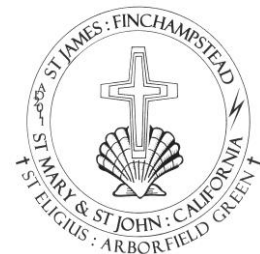




Finchampstead & California Parish News 21st February 2021

Parish Office, Baptism, Wedding, or Funerals, please ring 0118 9730133
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Sunday 21st February – Sunday before Lent

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

11.00am Parish Communion – Join Revd. Tonia and Revd. Julian 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.

Thursday February 25th at 8pm on Zoom

Thursday March 11th at 8pm on Zoom

Thursday March 25th 8pm on Zoom

For more information contact Revd Julian at julian@finchampstead.co.uk or 0118 973 5876

St James' church heating changes

Modifications to the heating in St James' church are currently underway. 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.

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

FREE Wood Chips

As a result of some tree surgery last week, we have a surfeit of Wood Chippings.

Please help yourselves to any Wood Chips you might like for your gardens or pathways.

The heap of CHIPS will be found on the Manor House CAR PARK corner by the old Gate in the ancient brick wall.

GRASS CUTTING – GARDENER

After the sad loss of our Gardening Grass Contractor last month, we are desperately seeking a replacement.

We are seeking someone suitably equipped to keep ALL the grassed areas in good maintenance order.

The contract is for minimum of a full day per week all the year round, preferably on Fridays and covering St James Church/Churchyards, Manor House Grass/Lawn areas and St Eligius/lawn.

If you know of anyone who might be interested; please contact Ed Sampson 0118 973 2069

Quench Bookshop – The Real Easter Egg

Quench is now taking orders for the Real Easter Egg - Fairtrade chocolate, palm oil free, no plastic packaging and the added bonus of sharing the real message of Easter! The Original Milk Chocolate Eggs are £4.50, Dark are £5.50 and the Specials are £9.99. GOOD NEWS! This year sees the introduction of a white chocolate edition for £4.50! As usual, each one comes with an Easter story/activity booklet. The Special Edition comes with an orange milk chocolate bar and a limited edition A5 Easter Card.

Please email admin@quenchshops.com to place your order ASAP (ideally by 3rd Feb) Thank you!

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

Children & Families' Pastor vacancy (Camberley)

St Paul's Church, in Camberley, Surrey is a large, charismatic evangelical Anglican church going through a period of exciting change. We are looking for an enthusiastic, gifted Children's and Families' Pastor to spur the church's growth amongst children and families from the Camberley community and beyond. We need someone who can demonstrate an ability to lead and grow children and their families in faith, as well as working collaboratively with our church plant in Deepcut. Working with, and growing an experienced team of committed volunteers, in a very supportive environment, he or she will develop the provision for children both in Sunday worship and weekday activities.

This is a 20 hours a week post with a salary range of £10,500 to £13,000 dependent on experience. For an information pack and application form, please contact Helen Vince on 01276 700210 or helen.vince@stpaulscamb.co.uk

Closing date for applications: Sunday 28th February 2021

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

And those who mourn the loss of their loved ones: Darren Wise