Communion CW (SJ) Join us for coffee and croissants after in SJCC
9.30am	Café Church (SJCC)
9.30am	Holy Communion with children's activities (SMSJ)
11.00am	Parish Communion (SJ)
11.00am	Holy Communion (SE)
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	
9.30am	Fledgelings (SJCC)
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	
2.00pm	Tea & Chat (SMSJPC)
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	
9.15am	Toddler Praise (SE)
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Advent Sunday</b>
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)
11.00am	Holy Communion (SE)
6.00pm	Advent Carols (SJ)

### Christingle Booking Forms now available in SJCC

Application forms for free tickets for our 4pm service on Christmas Eve at Wellington College Chapel are now available. Please return completed forms to SJ Church Centre by 27th November

**Thank you from the St Eligius' Churchwardens** to everyone at SMSJ, SE and SJ for all the help and support for the Remembrance Day service held at St Eligius this year.

### Quench Bookstall after services at St James' on Advent

**Sunday (27 November)** Cards, gifts, books etc. If you'd like to pre-order Meaningful Chocolate Company Advent calendars including the Christmas story @ £4.50 to pick up on the day or collect from me, please text or email me - Carolyn Fox 07779724090 or [carolynfox@aol.com](mailto:carolynfox@aol.com)

### Tea and Chat SMSJPC 2pm - 3.30pm every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

Continuing to meet in St Mary and St John's Parish Centre despite the building work on the Gorse Ride Estate. Please note the route of Billing Avenue has changed slightly but the Parish Centre will always be accessible during the regeneration.

### Thursday Evening Prayer Meeting

We meet on the first Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in St Mary and St John's Parish Centre to pray for our church and its ministry. For more information contact

[julian@finchampstead.co.uk](mailto:julian@finchampstead.co.uk)

**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, Rob, Brenda Barker  
**And those who mourn the loss of loved ones:** Larry Le Var, Robert Mackie Scollick, David Atkinson

### Christmas Hamper Raffle at St James'

Tickets will be available after most services, draw to take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December after the 11am Service.

### Christmas Cake Raffle at St James' in aid of Churchyard

Tickets available from 20<sup>th</sup> November. Draw to take place at **Churchyard Cake Sale after services at SJ on 4<sup>th</sup> December.**

### Green Team Working Party 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 10am - noon SJCC

Last opportunity of the year to work together on the Lost Liddell Gardens behind the Manor House. Sign-up sheet by the coffee bar in SJCC. Sadly, no bacon butties this time!!

### Joint Christmas Day service at St Eligius'

SMSJ and SE will have a joint service on Christmas Day at SE at 10.00am to help minimise the clergy workload on that day. There will be no service at SMSJ on Christmas Day.

### Regular giving

Thank you so much to those who have started to give regularly or increased their monthly gift recently. We are highly dependent on regular gifts to continue our work and really need and appreciate your support. If you can help, please do contact me for advice. Or look on our website. Many thanks to all, Rob Alder. [robert@alder.ndo.co.uk](mailto:robert@alder.ndo.co.uk)

### Parish Staff News

We are pleased to announce that **Kate Hembra** has been appointed as our new Parish Administrator. Kate will begin her new role in the first week of January 2023, taking over from Pamela who in turn takes on her new role as our Youth Worker. Most of us will remember that Kate successfully served in the role for many years, so we are particularly delighted and look forward to a seamless handover. Please join me in congratulating Kate and praying for her and Pamela's every success!

### Save the Date

26 Nov 10am Green Team Working Party (SJCC)

27 Nov 6pm Advent Carol Service (SJ)

3 Dec 11am - 1pm 'Christmessy' Family Fun (SJCC)

3pm - 6pm Church School Christmas Fair

4 Dec Cake Sale in aid of churchyard (SJCC)

8 Dec 2pm Mothers' Union Christmas service & Tea (SJ)

17 Dec 9am Ladies Breakfast (SJCC)

18 Dec 9.30am Carols, Crib & Communion (SMSJ)

9.30am Family Carols (SJ)

6pm Nine Lessons & Carols (Wellington College)

24 Dec 4pm Christingle (Wellington College)

21 Jan Quiz evening with supper (SJCC)

11 Mar Churchyard Spring Tea (SJCC)

18 Mar Family bingo with afternoon tea (SJCC)

1 July Church Fete on Memorial Park

# Readings and Prayers for 20 November 2022: CHRIST THE KING

## Jeremiah 23:1-6

*Using images of good and bad shepherds, God issues a warning to those who lead his people astray; but to the faithful he promises a new king.*

<sup>1</sup> Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture, says the LORD. <sup>2</sup> Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup> Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup> I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

## Psalms 46

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
<sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should  
change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the  
sea;  
<sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam, though the  
mountains tremble with its tumult.  
<sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of  
God, the holy habitation of the Most High.  
<sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be  
moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.  
<sup>6</sup> The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he  
utters his voice, the earth melts.  
<sup>7</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.  
<sup>8</sup> Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what  
desolations he has brought on the earth.  
<sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.  
<sup>10</sup> 'Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth.'  
<sup>11</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

## Colossians 1:11-20

*In the opening of his letter to the Colossians, Paul gives thanks for their growth in faith. Now he moves*

*on to talk about Christ's place in God's kingdom and the implications for his followers.*

<sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.

<sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

## Luke 23:33-43

*Although Jesus was and is a king, this passage forces us to come to terms with his execution as a slave, and to reflect on the nature of his kingdom.*

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

<sup>35</sup> And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one.'

<sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup> and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself.' <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?' <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' <sup>42</sup> Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' <sup>43</sup> He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

## Collect

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

## Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.