



Finchampstead & California Parish Newsheet 26th July 2020

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Sunday 26th July – Trinity 7

9.30am Family Service - (Facebook or You Tube). Join Revd. Tonia for this week's service - don't forget to download the Family Activities pack

11.00 Parish Communion - Join Revd. Julian and Revd. Gemma on Facebook or You Tube - *print off the Sermon and the Prayers from this mailing.

Week - days

Use the **Thoughts for the Day** prepared by Canon John based on the readings for this week's Morning Prayer. To access Morning Prayer online go to <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

11.00am Join the Pope, Archbishop of Canterbury and Christians across the world to pause and say together Psalm 23 and the Lord's Prayer. Some of us are doing this together each day during a phone call.

Monday afternoon Discussion Group 2-3pm – Join Reverend Julian via Zoom as we apply our Christian faith to our everyday lives. For more information contact Rev Julian via e-mail or phone. julian@finchampstead.co.uk or 0118 973 5876

Monthly Monday Evening Prayer Meeting – Monday 3rd August at 8pm

Come and join us as we gather for our monthly evening prayer meeting on the first Monday of each month via Zoom. For more information contact Reverend Julian on julian@finchampstead.co.uk or 0118 973 5876

Tuesday

Look out for the weekly themed worship and activity video on Facebook, put together by our Youth and Family Workers, and including children from our congregation.

8.30 pm Wednesday Quiet Space Service - Facebook and You Tube *More info-* Revd. Gemma- revgemmaw@outlook.com
A 'come as you are' service to explore our fears, worries and laments in a safe space. Exploring different reflection and contemplative prayer practices, as well as spending some quiet time bringing ourselves before God

Prayer

God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Notices:

Could you help? Treasury team.

Colum Devine our parish treasurer has retired from his role. We thank him for all that he has done for us. If you have financial experience and might be interested in using your talent to help us by joining our treasury team, as treasurer or in some other way, please contact me for more information Robert Alder. 0118 973 4904.

Giving to God and his church

Thank you very much to everyone who gives regularly. We are closely monitoring parish finances and reducing our expenditure. We have not received some substantial amounts of income since March and really need your support. If you usually give when you attend church, and may not have given since March, may I respectfully ask you to make a donation now to help us maintain all the work we are doing during the pandemic. Please either send a cheque to the church office, or authorise a direct bank transfer to our parish identifying yourself as the donor. Details are: 'Parish of Finchampstead and California, account 0002 2949, CAF Bank sort code 40-52-40' Thank you. Robert Alder.

Worship in church

It is very good to know that many of you would be interested in attending a said church service in a safe environment. We will continue to offer our popular weekly online services for the foreseeable future too.

We have completed a worship risk assessment based on central church guidelines and are planning to resume some services in St James' church which will accommodate 30-45 worshippers.

We will start early next month with some 8am and 11 am communion services on an experimental basis, based on demand. We hope to offer a Family Service too, later in August. A plan with details including how to register a firm wish to attend a service in advance, and guidance to keep us all safe will be available soon. Thank you all for your understanding and support which is very much appreciated. Your churchwardens.

Parish Intercessions List – Please pray for: Joyce Beckett, Anne, Bridget, Sophie Hall, Thea, Kate, Ann Pask, Colin Ramsay McClaren, Natalie, Louise, Reuben, Rosalind Drury, Leo Lumby, Simon, Bernadette, Andrew, Dennis Hall, Sarah, Daniel, Jack, Mary Whalley, June & Tom Warr, Hazel & Maurice Lee, Ann, Bob Brooks, Ann Symmonds, Susannah Powell, Maren, Doreen and family, Linda Whiteside, Claire, Ivy Kelly, Steve Prosser