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## 12<sup>th</sup> March | 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 12<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
8.00am Holy Communion BCP (SJ)  
9.30am Café Church (SJCC)  
9.30am Holy Communion (SMSJ) with activities for children during the service  
11.00am Parish Communion (SJ)  
11.00am Service of the Word (SE)  
5.00pm Confirmation Class (SJCC)

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>**  
9.30am Fledgelings baby & toddler (SJCC)

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>**  
11.00am Tuesday Men's Group (SJCC)  
2.00pm Tea & Chat (SMSJPC)  
7.30pm Come and See (SJCC)

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>**  
9.15am Toddler Praise (SE)

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>**  
10.00am Green Team Working Party (SJCC)

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
8.00am Holy Communion CW (SJ) followed by coffee & croissants  
9.15am Café Church (SJCC) with special Mother's Day breakfast from 9.15am  
9.30am Holy Communion (SMSJ) with activities for children during the service  
10.15am Mother's Day Breakfast followed by Family Communion Service at 11am (SE)  
11.00am Parish Communion (SJ)

**Tea & Chat Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2pm-3:30pm at SMSJPC**  
Join us for refreshments and a friendly chat on the second & fourth Tuesday of the month. We would love to see you.

**Mothering Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> March at all services at SJ, SJCC, SE, & SMSJ** Special refreshments (see above) and a gift for all ladies at or after all our services. All welcome.

**Special Easter Services and Events 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Maundy Thursday Bring & Share Supper 6<sup>th</sup> April 7:15pm/ 7:30pm SJCC** Sign-up sheets available at all worship centres, leading to 9pm Communion & Vigil (SJ)

**Good Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April**  
**10am at SJCC** Family Event & hot cross buns  
**11am at SMSJPC** Easter story, craft, egg hunt, refreshments  
**2pm - 3pm at SJ** Last hour at the cross. Choir singing Mozart's Requiem

**Easter Sunday services at SJ at 6am, 8am, 9.30am and 11am**  
**Easter service @ SMSJ 9.30am** including children's activities  
**Easter Family Service Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 11am at SE** Join us for the service, refreshments, crafts, and Easter egg hunt

**The funeral for the late Mary Dewhurst** - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm at Easthampstead Park Crematorium.

**Tuesday Men's Group 11am at SJCC** Why not come along and have a coffee and a chat if you're free? We meet at 11am in the church centre. Feel free to bring a friend.

**The King's Coronation Community Fun Day Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 11am-1pm at SE** Bouncy castle, games, biscuit decorating, crafts, and refreshments. Bring a picnic and catch up with family and friends! **Planning for coronation event @ SJ is underway**

**A big thank you to everyone** who came and supported the Bingo and Afternoon Tea event last Sunday. We have had lots of lovely feedback and we are also delighted to say £173 was raised and added to church funds.

**Come and See - every Tuesday at 7:30pm SJCC** Come and See is our diocese-wide big, warm open invitation to everyone for an adventure in faith and trust. We will be exploring the Beatitudes, a core message from Jesus' 'sermon on the mount'. It's completely free and all are welcome. Light refreshments provided. Bring a friend. Please contact the church office to let us know you are coming - [office@stjames.finchampstead.co.uk](mailto:office@stjames.finchampstead.co.uk) or 0118 973 0133. Bishop Steven's short daily emails for *Come and See: The Beatitudes* are also available online via [oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see](http://oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see).

**Church Fete in Memorial Park 1<sup>st</sup> July 1pm - 4pm** Our largest fundraising event and everyone can help in some way. Lots to do nearer the time but right now we are looking for sponsorship and significant donations suitable for the Grand Draw. If you have any contacts who could help, maybe through your work, please speak to Nicky ([nicky@alder.ndo.co.uk](mailto:nicky@alder.ndo.co.uk)), Carolyn ([carolynfox@aol.com](mailto:carolynfox@aol.com)), or church office.

**Green Team Info:** Sign up at SJCC (or contact office) to join the Working Party on 18<sup>th</sup> working on Lost Liddell Gardens from 10am - noon, plus to book your bacon buttie lunch.

### Save the Date

**26 Mar** Quench Bookstall after services @ SJ  
Confirmation Service @ St Paul's, Wokingham  
**6 - 9 April** Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday  
**8 May** King's Coronation Community Fun Day (SE)  
**20 May** Quiz Aid for Christian Aid (SJCC)  
**24 May** 7:30pm Parish Lecture (SJCC)  
**1 July** 1pm - 4pm 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, Mo Nottage, Daniel, Helen & Chris Goble, John Coombs, Tina Worrell, Alison Woodrow, Ginger Timms, Regina and Bella, Hannah and Tom Edwards, Jamie-Marie Hemming, Ashley Bootham, Caroline Anamoah, Nicola, Angela Mills, Hugh Dempster, Simon Lynch

**And those who mourn the loss of loved ones:** Irene Dalzell (Revd Tonia's Mother), Ray Leftley, Catherine Livanos, Mary Dewhurst

# Readings and Prayers for 12 March 2023: LENT 3 COME AND SEE – THE BEATITUDES (3)

## Exodus 33:12-19 & 34:5-7

*Follow me: God reveals his nature to Moses as he calls him to leadership.*

<sup>12</sup> Moses said to the Lord, 'See, you have said to me, "Bring up this people"; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, "I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight."<sup>13</sup> Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.'<sup>14</sup> He said, 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.'<sup>15</sup> And he said to him, 'If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here.'<sup>16</sup> For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.'

<sup>17</sup> The Lord said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.'<sup>18</sup> Moses said, 'Show me your glory, I pray.'<sup>19</sup> And he said, 'I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, "The Lord"; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.'

<sup>34:5</sup> The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, 'The Lord.'<sup>6</sup> The Lord passed before him, and proclaimed, 'The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,<sup>7</sup> keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, yet by no means clearing the guilty, but visiting the iniquity of the parents upon the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.'

## Acts 1:1-5, 10-11, 17-19

*Follow me: Jesus calls Saul to become his apostle. He would later be renamed Paul.*

<sup>1</sup> Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest<sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.<sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.<sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'<sup>5</sup> He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are

persecuting.

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.'<sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying,<sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul<sup>[a]</sup> and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.'<sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,<sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

## Matthew 5:1-10,18-22

*The beatitudes are a reflection on Jesus's character, which he calls us to in discipleship, when he says to each one of us, 'Follow me'.*

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.<sup>2</sup> Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.<sup>4</sup> 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.<sup>5</sup> 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.<sup>6</sup> 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.<sup>7</sup> 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.<sup>8</sup> 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.<sup>9</sup> 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.<sup>10</sup> 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen.<sup>19</sup> And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.'<sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him.<sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.<sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

## Collect

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Post Communion

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.