

# Welcome to Shirley Parish

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

w/e Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July



Many thanks for all the responses about **reopening the church buildings** for public worship. We will be meeting this week to discuss and plan, and will be able to give more information next week. In the meantime please remember that the **St James building is open for private prayer** on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10am – 4pm. Safety of volunteers and visitors remains our priority and you will see that access is limited to certain parts of the building.

This week in our **midweek reflection** Paul Day is thinking about Joshua. Wendy Carter is the preacher for our **Sunday worship** at (we suggest) 10am. Next week we encourage you to join in with our **service of healing** on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. Gill Gough is our preacher. You can find the videos for 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 to Monday evening and the healing service from next Tuesday.

Many thanks for all who took part on the **St John's virtual summer fete** – especially Gill Hanton who organised so much behind the scenes. The event raised an amazing amount of just over £500!

This Saturday – 18<sup>th</sup> July – is our next **Messy Church at Home**. We will be thinking about holidays and journeys. Please encourage your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, neighbours and friends to join in. All the details are on the website.

And a date for the diary for **Nordic Walking** – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 10am Hillfield Park. Open to all – no matter if you have been before or not. Sarah Penfold has the details – including the exact meeting point.

Are you missing having contact with people from church? Then please think about joining us for **virtual coffee** after the service on Sunday (from around 10:40). Just use this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4904334906> to join the meeting via Zoom. 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 #.

We are setting aside the time from 9-9:30am on Saturday to **pray together** (again via Zoom). Use the same link and phone access details as above if you wish to join.

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

**Stewardship offerings** - Although we are not gathering for worship there are still expenses to be paid. 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. Please contact the Parish Office for details of how you can make a bank transfer or use the Parish Giving Scheme. Alternatively, you could put your offering envelopes through the door of the Parish Office.

**Food Bank:** the heavy damage caused by the torrential rains has been repaired to the Reception and office areas. This week's shortages are tinned fruit, Long Life fruit juice, small bags of sugar and tinned rice pudding.

**Narthex:** the Resource Centre at the Narthex is still closed though some help is being given from the Clothing Bank.

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

### **For Prayer:**

**For wisdom about reopening the churches for worship; the Government as they make big decisions at this time; Care homes and all who work in healthcare, the foodbank and the Adavu project**

### **The departed and those who mourn them**

**Years Mind:** Peggy Nichols, Arthur Ferris, Kenneth Edwards, Reginald Coombe, Jack Holland, Jill Thornton-Benfield, Colin Jones

### **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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