



31st March – 7th April Easter Day

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| Easter | 6:30am | Sunrise Service (St John's) |
| Sunday | 8am | Eucharist (St James) |
| 31st | 9am | Eucharist (St John's) |
| | 10:30am | Eucharist + Baptism (St James and YouTube) |
| | 10:30am | Eucharist (Christ the King) |
| | 6:00pm | Forest Church (St John's) |
| Tues 2nd | 10am | Welcome Café (Church House) |
| Weds 3rd | 12noon | Ploughman's Lunches (Church House) |
| | 2pm | Mothers Union (Church House) |
| Thurs 4th | 10:30am | Eucharist (St James) |
| | 7:30pm | Buildings & Finance Cttee (Church House) |
| Sat 6th | 9am | Parish Prayers (zoom) |
| Sun 7th | 10:30am | Parish Eucharist (St James and YouTube) |
| | 3:30pm | Reflective Worship (St James and YouTube) |

Parish Notices

Parish Office We are pleased to announce that Emily Ellis has been appointed to the position of Parish Administration Manager and will be taking up her role on 8th April, initially working with Belinda. Please remember the office is **closed to visitors** on Mondays.

Confirmation - I am planning to take some candidates from the Parish to the Cathedral for Confirmation on Sunday 19th May. If you would like to be confirmed or are interested in knowing more please have a word with me or Richard. Thanks, Paul

Heating - We do not routinely heat Church and Church House between April and September- but it can get very chilly. Please contact Kate C 07562664163 to be shown how to put the heating on (and OFF!) if needed.

Wanted red double knitting yarn for the poppy knitters please!

Bell Ringing To celebrate the 70th anniversary of Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council there will be a further ringing of the tower bells on 1st April at 3.00pm. Shirley bells will be rung as The Charter was presented to the Council, by Princess Margaret, in the Odeon Cinema in Shirley on the 11th March 1954.

Thank you to all who supported the recent Friends' Book and Jigsaw Sale when we raised £316. We would like to remind you that we are always happy to receive your unwanted books which may be left in the Parish Office or collection can be arranged.

Food Bank the Easter eggs were received with great pleasure, well done everyone.

GrowBaby the charity is closed for the month of April.

ADAVU still on the hunt for first size baby clothes, either new or slightly used, baby boy due middle of May.

For Prayer The readers in our Parish

Those who have died

Years Mind Patrick Lane, Herbert Cooksley, John Agar, Edward Wheeler, Robert Garwood, Penny Ashdown, William Jones, Aldred Wood, Robert Smith, Frederick Plimmer, Edna Wicketts.

Coming up...

Mothers Union Our April meeting will be on Wednesday April 3rd, and will be a social afternoon, tea and biscuits as usual. Everyone is welcome to our meetings.

Coffee Morning – Monday 8th April at St John's Church, 10.30am – 12noon. All welcome!

Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

Readings for Sunday 31st March

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

And now I want to remind you, my friends, of the Good News which I preached to you, which you received, and on which your faith stands firm. That is the gospel, the message that I preached to you. You are saved by the gospel if you hold firmly to it—unless it was for nothing that you believed.

I passed on to you what I received, which is of the greatest importance: that Christ died for our sins, as written in the Scriptures; that he was buried and that he was raised to life three days later, as written in the Scriptures; that he appeared to Peter and then to all twelve apostles. Then he appeared to more than five hundred of his followers at once, most of whom are still alive, although some have died. Then he appeared to James, and afterward to all the apostles.

Last of all he appeared also to me—even though I am like someone whose birth was abnormal. For I am the least of all the apostles—I do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted God's church. But by God's grace I am what I am, and the grace that he gave me was not without effect. On the contrary, I have worked harder than any of the other apostles, although it was not really my own doing, but God's grace working with me. So then, whether it came from me or from them, this is what we all preach, and this is what you believe.

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 4.32-35

1 John 1.1-2.2

John 20.19-end

If you wish to contribute to the notice sheet, please contact the Parish Office by 9am Wednesday (max of 3 sentences). Longer articles to shirleyparishmagazine@gmail.com by the 12th