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6th 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

Sunday 6th	Third Sunday before Advent
8.00am	Holy Communion CW (SJ)
9.30am	Family Communion (SJ)
9.30am	Holy Communion with children's activities (SMSJ)
11.00am	Parish Communion (SJ)
11.00am	Holy Communion (SE)
6.00pm	Evensong (SJ)
Monday 7th	
9.30am	Fledgelings (SJCC)
Tuesday 8th	
2.00pm	Tea & Chat (SMSJPC)
7.30pm	ALPHA (SJCC)
Wednesday 9th	
9.15am	Toddler Praise (SE)
Thursday 10th	
2.00pm	Mothers' Union meeting with speaker on War Memorials of W Berkshire. Visitors welcome. (SJCC)
7.15pm	Purpose Driven Life study group (SJCC)
Friday 11th	
6.30pm	Youth Group (SE)
Sunday 13th	Remembrance Sunday / Second Sunday Before Advent
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP (SJ)
9.30am	Café Church (SJCC)
10.50am	Whole Parish Combined Remembrance Service (SE) (Livestream)
3.00pm	Remembrance Day Parade and Service, including Rededication of relocated War Memorial (Finchampstead Memorial Park, The Village)

PLEASE DON'T FORGET: Remembrance Sunday

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 BCP 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.

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.

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>

Bring and Buy Sale – Sunday 20th November at St James'

After 9.30 and 11.00 services - "Bring and Buy Sale" of: New toiletries, books, gifts, nick-knacks, jewellery, toys and craft items etc. (ideal for Christmas presents).

Contributions very much welcomed, please bring them to SJCC before 20th Nov; there is a box near the coffee bar.

Christmas Hamper Raffle at St James'

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

Christingle Booking Forms now available in SJCC

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

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

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

Continuing 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

Two sessions left but 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.

Save the Date

- 20 Nov Bring and Buy after services (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)
- 17 Dec 9am Ladies Breakfast (SJCC)
- 18 Dec 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

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

Readings and Prayers for 6 November 2022: 3rd Sunday before Advent

Job 19:23-27a

Job's faith remains strong in spite of all his adversities.

- ²³ 'O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock for ever!
²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶ and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
²⁷ whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

Psalms 17:1-9

- ¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry;
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.
² From you let my vindication come;
let your eyes see the right.
³ If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;
my mouth does not transgress.
⁴ As for what others do, by the word of your lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.
⁵ My steps have held fast to your paths;
my feet have not slipped.
⁶ I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me, hear my words.
⁷ Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O saviour of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.
⁸ Guard me as the apple of the eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings,
⁹ from the wicked who despoil me,
my deadly enemies who surround me.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5&13-17

Paul looks forward to Christ's return.

¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified everywhere, just as it is among you, ² and that we may be rescued from wicked and evil people; for not all have faith. ³ But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one. ⁴ And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are doing and will go on doing the things that we command. ⁵ May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right. ¹⁴ Take note of those who do not obey what we say in this letter; have nothing to do with them, so that they

may be ashamed. ¹⁵ Do not regard them as enemies, but warn them as believers.

¹⁶ Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with all of you.

¹⁷ I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. This is the mark in every letter of mine; it is the way I write. ¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.

Luke 20:27-38

Jesus gives a message of hope about the resurrection of the dead.

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus ²⁸ and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

³⁴ Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.