



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

This week: 23rd – 29th October 2022
Last after Trinity

Sun 23 rd	9am Eucharist (St John's) 10.30am Morning Worship (St James & Youtube) 10.30am Morning Worship (Christ the King) 12.30pm Baptism (St James)
Tues 25 th	10am Welcome Café (Church House) 12pm Craft Club (Church House)
Thurs 27 th	10.30am Eucharist (St James)
Sat 29 th	9am Parish Prayers (Zoom)
Sun 30 th	8am Eucharist (St James) 9am Morning Worship (St John's) 10.30am Eucharist (St James & Youtube) 10:30am Morning Worship (Christ the King) 3:30pm Forest Church (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.....

Next Sunday 30th Oct will be Elli McGlone's last Sunday with us as organist at St James. She will be moving on to be Organ Scholar at St Peter's Collegiate Church of Wolverhampton. We wish her well and thank her for the last year or so. The good news is that another Conservatoire student – Matthew Foster – will be joining us. Welcome Matthew!

Mothers Union meeting on Wednesday November 2nd. Our own Jan Dalton will lead us in another of her lovely Craft Sessions, this time with a Christmas theme. The meeting will be in Church House starting at 2.00 pm. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO OUR MEETINGS.

'A coffee morning that could make a world of difference' Raising money for 'ACEF' who support the Brainhouse Academy in Kenya. Saturday, November 5th, 237 Bills Lane. 10am-12 o'clock. ALL WELCOME, Linda Pitt.

Remembrance – There will be a short service at the Churchyard War Memorial on Friday 11th Nov at 11am. The main parade will again be in Shirley Park on Sunday 13th November starting around 10:45. The St James morning service will be at 9:30am that morning. The Legion have asked if we have a robed choir for the parade – please let Paul know if you would be interested in being part of this.

Christmas Lunch The Friends of St James are now selling tickets for a Christmas Lunch on Sunday 27th November at 1.30pm in Church House. This will be a full three course Christmas lunch and will include a glass of wine or soft drink. The tickets cost £15 each and will be on sale in the Parish Office.

Parish Notices

THANK YOU. A big thank you to everyone who supported the Friends of St. James Coffee Morning. Thank you to all who provided items to sell, to all who supported us on the day and to those who helped clear up. The amount raised was just over £448. Please note we are still collecting books which can be left at the Parish Office.

At Tudor Grange Primary Academy St James, we have a space on our Local Governing Body (LGB) for a Foundation Governor. You do not have to hold a position in the church to do this, but what you will need to be is a member of the local community or parish with the skills, drive and passion to support our school as part of the LGB. If you are interested in learning more about this role, please contact the school office on 0121 744 7897 or via email at office@stjames.tgacademy.org.uk and we will put you in touch with our Chair of Governors, Miss Julie Skipp.

Magazine Distributors – Parish Magazines will now be available to/delivered to distributors from 25th of each month. There will also be copies available in church.

Food bank – Demand for food banks is still increasing. We most urgently need tinned fruit and veg as well as tinned meat and fish as well as hearty soups. All other non-perishable food welcome **including** baked beans and pasta. Thank you

For Prayer – Those caring for loved ones
The departed and those who mourn them

Years Mind: Brian Mitchell, John Steele, Lesley Gale, Frank Ellis, John Wildsmith

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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YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpcB9321NJzEHS1K9LU-kAg

And from next June we will have a new curate joining us ...

Introducing Richard Haynes ..

My name is Richard and from summer 2023 it will be my privilege and pleasure to join you as your Assistant Curate. So firstly, a big thank you for accepting me; and secondly, here is a bit about me as a way of introduction.

I am Birmingham born and have lived for most of life on the other side of town in the Black Country. Although after marrying Ruth in 2011, I moved to Worcester where we have lived since. I came to faith in my early 20's after being suddenly compelled to pray, read the Bible and go to Church: a non-to-subtle calling from God from quite out of the blue! I did all three although walking into my parish church of St Hilda's Warley Woods was the final, and bravest, step.

Since then, my travels as a disciple have involved becoming a Lay Reader; and then in 2018 quitting in my career in the plant hire industry as a branch manager to take on employment at St Hilda's as a Lay Pastoral Minister. This role very soon became a ministry much wider than was originally imagined; these last few years have given me a deeper understanding and experience of parish ministry. This coincided with a call to be ordained, so alongside working in the parish I have been studying part-time at Queens. I leave St Hilda's, and Queens, in June 2023.

Ruth and I share a passion for sport, cycling and Strictly Come Dancing! We volunteer together in the community and Ruth also works for the Church as the support officer for the Warley and Edgbaston deanery. She is great singer – I, as you will learn, am not.

As a person passionate about the role and place of a Parish Church, the opportunity to serve in a large, busy and vibrant Church community and parish like Shirley is truly exciting. So I very much look forward to us getting to know each other and following Christ together for these next few years. I wonder what He has in mind for us to work with Him on together. If you want to say hello, do look me up on Facebook (should you use that) and send me a friend's request. And most importantly, please do keep us in your prayers.

Every blessing
Richard and Ruth