

Welcome to Shirley Parish

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

w/e Sunday 21st June



Although the Government have said church buildings may now open for private prayer, our overriding concern is the safety and well being of both visitors and volunteers. We are looking at the guidance & will make a decision as soon as we can. Meanwhile our buildings remain closed. We recognise that some will be disappointed by this, but please be assured that God hears our prayers wherever we are.

Paul and Kate Day are taking some time off next week and will not be available from Wednesday 24th until Monday 29th. Midweek Reflection and Sunday worship will be on YouTube and phone line as usual. During this time please contact the Parish Office, Gill Hanton (733 2347) or Margaret Foresheew (603 9833).

This week in our **midweek reflection** Wendy Carter looks at Jacob. On Sunday we have our regular Morning Worship with Gill Gough our preacher. You can view these on YouTube, or listen by using the telephone number 0121 270 9089.

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.

A date for the diary – Saturday 11th July is the **St John's Summer fete**. This year we can't be together enjoying the St John's grounds in the sunshine, but we will be breaking new ground with a virtual fete over the internet using Zoom! Keep watching for more details – lots of great attractions are being planned.

If you're **not sure about using Zoom** and would like to have a practice when no one else is watching, I will have a meeting open from 2pm to 4pm on Friday 19th June. Use this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4904334906> or phone me if you are not sure what to do (537 9672). You can access a Zoom meeting on the phone by calling 0203 695 0088. When asked type the meeting id 4904 334 906, then # then #.

We are keen to **include everyone** in what we are doing – so if you don't have access to the internet and have some ideas of what we can do to connect people please let us know!

The **toilet twinning** project is going from strength to strength, and we have now twinned the 3 toilets in Church House and the one at St John's with communities in Malawi, Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo. We hope and pray that these facilities will help to reduce the spread of Covid and, particularly in DRC, of Ebola. Any further donations as part of the interrupted Lent Appeal, or otherwise, can be made via the Parish Office.

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: Please remember the food bank! Essential items always required are full fat UHT milk), long life fruit juice and tinned fruit and small bags of sugar. To give money to the foodbank send a cheque to The Sparkhill Food Bank, Units 20-21 Rovex Business Park, Hay Hall Road, Tyseley, Birmingham B11 2AQ or phone 0121 708 1398

For Prayer:

Our local schools and nurseries; wisdom as we work out how we can safely open St James' building; businesses and shops as they begin to reopen; the Government as they make big decisions at this time; the foodbank and the Adivu project

Years Mind: Maurice Rosson, Ann Warren, William Harrison, Mary Burgess, Michael Bambury, Tom Ridgway

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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