



Finchampstead & California Parish Notices 15 August 2021

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SJ-St James', **SJCC**-St James' Church Centre,
SMSJ-St Mary & St John's at Gorse Ride Junior School,
SMSJPC-SMSJ Parish Centre, **SE**-St Eligius Church

Sunday 15th	Trinity 11
9:30am	Holy Communion (SE)
11.00am	Parish Communion (SJ)
Sunday 22nd	Trinity 12
8.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
11.00am	Parish Communion (SJ)
11.00am	Holy Communion (livestream) (SE)

Dear Friends,

I wonder where you have noticed God this week. On Tuesday, I was reminded of the diversity that we're blessed with in God. That evening I noticed God at work in a lively way with Revd Tonia and a group of explorers at different stages of their journey with God. I found this a particularly interesting contrast as I had started the day by experiencing God in the early morning quiet of the choir preparation room at St James Centre.

Whether in silence or in a room filled with exuberant laughter, 'whatever the Holy Spirit touches the Holy Spirit changes'. Like crackers without cheese, or even better, butter, without the Holy Spirit Christianity can be very dry indeed! So, this weekend, we continue our exploration of the traits of the Holy Spirit in a Christian, as we contemplate the fruits of patience and self-control.

I leave you with a heartening excerpt from Joy Scovell's intercessions for this week: Heavenly Father. We humbly thank you for your blessings, love, and guidance in our lives. Whatever adversity we may face, we know these things are in passing, and through faith and patience we will inherit your promises and live peacefully with one another in love, eternally.

Please be reminded of Canon Julie's farewell tea party at 3pm on the 5th of September. A service of Evensong will follow at 5pm. Everyone is welcome to both and there is no need to book.

With every blessing,
Leonard

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.

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Finchampstead & California Mother's Union

It was so nice to get together to celebrate our founder Mary Sumner's birthday with a picnic on Thursday 12 August, at St James' Church Centre. Thank you everyone who contributed to a lovely afternoon. Because of the continuing COVID restrictions, our AGM, planned for Thursday * July will now take place in September. Your MU committee.

COVID precautions, current arrangements for 15/08/2021

There is no longer any need to pre-book your attendance in person at any service. We will continue to encourage you to observe appropriate social distancing rules and ask you to wear a face mask at all services in church. Door and windows will remain open to provide good ventilation. Weather permitting and at the discretion of the clergy we will take opportunities to worship outside when this is practical. At present we ask you to continue to refrain from singing in church. Online/Live services will continue to be provided each Sunday until further notice. We will continue to review risks and to make appropriate changes. The next review is in the first week of September. Further details relating to COVID precautions can be found on the website.

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, Rachel.

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