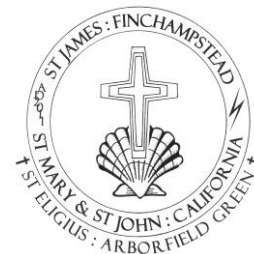




Finchampstead & California Parish News 21st March 2021

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Sunday 21st March – Lent 5

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

11.00am Parish Communion – Join Canon John 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

Loving God, thank you for the appointment of Rev Leonard to be our new rector. Please be with him and his family as they prepare to join us. Please also be with us as our vacancy comes to an end. 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 March 25th 8pm on Zoom

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

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

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

Appointment of our new Rector

Welcoming our new Rector

Following the good news about the appointment of our new Rector, please continue to pray for Rev Leonard and his family as they prepare to move to Finchampstead. Rev Leonard's welcome service is due to take place on Monday 19 July at 7pm. Further details will be available nearer the time.

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.

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!

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, 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, Maurice Driver, Hugh Dempster

And those who mourn the loss of their loved ones: Ann Symmonds, James Parnaby