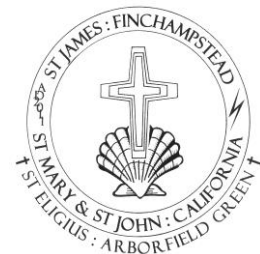




Finchampstead & California Parish News 20th June 2021

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Sunday 20 June – Trinity 3

11.00am Parish Communion – No livestream this week. Revd. Gemma's final in person service at St James

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.

Thank You and Goodbye

Dear All, we are afraid a brief note will not be able to explain just how grateful and sad we are to be leaving Finchampstead and California Parish. Our time here has been an extremely happy one and we are very grateful to have known and worked with you all. Thank you all for your love, support and prayers. With our ongoing prayers and love- Rev Gemma, Michael and Austin

Retirement tea party for Canon Julie

Unfortunately, due to the lockdown restrictions being extended, Canon Julie's retirement celebration will be postponed. A new date will be set in due course.

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.

Meadow Church - A Relaxed Outdoor Service Celebrating Gods Wonderful Creation: We are looking forward to welcoming you to Hazebrouck Meadows to explore together more about the planet we live on.

With interesting facts about the meadow and the animals which live there. Will include songs a story and maybe the odd quiz! Bring a picnic if the weather is good, which we will have around the lake. Book your place through Eventbrite - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/meadow-church-tickets-157663446613>

Dates for your diary

Sunday 20th June 11am – Rev. Gemma's final service and farewell.

Postponed – Canon Julie's retirement tea party in the afternoon

Monday 19th July – Welcome service for Rev. Dr. Leonard Onugha as Rector

Saturday 24/Sunday 25 – St James patronal festival celebrations and a chance to meet our new Rector

Short term help needed!!!!

The Garden Team would really welcome some extra hands over the next few weeks as we are trying to get the Church grounds looking as good as possible ahead of the Installation and Induction Service for Rev Leonard on July 19th. If you can give us a couple of hours of your time between now and July 17th ideally on a Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday morning please contact me on 07887 606845 / joy.scovell2@aol.co.uk

Tech Help Urgently required

We are very blessed to be in a position to be able to live stream services from St Eligius fortnightly in the future. However, we really do need a team to help with this if it is to be sustainable. Could you please pray and see if you feel you would like to join a small team to help with this vital ministry. While some technical ability is an advantage the main training will cover all that you need to know. If you would like to join the team or require further information, then contact Tonia. tonia@steligijs.church

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.

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, Sarah, Daniel, Jack, June Warr, Hazel & Maurice Levy, Ann, 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, Colleen Fry

And those who mourn the loss of their loved ones: Bob Brooks, Dennis Hall, Sylvia Grant