

**Welcome to
Shirley Parish**



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

This week: 13th – 19th May

In the building:

Thurs 13th 10:30am Ascension Day Eucharist (St James Church)
Sat 15th 10:00am – 4pm St James building open for Private Prayer
Sun 16th 10:30am Eucharist (St James Church)
Wed 19th 10am – 4pm St James building open for Private Prayer

At home:

Thurs 13th Pilgrim course on Zoom
Sat 15th 9:00am Parish Prayers on Zoom
10-11:30 Messy Church at Home
Sun 16th 10:30am (suggested time): Morning Worship

You can find the videos for the services on the Shirley Parish YouTube channel.
Alternatively, you can listen by using the telephone number 0121 270 9089.

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.....

Worship in the building –To book places phone the Parish Office on Friday (for Sunday services) or Wednesday (for Thursday service).

Online Worship – This week's Sunday service will be the last that we pre-record. As from May 23rd, the service from St James will be broadcast live onto YouTube. It can be accessed on the YouTube channel live, or at any time after it has finished.

Bingo – the next zoom bingo is on Tuesday 18th May at 2pm – contact Sarah Penfold 681 1525 for a card.

Christian Aid Week – is this week. There are no door to door envelopes this year but you can donate via The Solihull Churches Christian Aid Committee bank account at Barclays: Sort Code 20 45 45 Account 90292095.

Nordic Walking – Wednesday 26th May at 10am. Contact Sarah Penfold for meeting up details

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – will be on Wednesday 26th May at 7:30pm. It will be over zoom, with a strictly limited number of places being available in Church House for those without access to zoom. A chance to look back on the past year and look forward to the future; a chance to elect a new Church Council and representatives for Deanery Synod. Please phone the Parish Office if you would like to attend in person in Church House.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting we will be electing:

2 Parish Wardens

3 Deanery Synod representatives

4 PCC members from each of St James, Christ the King and St John's congregations

Each nomination will need a proposer and seconder, and should be emailed or phoned to the Parish Office.

Parish Notices

Zoom Coffee after Church – This has served us well through the lockdown, but with more of us getting out and getting back to church in the building it will now not be happening anymore.

Midweek Reflections – Now that we are back in the St James building on Thursday mornings we are stopping the midweek reflections (at least for the time being)

Prayer journal – A prayer journal for you to use between Ascension Day and Pentecost should have been delivered to you for use between Ascension and Pentecost. A big thank you to all deliverers!

Kate and Paul Day will be away from Saturday 15th – 22nd May. Please contact the Parish Wardens (Margaret Foresheew or Gill Hanton) in emergency.

Yemen - Earlier this year Shirley Parishioners came together to make a generous donation to support the people of Yemen, suffering the combined effects of war, famine and COVID. Please can you now spare a moment to sign the Oxfam petition, asking the government to act to reduce this suffering. Just click on the link below, or copy it into your browser - it will take you straight to the petition. Thank you.
<https://tinyurl.com/YemenShirley>

Advance Notice - the car park at Church House will be closed from Saturday June 12th for at least a week due to work being carried out on the garden.

FOOD BANK: request this week for toilet rolls

NARTHEX CLOTHING BANK : strong shoes for children in reasonable condition

ADAVU: tin openers and toiletries - Sarah Penfold is happy to receive them.

For Prayer

The Covid situation in India, fair access to the vaccine throughout the world,
Hospitality businesses as they “open up”

The departed and those who mourn them

Years Mind: Michael Fulford, Harry Fidoe, Iris Parsons, Richard Blundell,
Hugh Tannock, William Simmons

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.

Key Contacts

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Climate Sunday: Shirley Parish

In September 2020, the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, together with support from a number of charities, asked churches across the nations to hold Climate Sunday events before 5th September 2021.

These will focus on

Worship- a service focused on creation and the present threat to the planet

Commitment- as a parish and as individuals to do what we can to help

Speaking up- petitioning the government to intensify its efforts to combat global warming

The feedback from the grassroots will be included in a National Climate Sunday event on 5th September 2021 and used to lobby in the weeks leading up to the vital COP26 conference in Glasgow in November.

Our event will take place on

Sunday 27th June 10.30 am in St James's Church

It is difficult to give more detail at this point, although we are busy planning, because everything depends on the road map. Please save the date and keep this vital work in your prayers

Wanted: Citizen Scientists! Churchyard nature count
5th-13th June.

It has been estimated that the area of churchyard land in England and Wales is equivalent to an extra national park! Because the land has not been ploughed or developed, it has the potential to support a diverse community of wildlife.

The churches, in partnership with charities A Rocha and Caring for God's Acre and the National Biodiversity Network are suggesting that parishes invite people to visit churchyards between 5th and 13th June and record what they see.

This project can be week- long or just a single session and records made on paper or digitally. There are lots of resources to help identification and people can choose what they want to observe- birds, insects, grasses, flowers, mosses lichens.

We have registered our interest in the idea but what we do depends entirely on finding 'citizen scientists' interested in exploring what we have in the churchyard in June. As a minimum, it would be good to discover the range of wild flowers, have a birdwatching session and perhaps identify and make a photographic record of as many different lichens as possible.

The Parish land also includes St John's garden in Tidbury Green and it would be interesting to know about the wildlife there also. It is all part of 'Caring for God's Acre' in Shirley

Interested?

Contact Kate Crocker 0121 258 2956

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