



Finchampstead & California Parish News 1st August 2021

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Sunday 1 August – Trinity 9

11.00am Parish Communion – Join Canon John and Revd. Julian's service on YouTube

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>

Thursdays

Bi-monthly prayer meeting at SMSJ Parish Centre at 8pm with Reverend Julian (2nd and 4th Thursday of the month)

Prayer

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we pray that You direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies, both to will and to do your pleasure, satisfaction, and delight; and that through your most mighty protection we may ever be preserved in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices:

Thank you!

It was a huge pleasure to be part of the events marking this year's St James' Day over the weekend, and our first here as a family. It was a resounding success, especially so considering the challenging circumstances and the changeable weather. From the musical performances and the sing-along on Friday, to the fete on Saturday, there was plenty to savour.

Big congratulations to the team who made it all happen, both individually and collectively. Particular mention ought to be made of the social team, the choir and musicians, and the flower team. We also mustn't forget the stall contributors and holders, as well as all the various logistical helpers. We can't underestimate the work you've all put in over the months of planning and organising, and through the weekend. A huge thank you and congratulations to you all.

I must say that I was particularly impressed by the management of the weather; keeping the rain at bay, bringing out the sun at the right moments, and for just the right length of time. Very impressive indeed noting that the Rector was not as successful as you with the plans for an outdoor service on Sunday!

I would also like to thank everyone who participated and gave generously across the weekend. You know that without you the event would not be what it was and has been over the years. The teams were able to raise a good amount of money over the weekend. Thank you all very much.

With every blessing,
Leonard

9.30am Family service at St James' Church Centre:

Running only on 8th August, then every week from 5th September. There is no need to book your place for these services. Coffee and breakfast items available.

Canon Julie's farewell tea party - new date

We plan to say a belated farewell to Canon Julie and David in person at a tea party at SJ on the afternoon on Sunday 5 September. Everyone is most welcome. Further details will follow.

Tech Help Urgently required

We are very blessed to be able to live stream services from St Eligius, hopefully fortnightly. 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

Finchampstead & California Mothers' Union

Because of the continuing Covid restrictions, our AGM, planned for Thursday 8 July will now take place in September. We still plan to celebrate our founder Mary Sumner's birthday with a picnic at 1pm on Thursday 12 August, at St James' Church Centre, using the centre's tables and chairs but bring everything else for your picnic. It will be so nice to get together again. Your MU committee

Meadow Church 31st July 4pm.

A fun interactive all age service. Meets at Hazebrouk Meadow off Biggs Lane (next to the Bat house) No booking required. Bring a picnic to share afterwards if the weather is good

<https://www.steligijs.church/1/Home>

An update about COVID-19 restrictions, services and events.

The current arrangements for church services will continue in the short term whilst we take time to carefully consider the new guidelines and how they might best be applied in our churches and buildings. In person services (except Family Services) should still be booked by using the Eventbrite link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/office-33226759523>.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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, David Powell, Bob Helliwell, Pamela Redford, Meg Hostler, Barbara Hill and family, Maurice Driver, Rachel, Chris Barrows,

And those who mourn the loss of their loved ones: Lillian Dingle, Carlene Beattie, Rosemary Goodchild, John Fruin, Marjorie Judge, George Pollard