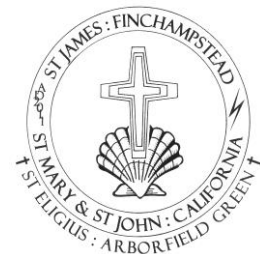




## **Finchampstead & California Parish News 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Parish Office, Baptism, Wedding, or Funerals, please ring 0118 9730133  
Church Centre bookings for St James'; Sue Sampson 0118 9732069  
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**Facebook :** <https://www.facebook.com/StJamesFinchampstead/>

**You Tube :** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBROBFfWjqOwt9smqlzhv-w>

### **Sunday 11 July – Trinity 6**

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBROBFfWjqOwt9smqlzhv-w>

**9.30am Family service at St James' Church Centre** – In person service running every week. There is no need to book your place for these services. There will be coffee and breakfast items available. Please join us.

### **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**

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:**

#### **Welcoming our new Rector – an update**

Our planning of the arrangements for the Institution of our new Rector on 19 July have been restricted by the current Covid19 guidelines. This has severely limited the number of people who can attend the service in St James' church or church centre. Seating is all allocated. We have arranged, subject to weather and unforeseen circumstances, to offer allocated seating on the grass outside SJ church centre where you will be able to watch and participate in the service on a professionally provided large TV screen. Numbers are limited for safety reasons. If you would like to request an allocated seat on Monday 19 July starting at 7pm please email or call the parish office by 12 Noon on Wednesday 14th July. Space will be allocated on a first come first served basis. We have also arranged for the service to be live streamed so that people can watch it as it happens and recorded to be watched afterwards online. Details about how to do this will be published next week. In addition, there will be a good opportunity to meet Rev Leonard and his family over the festival weekend on Saturday and Sunday 24/25th July. Details of this event are in a separate note. Many thanks for your understanding. Best wishes from your Churchwardens.

**Results of our Giving Appeal taking account of the Covid pandemic** - On behalf of the PCC may I very sincerely thank everyone who has made a one- off donation and/or increased their regular committed giving to church. There was an excellent response in one off donations. We expect the total amount given will cover our losses in 2020 of £43,000 and contribute significantly to our estimate of ongoing losses during 2021. There has also been a good response by increased regular giving, assisting our planning for this year and the future. If you still wish to contribute, please do so by our Patronal weekend when our appeal will close. Best wishes Robert Alder. Planned Giving Coordinator. robert@alder.ndo.co.uk

#### **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 every Thursday 10am – noon, or from my home (19 Gorse Ride North) 2 – 3pm or 5 – 6pm each day.

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

#### **Dates for your diary**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **A note on COVID-19 restrictions**

As you will be aware the government will be making a further announcement on Monday 12 July. We expect to receive guidance from the Diocese some days later and will be carefully considering this in consultation with Rev Leonard. We will provide further information as soon as we can. The current government and Diocesan guidelines require all worship venues to maintain social distancing requirements. This means that the limit on numbers attending our services in church remains in force. In person services (except Family Services) still need to be booked by using the Eventbrite link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/office-33226759523> Bookings can be made up until 4pm on Saturday. If you have any issues to do with bookings, please contact the parish office (0118 973 0133)

**Meadow Church** - A Relaxed Outdoor Service Sat, 17 July 2021, 16:00 – 17:00. Celebrating God's 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>

### **Short term help needed!!!!**

The Garden Team would really welcome some extra hands over the next two 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](mailto:joy.scovell2@aol.co.uk)

### **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, albeit in a different format as it has been so long since we last met. Your MU committee

### **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@steligius.church](mailto:tonia@steligius.church)

### **St James' Patronal Festival Weekend 24th and 25th July.**

We are really hoping that the Covid restrictions will be relaxed enough to allow us to celebrate St James' Day. Our plans which will be weather and Covid restrictions permitting, include a choir concert on Saturday evening - think 'Finch-bourne' and bring your own picnic and chairs. Drinks will be available. More details soon. On Sunday 25th we will have the church open from 2pm with flower displays (sorry no tower trips this year). There will be a few stalls, cream teas, ice cream and walks around the grounds. CAN YOU HELP PLEASE? We would like donations for tombola, raffle prizes, 100 squares boards, and these can be left in the church centre any weekday morning between 10am and 12 noon. Also please bring along on the day, books, plants and cakes to sell (sorry no bric-a-brac or second-hand toys this year, thank you). We are looking for helpers to man all these stalls and to be in church during the afternoon, also help to set up and clear away.

Due to the limited space in church for the Licensing and Welcome Service for Rev Leonard on Monday 19th July, this weekend will be a good opportunity for meeting Leonard, so we hope as many of you will be able come along and support these celebrations and meet our new Rector.

Offers to Nicky: [nicky@alder.ndo.co.uk](mailto:nicky@alder.ndo.co.uk) or Sue: [sue@sampsononline.co.uk](mailto:sue@sampsononline.co.uk)

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*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

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