



Finchampstead & California Parish News 11th October 2020

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Sunday 11th October – Trinity 18

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

11.00 Parish Communion – Join Canon John and Revd. Tonia 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.

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.

Logs

We have several logs that have been cut up and ready to be taken. There are also longer logs. Please help yourself next to the shed between the church and church centre. Thank you

Thanksgiving for Harvest 2020

Thank you to everyone who donated to Wokingham or Crowthorne Foodbanks in thanksgiving for Harvest this year

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.

Giving to God and his church

Thank you so much to everyone who gives regularly by direct bank transfer to support our parish. During the pandemic we are continuing to monitor our finances very closely and reduce spending.

But it is clear that we face a very significant shortfall in income this year. If you are able to help, perhaps by increasing your monthly gift to maintain its value, or by starting to give by monthly bank transfer, please update your instructions directly if you bank online, or contact me for assistance.

Bank instruction forms are available in our churches. For convenience our bank details follow. Please do help if you can at this really difficult time for the parish. Every good wish. Robert. robert@alder.ndo.co.uk
Parish of Finchampstead and California. CAF Bank. Sort Code 40-52-40, Account number 0002 2949

If you shop Amazon Prime Day deals on 13 & 14 October, you can make a difference: Simply shop at smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1130075-0 or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app, and AmazonSmile donates to Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of Finchampstead And California.

PLEASE NOTE: For reasons beyond our control, the date of these meetings has had to change.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Vestry Meeting

These two meetings generally held in April will now take place virtually **on Zoom on Thursday 29th Oct at 7.30pm.** (Initially, these meetings had to be in person. Hence the delay. However virtual meetings and the decisions taken at them are now legal.) **Joining instructions and all the necessary paperwork will be posted next week.**

The **Vestry Meeting** for those on the Church and civic Electoral Rolls for the parish is for the election of six churchwardens, two for St James', two for St Mary & St John's and two for St Eligius'.

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** for all on the recently updated Church Electoral Roll receives the Annual Report and Financial Statements (Accounts) for 2019, as well as the report from the churchwardens on the 'Fabric, Goods and Ornaments' of the churches. The meeting then elects parish representatives for the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and Deanery Synod.

Nomination forms and other details will be available shortly.

Carolyn Fox

PCC Secretary

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, Doreen and family, Linda Whiteside, Claire, Steve Prosser, Pamela Redford, Margaret Hostler, the Thomas family, Amber and Paige, James, Richard Stapleton

And those who mourn the loss of their loved ones: Susanna Powell