

Welcome to Shirley Parish

Christ the King, St James the Great and St John the Divine

This week: 20th - 26th July



- Sun 26th Morning Worship, celebrating St James' Patronal Festival
Suggested time: 10am
Preacher: Ven Jenny Tomlinson, Archdeacon of Birmingham
- Thu 23rd Midweek Reflection on Rahab, by Kate Day

You can find the videos for both of these on the YouTube channel. Alternatively, you can listen by using the telephone number 0121 270 9089. On the phone line the reflection will be available from Thursday to Saturday, the Sunday worship from Sunday morning.

- Wed 22nd 10am-4pm: St James' building open for private prayer
- Sat 25th 9-9:30am: Prayers for the Parish (and beyond!) via Zoom
- Sat 25th 10am-1pm: St James' building open for private prayer
- Sat 25th 2pm: Wedding at St James'
- Sun 26th 10:45am Virtual Coffee via Zoom
- Wed 29th 10am-4pm: St James' building open for private prayer

To join Zoom events, just use this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4904334906> .
If you are not on the internet, you can still join us on the phone by calling 0203 695 0088. When asked, type the meeting id 4904 334 906, then # then #.

Coming Up.....

Please see separate sheet regarding **restarting worship** in the St James' building.

Eyes down - Another chance to take part in Zoom bingo on Tuesday 28th July at 2pm. Please contact Sarah Penfold (681 1525) for a card – Zoom details as above.

Nordic Walking is back! – Wednesday 29th July 10am Hillfield Park - meeting at the bigger carpark (the one closer to the Fieldhouse). Chance for a gentle stroll or a

brisker walk, to get rid of unwanted pounds, or just to re-familiarise yourself with being outdoors, with friends. This is open to all – no matter if you have been before or not. Please bring your own coffee for afterwards.

Parish Notices

Various members of the congregations are making **face masks** – if you would like one please let the Parish Office know.

Food Bank: This week's shortages are dried milk, instant mash and small bags of sugar. Donations can be made at Tesco. To give money to the foodbank send a cheque to The Sparkhill Food Bank, Units 20-21 Rovex Business Park, Hay Hall Road, Tyseley, B11 2AQ or phone 0121 708 1398.

Stewardship: Our offerings, including financial offerings, are part of our worship of God. Please contact the Parish Office for details of how you can make your offering by cheque or directly from your bank account. Alternatively, offering envelopes can be posted through the door of the Parish Office.

St John's online fete raised an amazing £746 – thanks to all who took part!

For Prayer

For **wisdom** as we reopen St James for worship; the **Government** as they make big decisions at this time; all who work in **health and social care**; the **Foodbank** and the **Adavu** project; the **sick** and those who care for them.

The departed and those who mourn them: Jean Cox

Years Mind: Flora Jones, Violet Mortiboys, Phyliss Hollick, Kathleen Simmons, Mabel Harris, Thomas Boulton, Josiah Coupe, Nichola Mellor, Doris Davies, Norman Reginald Blythe, Muriel Sellers.

Keeping in touch....

Next week's Pewslip

CONCISE items (max 3 sentences) to Parish Office by 9am on Tuesday please.

Longer articles to shirleyparishmagazine@gmail.com by 12th of the month.

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Worship in our Church Buildings

When can we worship in the church buildings again?

The PCC have decided that with effect from Sunday 2nd August there will be a short, said Holy Communion service on Sundays at 11:00am and on Wednesdays at 10:30am, both in St James Church. Numbers for these services will be strictly limited to 25 people, and attendance will need to be booked in advance (see below.)

What about those who can't get to these services?

There will be many important reasons why people cannot participate in person. For this reason, the online / phone / paper copy Sunday morning service will continue and will be considered to be the main act of worship across the Parish. However, there will be a suggestion to begin at 9:30am rather than 10:00am. The midweek reflection will also continue.

Why only in the St James' building?

At present, worship in the St John's building is not feasible because the size of the building and social distancing requirements would mean only very small numbers could participate, nor is it possible at Christ the King as Widney School are not planning to hire out the premises until October half term at the earliest. Consequently, the St James' building will "host" these services, which will be considered to be Parish worship, and not 'owned' by any particular congregation.

Why were these times chosen?

The timings for these two services have been chosen to minimise the cleaning requirements (taking the opening of the St James building for private prayer into account); to enable clergy to participate in the online service before the communion on Sundays; and to ensure the midweek service is not seen as being simply for the existing Thursday morning congregation.

How do I book a place?

Numbers for these services in the building will be strictly limited to 25 people. To ensure this is adhered to, attendance will need to be booked

in advance by telephoning the Parish Office. This will need to be done on a Thursday morning (9:30am-12:30pm) for the Sunday service, and on a Monday morning (9:30am-12:30pm) for the Wednesday service. If necessary, a system will be put in place to ensure that everyone gets a fair chance to attend. e.g. priority given to those who have not attended before, then those who have not attended recently, etc.

How will “going to church” differ from before lockdown?

Additional requirements will include the wearing of a face mask, use of hand sanitizer, designated seating, no social interaction before or after the service, staggered arrival and departure times (you will be told when to arrive when you book). Communion will be in one kind only, and will be received in the pews. Two stewards will ensure guidelines are adhered to at all times. The collection plate will be at the back of church and we would recommend your offering be made by cheque rather than cash.

So from Sunday 2nd August our pattern of services will be:

Weekly

Sunday	9:30 (suggested)	Online Morning Prayer (also accessible on telephone and paper)
	11:00	Said Communion in St James’ Church
Wednesday	10:30	Said Communion in St James’ Church
Thursday		Online midweek reflection (also accessible on telephone and paper)

Monthly

1 st Sunday	19:00 (suggested)	Online Reflective Worship (also accessible on telephone and paper)
3 rd Tues	19:00 (suggested)	Online healing service (except August) (also accessible on telephone and paper)
3 rd Sat	10:00	Messy Church at Home (except August)

The Mission, Ministry and Pastoral Committee will constantly review what we are doing and what current guidelines allow us to do and make other proposals as and when necessary.