



## **Finchampstead & California Parish Newsheet 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

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### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August Online Service – Trinity 10**

**11.00am Parish Communion from St Eligius** – Join Revd. Leonard for our live service from St Eligius by clicking on the link: [https://youtu.be/eB7dRhB\\_rL8](https://youtu.be/eB7dRhB_rL8)

### **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 on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at SMSJ Parish Centre (8pm). Please note we will not be meeting in August but will resume again on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Notices:**

#### **A message from the Rector**

Dear Friends,

We began a short series on the fruits of the spirit on Sunday, with Rev Julian speaking to us, in person and online, on the two fruits of Joy and Generosity. His brilliant sermon is still available online. We look forward to reflecting some more on the fruits of Peace and Faithfulness this Sunday as Canon John and I speak at St James and St Eligius respectively. The full service from St Eligius will be live-streamed and will also be available online afterwards.

I met with representatives of the churchwardens and the staff team this week to review the current situation with COVID. Given the perceptible progress in managing the virus, we will no longer require pre-booking for attending in-person services from this Sunday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of August. Similarly, we plan to restart in-person worship at St Mary & St John on the 5<sup>th</sup> of Sept. We will continue to monitor the situation both locally and nationally, and make necessary adjustments to our practices accordingly.

After the frenetic activity of the past few weekends things are noticeably quieter, at least it was until the musician rehearsing downstairs in SJCC got into full flow! As I settle in to life in the parish I have been mindful of establishing a good rhythm of work and rest at the outset, as Christ himself taught his disciples. With that in mind, I hope many of us will be able to take some kind of a break over the next few weeks, to get our energy levels back up and ready for the autumn term.

Please do take time to read the other important notices below, and I hope you have a lovely weekend. With every blessing,  
Leonard

#### **Covid precautions – arrangements from Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

- There is no longer any need to pre book your attendance in person at any service.
- When you attend a service in person you will be invited to use hand gel, scan the QR code as you arrive and to give your name to a sides person.
- We continue to encourage you to observe appropriate social distancing.
- At indoor services we ask you to continue to wear a face covering and where there is music to refrain from singing.

- Weather permitting, we will take opportunities to worship outside when this is practical. When the service is indoors, we may go outside to sing at the end or during the service.
- Whilst indoors the doors and windows will remain open to provide good ventilation.
- In our communion services the arrangements for taking communion will be announced.
- We will continue to provide an online service each Sunday.

We will continue to review risks and to make appropriate changes. The next review is in the first week of September

#### **Family services at St James' Church Centre in August:**

There is only one family service in August (Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August). Family Services will resume every week from 5<sup>th</sup> September. There is no need to book your place for these services. Coffee and breakfast items available.

**Meadow Church** – 31<sup>st</sup> August from 4 to 5pm A Relaxed Outdoor Service 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.

#### **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*

#### **Bohunt School Soulscape – can you help?**

After much prayer we feel the doors at Bohunt are opening. Soulscape alongside the church have been asked to run two projects in Bohunt, which is a massive opportunity. We would love to bless the school and students and start building stronger relationships with them and building a stronger community together.

The first project is 'Mind the Gap' was created to help with the transition from year 6 to year 7, a scary time for many of the young people; please take a look at our website for all the information. We are hoping to have a team available as the new students begin Bohunt in September, to offer a welcoming face at the gates when they arrive in the morning, then to be around at break and lunch to chat, help them find their way, possible help with getting to know some of the other students, etc.

The second project is to run a drop in at Bohunt School three times a week. The Lounge is a space for young people to 'come as they are'. Somewhere where they can have a quiet space, get to know other students, get to know us. A safe space to share thoughts, ask questions and also a space to have fun and play games together. A wonderful way to support students who are finding being back at school a little tricky and a way to build ongoing relationships with our local young people. Do take a look at Soulscape's website and FB to see how it's gone in Emmbrook and what the students have said about it!

**Would you be willing to commit to one lunch time a week for a term?** Or possible more days? We will of course offer support and guidance. If you would like to know more, or think this might be something to get behind, please contact Reverend Tonia in the first instance. (tonia@steligijs.church)

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

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