

**Welcome to
Shirley Parish**

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

This week: 4th – 10th February



In the building:

Buildings currently closed for both private prayer and public worship

At home:

Thu 4th Midweek Reflection – Jesus Walks on the Water

Sat 6th 9:00am Parish Prayers via Zoom

Sun 7th 10:00 (suggested time): Morning Worship

10:45-11:30am: Virtual Coffee via Zoom

7:00pm (suggested times) : Reflective Worship

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 Midweek Reflection will be available from Thursday to Saturday and the Sunday Morning Worship will be available on Sunday and Monday, and Reflective Worship available on Tuesday and 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.....

Bingo: the next Zoom bingo is on Tuesday 9th at 2pm. Contact Sarah for a card

St John's Coffee Morning: the next will be On Wednesday 10th February at 10:30. There will be a Guess the Baby Competition – please send your baby / toddler photo to Gill Hanton (gill.hanton@btinternet.com) . There will be prizes!

Mothers Union – The AGM will take place over zoom on Wednesday 10th February at 2pm. Zoom link as above. Birmingham MU President Deidre Moll will attend

Healing Service: This will be over zoom (link as above) on Wednesday 10th February at 7pm. There will be the opportunity for all who join to be prayed for individually.

Ash Wednesday: is on Wednesday 17th February. There will be a YouTube (and telephone) service that we can all join in from home. Details to come.

Lent Sermons and Discussion groups: The Sunday sermons in Lent will be about what the church might look like after the pandemic. We will be thinking about our mission and our priorities. Discussion groups will be over zoom on either Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm or Thursday afternoons at 2pm. Please try to make these a priority!

Parish Notices

The Archbishop of Canterbury is urging us to continue to pray for the nation as the virus continues to spread. He is urging us to pray each evening at 6pm throughout February. We have enclosed some suggestions for prayer with this pewslip

Guild of Health and St Raphael : For many years the Parish has been affiliated to the Guild of St Raphael. Many church members have their own individual subscriptions. Following the merger of The Guild of St Raphael with The Guild of Health the annual subscription was increased to £20 and this year to £48. A church subscription is almost £500. Consequently we have decided that we will no longer use the name "Guild of St Raphael" but we will continue to offer regular prayers for healing - the next healing service is on Wednesday 10th February over zoom at 7pm. Individuals may well choose to continue their own subscriptions. Rev Paul and Rev Theresa

Covid : The good news is that the COVID rate in Solihull is falling; the not-so-good news is that many people are finding it hard coping with the lockdown - perhaps you are too. Talking to someone about how you feel is important - please feel free to talk to Rev Paul or someone else within the church if it might help. If you would prefer, Birmingham Mind have a helpline on 0121 262 3555

Jigsaws : Linda Pitt is organising another jigsaw sale. Please phone her (744 6777) if you have any to be collected.

Margaret Humphreys says : Many thanks to everyone for the condolence cards, beautiful flowers and your prayers on the passing of my husband Peter.

Offerings : While the buildings are closed please continue your regular giving. The Parish Giving Scheme is a great way to give through your bank (info from David Paice); otherwise please put offering envelopes through the Parish Office door.

Narthex: can anyone find a pair of winter shoes/boots for adults and children please, but not sandals or high heels!

Food Bank: requests for meat soup, tinned fruit and boxes of long-life fruit juice – but not pasta or tomato soup!

Computer skills for the terrified



Would you like to learn to use a computer from scratch or build on existing skills? Absolute beginners will probably need one to one coaching, which cannot take place until we can mix safely. A computer club in Church House would be a good place to learn and socialise.

We could make a start now with people who can access Zoom . Sessions would be weekly and last about 45 minutes. The course content would be flexible depending on what people need but could include:

- Making the most of zoom/skype etc. meeting family, socialising
- Safety (viruses, cookies, scams passwords) and computer housekeeping? Backing up files. Clouds.
- Navigating email and attachments
- Making smarter documents
- Having fun. This might be a sharing session of things people have found.
- Don't panic!!! Recovery from common glitches.
- Any other subjects requested by the group

If you think you might like to join this online computer club, please ring Kate C on 0121 258 2956

If you are interested in the beginner's computer club, after restrictions are lifted, please let Kate C know and she will keep you posted.

If you are already confident with IT Bob Ireland, who is advising us about this, runs computer skills courses for the U3A. The next course starts soon and you can contact Bob about this by email Rjireland.ri@gmail.com

For Prayer

All keyworkers help to keep our lives running smoothly through the pandemic;
all who are involved in the vaccine programme;
those who are finding it hard coping with lockdown restrictions;
those waiting for healthcare procedures or operations

The departed and those who mourn them

Years Mind: Oliver James Foresheaw, Joan Kesterton, Edna Careless,
Revd. Kenneth Atkinson, Fred Wright, Ronald Jervis, Elsie Gough, George Toney,
Robert Skevington, Walter Docker, Ken Lilly, Eleanor Parkes

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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