

## Welcome to Shirley Parish

SHIRLEY PARISH



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

**This week: 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> October**

In the building:

- Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am-4pm: St James' building open for private prayer  
Sun 4<sup>th</sup> 11am: Short Communion Service – St James' Church  
4pm: Reflective Worship – St John's Garden  
Wed 7<sup>th</sup> 10:30am: Short Communion Service – St James' Church  
11am-4pm: St James' building open for private prayer

At home:

- Thu 1<sup>st</sup> Midweek Reflection – Sarah Penfold  
Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> 9-9:30am: Prayers for the Parish (and beyond!) via Zoom  
Sun 4<sup>th</sup> 9:30am (suggested time) Morning Worship  
10:15am: Virtual Coffee via Zoom  
7pm: (suggested time) Reflective Worship

You can find the videos for these on the YouTube channel. Alternatively, you can listen by using the telephone number 0121 270 9089 where the reflection will be available from Thursday to Saturday, the Sunday morning worship from Sunday morning until Tuesday morning and the Reflective Worship from Tuesday morning until Thursday morning.

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.....**

**This Sunday morning** – we welcome Guy Donegan-Cross as our preacher. Guy is the Diocesan Director of Learning for Discipleship and Mission. He will be preaching at both our online service and in St James Church.

**Reflective Worship** this Sunday will be at 4pm in the garden at St John's (whatever the weather) as well as being online. Please dress for the weather and bring a chair!

**Discipleship Course** – Following on from what Guy Donegan-Cross is preaching about on Sunday morning we will be running the Way of Discipleship course over Zoom on Thursday evenings from 15<sup>th</sup> October. The first module comprises seven sessions, taking us to the end of November. Please contact Paul if you are interested in this or would like further information.

**Bingo** – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm over Zoom. Contact Sarah for a card.

## Parish Notices

**Harvest Thank You** – A big thank you to Linda Pitt's grandson Jake who set all the questions for the very successful Harvest Festival Quiz. And another big thank you to everyone who donated food or money for the foodbank last weekend.

**Food Bank:**– This week's shortages are longlife fruit juice and tinned fruit. Also strong plastic bags and more fabric bags! Donations can be made at Sainsbury, Tesco & Waitrose. To give money to the foodbank send a cheque to The Sparkhill Food Bank, Units 20-21 Rovex Business Park, Hay Hall Road, Tyseley, B11 2AQ or phone 0121 708 1398.

**October Magazine** – is now available to read on the website. If you normally receive a paper copy you should have this by now – contact the Parish office if you haven't.

**NHS Test and Trace** - You may have seen information about the new NHS Test and Trace app for smart phones - if you have a smart phone please download the app and use it. Use it to register when you enter any public premises - including the churches.

**St James Christmas Fayre – 21<sup>st</sup> November CAKES** – Many thanks to everyone who has already promised a cake, but we need some more for our virtual cake stall. The cakes will be needed in the week prior to the online event so that delivery / collection can be organised. Contact Kate 0121 258 2956 / 07562 664163 or [kate\\_crocker@hotmail.com](mailto:kate_crocker@hotmail.com) Many thanks!

Attendance at the **communion services** on Sunday at 11 and Wednesday at 10:30 **must be booked in advance**. Phone the Parish Office (745 8896) on Monday morning to book for Wednesday or on Thursday morning to book for Sunday. **Please do not leave messages on the office phone on Saturdays to attend on Sunday.**

## Christmas Gift Tree (from Sarah Penfold)

As I wrote in the Parish Magazine, we are unable to have a gift tree in the way that we have in previous years. But the need for that extra something at Christmas is as great as it ever was even if complicated by the need for social distancing, quarantining and the cancellation of Christmas parties.

Below is a list of gifts that we would like to receive. We are asking you to select and buy a gift (or gifts) then wrap it, attach a removeable label saying what is inside and where relevant what size it is. If possible let me know by e mail ([sarahpenfold@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:sarahpenfold@blueyonder.co.uk)) what you have bought so that I can keep some track of what is happening.

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November between 10.00 and 12.00 we will accept the gifts at Church House and arrange for quarantine and distribution. I'm sorry that we cannot provide an alternative to this but it would be unworkable. If people are unable to shop but want to make a gift then please make a cash donation through the Parish Office and we will arrange to shop for you.

- Small jars of coffee
- Large bars of chocolate
- Boxes of biscuits
- Women's pants (in packs) sizes 8,10,12
- Boy's pants -ages 3-8
- Girl's pants – ages 3-8
- Socks for boys – ages 3-8
- Tights for girls – ages 3-8
- Warm gloves for women
- Nail varnish and remover
- Small items of jewellery
- Toiletries for women
- Small torches and spare batteries
- Small toy cars
- Hair slides and bobbles for girls
- Small toys for children age 3-8
- Colouring books – please leave unwrapped
- Washable felt tips – please leave unwrapped

## **For Prayer**

Those working in the health service and care homes;  
those looking at how we respond to the Covid pandemic;  
those who are lonely or isolated.

**The departed** and those who mourn them – Jeanne Rivers

**Years Mind:** Arthur Beckett, Ashley Brown, Michael Baldwin, Norman Froggatt

## **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](mailto:shirleyparishmagazine@gmail.com) by 12<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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