

Welcome to Shirley Parish



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

This week: 3rd – 9th December

In the building:

Sat 5th 10am-4pm: St James' building open for private prayer
Sun 6th 11am Holy Communion – St James
Tues 8th 7:30pm Licensing of Rev Paul Day as Vicar – St James
Wed 9th 10:30am Holy Communion – St James
10am-4pm: St James' building open for private prayer

At home:

Thu 3rd Midweek Reflection – Isaiah and Advent – Rev Nick Ball
7pm: Prayers for the nation
Sat 5th 9-9:30am: Prayers for the Parish and beyond, via Zoom
Sun 6^h 9:30am (suggested time): Morning Worship
10:15-11:00am: Virtual Coffee via Zoom

You can find the videos for the services and reflection on the YouTube channel. Alternatively, you can listen by using the telephone number 0121 270 9089 where the reflection will be available from Thursday to Saturday, the Sunday morning worship from Sunday to Wednesday

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.....

Licensing Service – Rev Paul Day will be licensed as Vicar of Shirley on Tuesday 8th at 7:30pm by Bishop Anne. However, because of Covid limitations, only PCC members will be able to attend. We will record the service and put it on YouTube. It will also be on the phone line on Saturday 12th December.

Reflective Worship – There will be NO Reflective Worship this Sunday either online or at St Johns.

Coffee and Carols - All are welcome to join us online with your coffee (or sherry, or the recipe for the punch that we usually serve is in the Parish Christmas cook booklet!) and mince pies. There'll be a Christmas quiz and a free prize draw to win a bottle of wine plus some carols. Zoom link.

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Worship in Church – One again there will be Communion services in St James on Sundays at 11:00 and Wednesdays at 10:30. You will need to book in advance – phone the office on Monday morning for the Wednesday service, and Thursday morning for Sunday.

Parish Notices

Christmas Crib - We are working on a crib scene to go into the porch at St James over the Christmas period. If anyone has some material that would be appropriate wear for nativity characters it would be gratefully received. We do not need large amounts (12–18 inches) but need to dress wise men, shepherds as well as the Holy family. Please contact Linda Pitt (744 6777) or Sarah Penfold (681 1525).

Follow the star! – As Christmas approaches all the churches in Shirley are encouraging people to put a star in their window from December 1st. Remember the Christmas story - the Magi were searching for the Messiah and found Jesus - hope, peace and joy - under a star. Why not put a star in your window?

Virtual Christmas Fayre – will be on Saturday 5th December – see the detailed programme below. There is still time to buy raffle tickets. Guess the weight of the Christmas cake - Zoomers will get a chance to see the cake but if you want to guess just from the photo, ring Kate 0121 258 2956

Christmas Prayer Chain – It's not too late to join the Prayer Chain – each person on the chain will, on one day in the Advent/Christmas season, pray for one other household and the street on which they live. Contact Sarah on 681 1525.

This week we pray for:

3rd Dec - Portershill Drive; 4th Dec - Shakespeare Drive; 5th Dec - Loxley Avenue
6th Mallaby Close; 7th Newnham Rise; 8th Widney Lane; 9th Church Road

Christmas Hampers – We have the opportunity to contribute to Christmas hampers for families of primary school children in a deprived part of Birmingham. Contact Kate Day 537 9672 if you are able to help by contributing a treat or two for a hamper.

Thank you – To all who bought jigsaws - £195 was raised, and to all who bought the lockdown walks calendar - £150 was raised

Christmas Cards – There will be NO Christmas card box in St James this year. If you have cards for other church members please do not bring them to church.

Art competition – Winners were

Adults: Artistic merit – Pat Coward & John Thompson; Bake off tree – Kate Hilditch; Lockdown tree – Jean Wall; Special award – Bernard Watkins.

Children: Under 5's Thomas and Alex; 5-11s Poppy and Holly

Photos of all entries will be on the website shortly

Anniversary Congratulations - We send our congratulations and best wishes to Maurice and June Purden who are celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary. They were married at St James Church on 9th December 1950 by Reverend Billings.

Food Bank: For many this season is a time for luxury foods, but at the foodbank this week shortages are basic items - long life fruit juice, tinned fruit and dried milk.

Adavu – Full list of what we provided will be on the website shortly – thanks to all

For Prayer

The Government as they handle the Covid crisis
Those working on vaccines and their distribution
All who feel lonely or isolated

The departed and those who mourn them:

Years Mind:

Keith Hamlin, Leslie Smith, Tom Bragg, James Whateley, Aileen Rickett,
Steven Roberts, Thomas Johnston, John Mortiboys, Harry Fair, Margaret Baker

Keeping in touch....

Next week's Pewslip

CONCISE items (max 3 sentences) to Parish Office by 9am on Monday please.
Longer articles to shirleyparishmagazine@gmail.com by 12th of the month.

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CHRISTMAS FAYRE ZOOM EVENT 5/12/2020 AT 2PM

2pm Guess the weight of the Christmas cake- bring a cuppa.



2.15 The Night before Christmas 2020 by Sarah Onions

2.20 Letters to Santa

Read to us by the man himself from his sitting room at the North Pole

2.30 Last orders please

A chance to buy some gifts which came in too late for the order form

2.45 Raffle Draw

3.00 Carols accompanied by Kevin.

You might like to bring a glass of sherry and a mince pie !

Hark the Herald

Away in a Manger

O come all ye faithful

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