

Welcome to Shirley Parish

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

Sunday 3rd May – 4th Sunday of Easter



Our midweek reflections and services continue. On Thursday Gill Gough takes a new look at the story of Cleopas on the Emmaus Road, and the sermon on Sunday comes from Paul Day who will be asking (and hopefully answering) some of the big questions about coronavirus. Printed copies are enclosed or attached together with details of the YouTube videos. Services and reflections are also available by phoning 0121 270 9089.

This Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. In normal times it would be reflective worship at St John's in the evening. We will be putting a video of this on the YouTube channel on Sunday, and it will be available on the phone from Monday evening. Why not give it a go – it gives some quiet space to reflect on what God is doing in our lives. The service order is enclosed / attached for you to follow.

We are happy to welcome Rev Wendy Carter back to Shirley. She moved back last month and is looking forward to taking an active role in the Parish again. She will be preaching for us on Sunday 10th May. As yet she has not decided exactly what shape her ministry here will take, but it probably won't be an exact continuation of what she has done previously.

During Lent we challenged people to donate any money they had saved from giving things up to a toilet twinning fund. The need is urgent at the moment with the virus so we have, in faith, twinned one toilet already. Please put any money you have saved aside so that we can twin another toilet (or more!) when normality returns.

Sue Barnard has been busy sewing protective equipment for the NHS. If you are an experienced sewer and would like to help, please email NHSCampaign@Loft25.co.uk or text 07568 660958 for more details. Everything including fabric is provided – they just need your skill and time.

Although we are not gathering for worship there are still expenses to be paid. Can I encourage you to continue to put your regular offering to one side and to bring it to church when things return to normal.

Shirley Mutual Aid is a group of local people across Shirley coming together to support the community at this time. If you (or anyone you know) needs help picking up shopping, posting mail or just a phone call please phone 07773 406697.

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. The annual envelope collection will not go ahead this year and this will have a marked effect on finances.

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:

Doreen Evans, Peter Gilpin

Years Mind: Frank Collier, Pam Davies, Nellie Toney, Jean Winnington, John Eade, Harry Wheeler, Harry Frankton, Harold Rogers, Kathleen Pitham

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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