



Finchampstead & California Parish News 6th September 2020

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Sunday 6th September – St Mary & St John Patronal Festival

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. Gemma and 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 Revd. Julian via Zoom as we apply our Christian faith to our everyday lives. For more information contact Reverend Julian on julian@finchampstead.co.uk or 0118 973 5876

Monthly Monday Evening Prayer Meeting – Monday 7th 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 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 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:

Thank you to all those who have joined us in person for services so far and for your feedback. Please could we stress how important it is for you to call the office to let us know that you are coming, by 10am Friday every week that you wish to attend. As you know we are restricted on space and have limited numbers for attendance. Similarly, if you have already booked a space and are no longer able to attend, please let either the office, or if after Friday, Jo know via email (joannemyall@hotmail.co.uk), even if it is half an hour before the service. This is really important as we start to see higher numbers of attendance as we may have to turn folks away if we are expecting you to come.

All Age Service - Sunday 13th September at 11am

Come and join us for our All Age Service at 11am in front of the church centre at St James on Sunday 13th September. Please bring a seat, a rug, and a hot drink.

To book your place at this service please contact the church office by phone or e-mail. (In the event of bad/wet weather the service will be cancelled)

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.

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

Carolyn Fox Admissions Governor

St James church heating and repairs

We hope to be able to make changes to the heating in SJ church over the coming weeks. As the church will be closed for a while and services will take place in SJCC. The work on wood repairs will follow on. We will keep you informed about timing and other details. If you have any questions, please ask us. Robert and Jo. SJ 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, 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