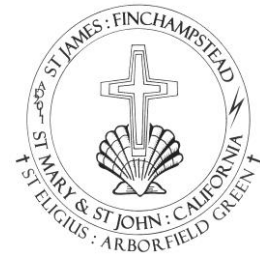




Finchampstead & California Parish News 16th May 2021

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Sunday 16 May – Easter 7

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

11.00am Parish Communion – Join Canon John and Revd. Gemma 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:

In person services Thank you to all those who have joined us in person for services. We will start using Eventbrite for in person services. Please go to the website for links directly to services for which you would like to book a space.

Private Prayer SJ Church now open.

We are pleased to be able to open St James church for private individual prayer between 10am and 12 Noon on Monday to Friday. Pandemic safety precautions continue to apply. Please follow the instructions in church.

Fledgelings Baby & Toddler group is back for outdoor fun at 2pm Term Time Tuesdays.

Each week we will have different outdoor activities, (Gardening/nature hunts & trails/ride on toys etc.) there will also be a story and song time. As always there will be some home baking and a drink to enjoy! All in a Covid Safe environment. Please wrap up for the day's weather conditions and expect your child may get a little mucky! £2 per family.

Contrast Youth Group is back for outdoor fun at 6pm – 7.30pm Term Time Sundays.

We will be having fun with wide games/outdoor cooking/firepits/hunts & hikes etc... We are happy to be able to offer food again so young people can go home fed and full of fresh air! We hope you can join us £2 per person or a max of £6 per family.

Venue for Fledgelings and Contrast is outside the Manor House, St. James' Church Centre, Church Lane, Finchampstead RG40 4LU.

Contact Sam/Kate (Youth & Families workers) on youthandfamilies@finchampstead.church

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Please note that this year's meeting will be held on Monday 24 May at 7.30pm. This is the opportunity for all members on the Church Electoral Roll to question and approve the Annual Report and Financial Statements, to receive other reports and to elect members to the Parochial Church Council (PCC). It will be a virtual meeting and the Zoom invitation details will be publicised nearer the date. The agenda and all other papers for the meeting will be issued shortly as well as nomination papers. Thank you. Carolyn Fox. PCC Secretary (carolynfox@aol.com, 07779724090)

Giving to God and his church

A gentle reminder, thanks, and an offer to assist.

Firstly, thank you so much to all who have already made gifts in response to our special request at the beginning of March about the very great financial impact of the pandemic on our church and its future plans.

To those who have not yet replied, and you have been thinking about this and intending to respond, by increasing you existing regular gift, starting to give, and/or making a specific donation but have not yet done so, please do find the time to reply over the next few days.

It would be a very great help to those working to secure our finances to hear from you. Please do help if you can, in whatever way is possible at this really difficult time for the whole parish.

If you would like the paperwork done on your behalf, please do contact me by email or phone. Every good wish.

Robert Alder. Giving and gift aid advisor and administrator. robert@alder.ndo.co.uk 01189 734904.

Bank instruction forms are available on request. For convenience, our bank details are CAF Bank Sort Code 40-52-40, Account number 00013727. PCC of Finchampstead and California.

Christian Aid Week May 10-16th

Now in its 75th year, "Christian Aid exists to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty."

To support CA Week, please donate online on www.caweek.org or by phone on 08080 006 006 or by posting a cheque to FREEPOST CHRISTIAN AID. For anyone unable to donate directly to Christian Aid, look out for CA WEEK envelopes in church which may be returned to the Parish Office. See how you can support CA Week at www.christianaid.org.uk/key-appeals/christian-aid-week. You can book **online under Virtual Events to join** QUIZTIAN AID on Sat. May 8th or a concert SONG OF THE PROPHETS on Wed. June 9th

Manor Farm Strawberries

On sale to order in aid of the Parish of Finchampstead & California £2 a punnet.

Email me (carolynfox@aol.com) or text me (07779724090) your order at least 2 days before wanted and your order will be available for collection from St James' Church Centre each Tuesday 1pm – 3pm or Thursday 10am - noon.

More available on a first come, first served basis outside St Eligius' Church, each Saturday morning from 10am.

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, Colleen Fry, Sylvia Grant

And those who mourn the loss of their loved ones: William Strong, Pamela Gale, Kenneth Gale