



## **Finchampstead & California Parish Newsheet 23 August 2020**

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### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August – Trinity 11**

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

**11.00 Parish Communion** - Join Canon John 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 Canon John via Zoom as we apply our Christian faith to our everyday lives. For more information contact Canon John via e-mail [j7r7e7@gmail.com](mailto:j7r7e7@gmail.com)

### **Monthly Monday Evening Prayer Meeting – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 our Father, you have blessed our parish so greatly over the years; we pray for all its people at this difficult time and for our Christian witness together. Send us the right person as Rector, to lead us on the path you have chosen for us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Notices:**

### **30<sup>th</sup> August @11am All Age Service followed by Picnic outside SJ Church Centre**

Come and join us on Sunday morning for a picnic All Age Service outside SJ Church centre. Children should dress up as their favourite character and don't forget to bring a percussion instrument, rug, and your picnic. To book this service please contact the parish office via e-mail by the preceding Friday [office@stjamesfinchampstead.co.uk](mailto:office@stjamesfinchampstead.co.uk)

### **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 St. James**

We are now able to open St. James for worship on Sundays. Beginning this week with an 8am service. The services for the rest of August are:

23rd 11am Holy Communion

30th 11am Family Service (outside)

If you would like to attend a service, please email Pamela in the office by the preceding Friday 10am.

### **For those applying for places at Finchampstead Church of England (aided) Primary School for Sept 2021 on grounds of 'regular worship'**

Please be advised that the governors are taking advantage of a nationally agreed scheme to make a variation to the Admission Policy for 2021-22 to clarify how the 'regular worship' criteria will be assessed when the period involved includes times of church closure. The varied policy with amended words at Note 7 and on the Supplementary Information Form can be viewed on the school website [www.finchampsteadschool.org](http://www.finchampsteadschool.org)

**Carolyn Fox Admissions Governor**

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**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 Levy, Ann, Bob Brooks, Ann Symmonds, Susanna Powell, Maren, Doreen and family, Linda Whiteside, Claire, Ivy Kelly, Steve Prosser

**And those who mourn the loss of their loved ones:** Brian Edminson