



**Welcome to
Shirley Parish
Christ the King, St James the Great and St John the Divine**

This week: 27th November – 3rd December 2022
Advent

Sun 27 th	8am Eucharist (St James) 9am Eucharist (St John's) 10.30am Morning Worship (St James & Youtube) 10.30am Eucharist (Christ the King) 12.30pm Baptism (St James) 1:30pm Friends Lunch (Church House)
Mon 28 th	Journey to the Stable ST JAMES CLOSED
Tues 29 th	Journey to the Stable ST JAMES CLOSED 10am Welcome Café (Church House)
Weds 30 th	Journey to the Stable ST JAMES CLOSED 12pm Ploughmans Lunch (Church House) 1.30pm Journeying on Together (Church House)
Thurs 1 st	Journey to the Stable ST JAMES CLOSED 10.30am Eucharist (Church House)
Friday 2 nd	Journey to the Stable ST JAMES CLOSED 10am Jimmy Tots (Church House)
Sat 3 rd	9am Parish Prayers (zoom)
Sun 4 th	10.30am Eucharist (St James & Youtube) 3.30pm Reflective Worship (St John's)

You can find the videos for the services on the Shirley Parish YouTube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpcB9321NJzEHS1K9LU-kAg>

Coming up.....

THIS WEEK - Journey to the Stable As in previous years we are welcoming the year 1 children from local primary schools to St James for Christmas drama and activities. This will be from Monday 28 November to Friday 2 December. During that time the church will be **closed** other than to people taking part (this is as part of our commitment to safeguarding). The Thursday service will take place in Church House.

Advent Carol Service – we have been invited to an Advent Carol Service at 6pm tonight (27th November) at St Mary Magdalene, Tanworth-in-Arden

Also tonight – “This is how the light gets in” – Amos Trust’s Christmas Carol tour is at St Peter’s Hall Green at 6pm. For more information go to www.amostrust.org/christmas-2022

Mothers Union meeting on Wednesday December 7th. This afternoon is our Advent Carol Service. It will be held in **St James church** at 2.00pm. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US.

Memorial Service – the annual memorial service will be at 7pm on Thursday 8th December in St James. This will be an opportunity to remember those who have died and is open to all.

CAKE SALE The Friends of St James will not be selling cakes on Sunday 4th December but will have a cake stall in Church House on Saturday 10th December as part of the Charity Christmas Tree Festival so come and buy your cakes then. (We will not be selling cakes on Sunday 1st January.)

Christmas Tree Festival (8th to 11th December) – donations received at this year’s festival will support the work of Practical Action (<https://practicalaction.org>) and Building4Hope (<http://www.building4hope.org.uk>). More information about these charities is in the December magazine. **Can you spare an hour or two please?** – to welcome visitors to the **Christmas Tree Festival**. Please put your name on the rota at the back of St James Church.

Sunday Lunch Club - The next SLC will take place on the 18th December at 12.30 in Church House. There will not be one in November.

Parish Notices

CHRISTMAS HAMPER The Friends are now selling raffle tickets for a Christmas Hamper. The tickets will be on sale for the next few weeks so buy yours soon for a chance to win this splendid hamper.

Friends of St James “100 Club” Members are reminded that subscriptions for the next six-months (December to May) are now due - £13 for six months, £26 for twelve months. Please make cheques payable to “Friends of St James 100 Club”. Further details in December magazine.

Could you help? Could you offer a home to a Ukrainian couple whose daughter and 9-year-old granddaughter are currently living with a family in St, Gerrards Rd, Solihull. The couple in their late 50 's are anxious to leave Ukraine before the winter and desperate to be reunited with their daughter and precious granddaughter. For more details, please phone Ruth on 0121 705 3843

Gift tree Although it is early a Christmas tree has appeared at the back of St James church. The decorations are gift tags. We are hoping that you will take some tags, buy the gifts, and bring them back on a Sunday up to 4th December. Please don't take gifts to the office as it becomes very cluttered, but they will be welcomed at St Johns and Christ the King as well as St James. If you wrap your gift please stick the tag to it so that we know what is inside. If wrapping is a problem don't worry - there are people on hand to wrap. The gifts as in previous years will be going to the clients of ADAVU to be distributed at a party held in December. This year we are joining with Shirley Methodist church in collecting the gifts. Any queries to Sarah please (0121 681 1525) – and thanks to all who have already taken tags!

Food bank – Demand for food banks is still increasing. We most urgently need tinned fruit and veg, tinned meat and fish as well as hearty soups. We have plenty of beans, pasta and rice. Thank you

For Prayer – Tudor Grange Primary Academy St James

The departed and those who mourn them

Years Mind: Edward Bores, Cyril Smith, Barry Milsom

Keeping in touch....

Next week's Pewslip

CONCISE items (max 3 sentences) to Parish Office by 9am on Wednesday please.

Longer articles to shirleyparishmagazine@gmail.com by 12th of the month.

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