



Finchampstead & California Parish Notices 29 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 29th Trinity 13
11.00am Parish Communion (SJ)

Sunday 5th Trinity 14
8.00am Holy Communion BCP (SJ)
9.30am Family Service (SJCC)
11.00am Parish Communion (SJ)
11.00am Holy Communion (SE)
5.00pm Evensong (SJ)

Sunday 12th Trinity 15 / SMSJ Patronal Festival
8.00am Holy Communion (SJ)
9.30am Family service (SJCC)
9.30am Holy Communion (SMSJ)
11.00am Parish Communion (SJ)
11.00am Holy Communion (livestream) (SE)

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@steligiuss.church

Finchampstead & California Mothers' 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 8 July will now take place in September. Your MU committee

Canon Julie's farewell tea party

The belated farewell tea party to Canon Julie Ramsbottom will be on Sunday 5th September at 3pm, at St James. Evensong will follow at 5pm. Everyone is welcome to both and there is no need to book. Please do come along to say a final farewell and thank Canon Julie in person for her ministry.

Prayer Meeting

Our bi-monthly prayer meeting (second and fourth Thursday) at SMSJ Parish Centre at 8pm will not be meeting in August. The next meeting is Thursday 9th September.

Bohunt School Soulscape & St Eligius Church – 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' and has been created to help with the transition from year 6 to year 7. 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. Do take a look at Soulscape's website and Facebook page to find out more 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@steligiuss.church)

In-person services

There is no longer any need to pre book your attendance in person at any service. Doors 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. Further details relating to Covid precautions can be found on the website.

HELP AT 8AM SERVICES AT ST JAMES

We are hoping to offer a service at 8am every week from 5th September. We therefore urgently need a few more volunteers to act as welcomers/sidespeople. This does not have to include reading and full training will be offered. Please email or call Nicky for more details nicky@al-der.ndo.co.uk 0118 9734904 Thank you.

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, Daphne Neville, Ann Metcalfe

And those who mourn the loss of their loved ones: Chris Barrows