

# Welcome to Shirley Parish

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

w/e Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



Our midweek reflections and services continue. On Thursday Kate Day will be thinking about Stephen, and Sunday's sermon comes from Rev Paul Day. Printed copies are enclosed and they can be seen on YouTube. Services and reflections are also available by phoning 0121 270 9089. This costs the same as a local call.

Although we are not gathering for worship there are still expenses to be paid. We are currently seeing expenses being around £1000 more than income each month. If you usually make your offering by putting an envelope or cash on the plate each Sunday, you might like to consider changing this method at least for the time of lockdown.

The **Parish Giving Scheme** is an easy way to set up a regular Direct Debit to the church from your own bank account. If you are a tax payer, the scheme is able to recover Gift Aid monthly and transfer this to the church. The Parish Giving Scheme does not make a charge either to the church or the individual making the gift.

To set up a direct debit you simply need to telephone 0333 002 1271 and will need to have to hand your bank account details and the name and reference details for the church. These are:

St James the Great	020 602 173
Christ the King	020 602 220
St John the Divine	020 602 174

**Please do consider doing this as regular income is vital for the churches at this time.**

**Food Bank:** the huge increase in families suddenly thrown onto Universal Credit has had a severe effect on "our" Food Bank and its satellites. If you can help by putting a tin or two in the Tesco's supermarkets (Hall Green and Monkspath), Sainsbury's or Waitrose (Hall Green and Solihull) it would be wonderful; the current shortages are tinned vegetables and tinned fruit.

You could always make a financial donation to the foodbank – cheques payable to Narthex Sparkhill and sent to Sparkhill Foodbank, Narthex Sparkhill, Unit 20-21 Rovex Business Park, Hay Hall Road, Tyseley, Birmingham, B11 2AQ

Please remember the ADAVU project in your prayers as the lockdown and social distancing is having an effect on work done and also the mental health of the clients.

Please also remember **Christian Aid** as it is Christian Aid week. The annual envelope collection will not go ahead this year and this will have a marked effect on finances. You can make a donation by using this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Solihull-Churches-Christian-Aid-Group>

or send a cheque to The Treasurer, Shirley Methodist Church, 257 Stratford Road, Shirley B90 3AL

**Christian Aid Fundraising** - an on-line market place created within Shirley Baptist Church, raising funds for this Christian Aid Week

Brighten someone's day with a gift! You are invited and encouraged to:

- Offer art work, hand crafts and other home-made items (no consumables) for sale on the website. You can stipulate a percentage of the sale-price for Christian Aid.
- Publicise the site with family, friends and contacts
- Browse and purchase items - Go on, spoil yourself!

All details about offering items, purchasing and delivery can be found on the site:

[www.create-christianaid.weebly.com](http://www.create-christianaid.weebly.com)

#### **For Prayer:**

**All those who suffer from Covid-19; those who feel worried or uncertain; those who work in health and social care; those who work in the food supply industry**

#### **The departed & those who mourn them:**

Phyllis Fowler

**Years Mind:** Iris Parsons, Richard Blundell, Hugh Tannock, William Simmons, Edith Ford, Rosalie Hoy, Joseph Claude Nichols, John Elkin, Derek Downing

#### **Next week's Pewslip**

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

Longer articles to [shirleyparishmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:shirleyparishmagazine@gmail.com) by 12<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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