



# Shirley Parish

Christ the King  
St James the Great  
St John the Divine

Knowing Christ, Making Him Known

8<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> December

Advent 2

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<b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup></b>	8am	Eucharist (St James)
	9am	Eucharist (St Johns)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (St James & YouTube)
	10.30am	Eucharist (Christ the King)
<b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00am	Welcome Café (Church House)
<b>Weds 11<sup>th</sup></b>	12pm	Ploughman's Lunch (Church House)
<b>Thurs 12<sup>th</sup></b>	10:30am	Eucharist (St James)
<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup></b>	10am	Jimmy Tots (Church House)
<b>Sat 14<sup>th</sup></b>	9am	Parish Prayers (Zoom)
	10am	Christmas Fair (St James and Church House)
	3:30pm	Churches Together Carols (Outside ASDA)
<b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup></b>	9am	Morning Worship (St Johns)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (Christ the King)
	10.30am	Eucharist (St James & YouTube)
	6pm	Carol Service (St James & YouTube)

## Parish Notices

**The Parish Office** Is closed to visitors on **Mondays** and closes at 11.15am on **Fridays**. Thank you for your support.

**Carols 1** – Join us as we sing well known carols outside ASDA at 3:30pm on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December

**Carols 2** – Our service of readings and carols is at 6pm on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December in St James

**Kitchen roll inners** needed for Messy Church! Please leave in South transept.

**100 Club Reminder** - Members are reminded that subs for the next 6 months (December to May) are now due - £13 for 6 months- £26 for 12 months. Cheques payable to " Friends of St James 100 Club " and given to Parish Office or posted to Lynda McPherson, 90 Dickens Heath Road Shirley, B90 1RL.

**December 100 Club Winners** - £50 Christine Beeston - £25 Sandra Oakes - Xmas Bonus Draw £50 Denise Smith

**Apologies Word Searchers!** there is a misspelt word and a missing word from the wordsearch in this month's Parish Magazine.

**Christmas Cards** There is now a 'post box' in church for anyone who would like to send Christmas cards within the parish.

**Church Spruce-up for Christmas!** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2-3.30 pm. Please help if you can. Kate C

**Confirmation Thanks!** - There was a very impressive turn out of our congregation at St Marys for my confirmation on 1st Dec. Thank you to all those who supported me in person, prayer or thought. Especially Don as my sponsor. I felt incredibly blessed. Jon C

**FOODBANK 2** saucepans gratefully received – we give them out sparingly. The young lads are so very grateful.

**GROWBABY** – Warm trousers and coats/anoraks for girls aged 3-4 please

**Rev Paul Day - Vicar**

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**For Prayer** All Local Schools:

Students, Staff & Parents

**Those Who Have Died** Mavis

Wiggins, Ann Hustwayte &

Steven Brigden

**Years Mind** Thomas Johnston,

John Mortiboys, Harry Fair,

Margaret Baker, Lancelot

Allinson, George Ford, Fr. Keith

McMaster, Monica Freeman,

Robert Turner, Rachael Fielder,

Margaret Wright, Josephine

Durling, George Harris, Robert

Adams & Dennis Baugh

**Christmas Coffee Morning** -

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December,

10.30am to 12noon at St John's

Church. All welcome.

**Christmas Fair** - Saturday

14<sup>th</sup> December - please see the

flyer for more details. Cakes

and Christmas food

contributions would be

appreciated please.

**Nordic (or not) Walk** Our

Christmas walk will be on

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December in

Brueton Park, Solihull. Please

meet in car park Warwick Rd

end B91 3HA @ 10.30 am

Contact Jan on

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All welcome !

## Readings 8<sup>th</sup> December

### Malachi 3:1-4

The Coming Messenger. See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

### Philippians 1.3-11

I thank my God for you every time I think of you; and every time I pray for you all, I pray with joy because of the way in which you have helped me in the work of the gospel from the very first day until now. And so I am sure that God, who began this good work in you, will carry it on until it is finished on the Day of Christ Jesus. You are always in my heart! And so it is only right for me to feel as I do about you. For you have all shared with me in this privilege that God has given me, both now that I am in prison and also while I was free to defend the gospel and establish it firmly. God is my witness that I tell the truth when I say that my deep feeling for you all comes from the heart of Christ Jesus himself. I pray that your love will keep on growing more and more, together with true knowledge and perfect judgment, so that you will be able to choose what is best. Then you will be free from all impurity and blame on the Day of Christ. Your lives will be filled with the truly good qualities which only Jesus Christ can produce, for the glory and praise of God.

### Luke 3:1-6

The Proclamation of John the Baptist. In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'

### Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent – Light of Promise

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Come Lord Jesus

*We light the second candle*

We come to light a light of promise,

to remember we are not alone,

not abandoned, not lost,

but held in the promise of God's love.

In a world that sometimes forgets God-with-us,

**we cling to your promise**

With the prophets of every age,

**we cling to your promise**

We light a candle in the darkness,

**we cling to your promise.**

O come, O come, Emmanuel

**Come Lord Jesus**