



Finchampstead & California Parish News 18th July 2021

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Sunday 18 July – Trinity 7

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBROBfWjqOwt9smqlzhv-w>

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 – a further update - Our planning of the arrangements for the Institution service for our new Rector on 19 July have been restricted by the current Covid19 guidelines. We are sorry to say that this has severely limited the number of people who can attend the service in St James' church or church centre. Seating is all allocated. Spaces have also been allocated this week to all those who asked to be seated outside SJ church centre to view and participate in the service on a professionally provided large TV screen. We have also arranged for the service to be live streamed so that people can watch it as it happens. It will be recorded and be available to be watched afterwards online. Details about how to do this are in a separate note. There will be a good opportunity to meet Rev Leonard and his family over the festival weekend on Saturday and Sunday 24/25th July. Many thanks for your understanding. *Best wishes from your Churchwardens.*

The Livestreaming link for the installation service on Monday 19 July at 7pm

It can be accessed by clicking on the following link: https://youtu.be/1eN_ursJzW0

Or by going to YouTube and by entering the following title into the search box on YouTube:

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The 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. If you have any questions, please ask. 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 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.

A note on COVID-19 restrictions - As you will remember, the government made an announcement on Monday 12 July. Detailed guidance is still awaited at the time of writing. We expect to receive guidance from the Diocese about church related activities during the week starting 19 July 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)

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

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. 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 or Sue: sue@sampsononline.co.uk

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