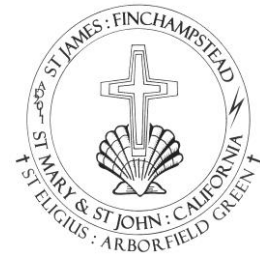




Finchampstead & California Parish News 17th January 2020

Parish Office, Baptism, Wedding, or Funerals, please ring 0118 9730133
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Sunday 17th January – Epiphany 2

9.30am Family Service - (Facebook or You Tube). Join Sam and Kate for this week's service – You can download the Family Activities pack [here](#)

11.00am Parish Communion – Join Revd. Julian and Revd. Tonia on Facebook or You Tube – You can print off the Sermon and the Prayers [here](#)

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>

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:

Monthly Evening Prayer Meeting at 8pm via Zoom

Come and join us on Zoom as we gather on for our monthly evening prayer meeting. Due to PCC Meetings falling on a Monday we have decided to move the monthly meeting to a Thursday evening. For more information contact Revd Julian at julian@finchampstead.co.uk or 0118 973 5876

Alpha

The Alpha course will be beginning on zoom on the 19th January 2021 @8pm. If you would like to join or know someone who would be interested in exploring the big questions regarding faith and the purpose of life, then please complete the form on this link. [Alpha Course | St Eligius Church, Arborfield Green](#). There is also promotional video at the bottom of that page which you may like to send to a friend or family member. If you would like to see a video 'Is there more to life than this' which gives a flavour of what the videos each week are like, then please see this link

<https://player.vimeo.com/video/184825483>

I also need to enlist people who would be willing to pray for those on the course. If you would be willing, then do get in touch with me thank you Tonia.

Rector selection interviews

Virtual interviews are taking place on Friday 15 January. Please pray that God will call the right person to be our Rector and for the candidates and all members of the selection panel which include us as your parish representatives. We will of course give you further news as soon as we can. Robert Alder, Marjorie Stalker and Bev Mitchell-Wright.

St James' church heating changes

Subject to any changes to Covid pandemic regulations, we are planning to start modifications to the heating in St James' church on Saturday 16th January. We currently expect the work to take 3-4 weeks. We are sorry that SJ church will not be available for any purpose during this period, including private prayer. If you would like prayers to be said by the ministry team don't hesitate to contact Rev Julian or the parish office.

Giving to God and his church

Can you help please? Thank you so much to everyone who gives regularly to support our parish and its mission, and those who have made recent gifts. During the pandemic we are continuing to monitor our finances very closely and reduce spending as much as we can. But we face a large shortfall in income, currently estimated to result in a shortfall of at least £40,000 in the year just ended. If you can, there are at least 3 ways in which you might help. Perhaps you could make a gift to our parish in thanks that God is working through us all during 2021, praying for better times soon.

Alternatively, please carefully consider whether you can increase your monthly gift to maintain its value, or if you have joined us, by starting to give by monthly bank transfer. Please give electronically if you can. Bank instruction forms are available on request. For convenience, our bank details follow. You are welcome to contact me if you have a question about this. Please do help if you can at this really difficult time for the whole parish. Every good wish. Robert.

robert@alder.ndo.co.uk Parish of Finchampstead and California No. 1 account. Sort Code 40-52-40, Account number 00013727

Wanted: A volunteer to give IT Support

The PCC is seeking someone to give IT support from time to time, mainly to the Church Office, preferably someone with professional expertise. Could this be you? Contact me initially, please. Carolyn Fox PCC Secretary carolynfox@aol.com
07779724090

New Volunteering Opportunity

One of the local charities our parish supports Just Around the Corner (JAC) would like to recruit more volunteers to support its work with young people in the local area. At present they have a waiting list of young people seeking help and support through their activities and sessions. They need more volunteers.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Robbie Forsaith via telephone 01189 441444 or e mail

admin@jacoutreach.org

Quench Bookshop

Although the shop at Holme Grange Craft Village is now closed due to the coronavirus restrictions, we are still here to serve you! If you wish to place an order, please email admin@quenchshops.com, or call Ali on 07962869128.

Payment can be taken over the phone, and your items can be delivered, posted or collected from the shop at an agreed time. Do take a look at our latest email newsletter (link below) for some great New Year Offers, and news of an online "not to be missed" Book Launch this coming Friday.

<https://email.mailcentric.co.uk/t/ViewEmail/r/2449048057DA93E72540EF23F30FEDED/B382A579AFBA1F3694F486DB9139BD03>

Names are listed for one calendar month. Please contact the Parish Office each month to confirm names as needed.

Parish Intercessions List – Please pray for: Joyce Beckett, Bridget, Sophie Hall, Thea, Kate, Ann Pask, Colin Ramsay McClaren, Natalie, Louise, Reuben, Rosalind Drury, Simon, Bernadette, Andrew, Dennis Hall, Sarah, Daniel, Jack, June Warr, Hazel & Maurice Levy, Ann, Bob Brooks, Ann Symmonds, Doreen and family, Linda Whiteside, Claire, Steve Prosser, the Thomas family, Amber and Paige, James, David Powell, Bob Helliwell, Pamela Redford, Meg Hostler, Barbara Hill and family, Harry Ranger, Brigitte, Colleen
And those who mourn the loss of their loved ones: Irene Fruin, Clive Hill, Mary Whalley, Tom Warr