

Welcome to Shirley Parish

SHIRLEY PARISH



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

This week: 6th – 12th May

In the building:

- Thurs 6th 10:30am Eucharist (St James Church)
- Sat 8th 10:00am – 4pm St James building open for Private Prayer
- Sun 9th 8:00am Eucharist (St James Church)
10:30am Morning Worship (St James Church)
- Wed 12th 10am – 4pm St James building open for Private Prayer

At home:

- Thurs 6th Midweek Reflection on YouTube
Way of Discipleship course on Zoom
- Sat 8th 9:00am Parish Prayers on Zoom
- Sun 9th 10:30am (suggested time): Morning Worship
11:15-12:00: Virtual Coffee on Zoom

You can find the videos for the services on the Shirley Parish YouTube channel. Alternatively, you can listen by using the telephone number 0121 270 9089. On the phone will be: Midweek Reflection from Thursday; Sunday service from Sunday

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.....

Worship in the building –To book places phone the Parish Office on Friday (for Sunday services) or Wednesday (for Thursday service).

Online Worship – YouTube services will continue & we suggest that you join in at 10:30 – the same time as the St James service. We plan soon to broadcast the St James service directly to YouTube and the phone line. This will replace the pre-recorded service we put on YouTube at present. More details later.

St John's Coffee Morning – Weds 12th May at 10:30am on zoom. All welcome

Parish Notices

Prayer journal – A prayer journal for you to use between Ascension Day and Pentecost should be delivered to you in the next week or so – please look out for it!

Churchyard working party - Will meet on **Wednesday mornings from 5th May** to avoid clashing with the morning service. All are welcome any time between 10 am and noon. Please bring your own tools. Kate Crocker

Electoral Roll – Margaret is revising the electoral roll at present in preparation for the Annual Meeting (26th May). The current roll is displayed in St James Church. Please contact her if you wish to be added to the roll

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – will be on Wednesday 26th May at 7:30pm. It will be over zoom, with a strictly limited number of places being available in Church House for those without access to zoom. A chance to look back on the past year and look forward to the future; a chance to elect a new Church Council and representatives for Deanery Synod. Please phone the Parish Office if you would like to attend in person in Church House.

100 Club for May - £50 Miles Harrison; £25 David Paice

FOOD BANK: request this week for toilet rolls

NARTHEX CLOTHING BANK : strong shoes for children in reasonable condition

ADAVU: tin openers and toiletries - Sarah Penfold is happy to receive them.

For Prayer

Local elections this week; the nation as we emerge from lockdown restrictions, the Covid situation in India, fair access to the vaccine throughout the world

The departed and those who mourn them –
Mark Davis

Years Mind: Jean Winnington, John Eade, Harry Wheeler, Harry Frankton, Harold Rogers, Kathleen Pitham, Gladys Biddle

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 by 12th of the month.

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Climate Sunday: Shirley Parish

In September 2020, the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, together with support from a number of charities, asked churches across the nations to hold Climate Sunday events before 5th September 2021.

These will focus on

Worship- a service focused on creation and the present threat to the planet

Commitment- as a parish and as individuals to do what we can to help

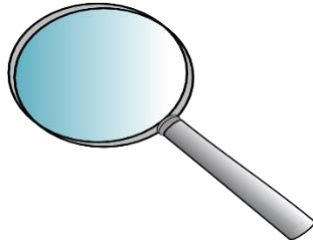
Speaking up- petitioning the government to intensify its efforts to combat global warming

The feedback from the grassroots will be included in a National Climate Sunday event on 5th September 2021 and used to lobby in the weeks leading up to the vital COP26 conference in Glasgow in November.

Our event will take place on

Sunday 27th June 10.30 am in St James's Church

It is difficult to give more detail at this point, although we are busy planning, because everything depends on the road map. Please save the date and keep this vital work in your prayers



Wanted: Citizen Scientists! Churchyard nature count
5th-13th June.

It has been estimated that the area of churchyard land in England and Wales is equivalent to an extra national park! Because the land has not been ploughed or developed, it has the potential to support a diverse community of wildlife.

The churches, in partnership with charities A Rocha and Caring for God's Acre and the National Biodiversity Network are suggesting that parishes invite people to visit churchyards between 5th and 13th June and record what they see.

This project can be week- long or just a single session and records made on paper or digitally. There are lots of resources to help identification and people can choose what they want to observe- birds, insects, grasses, flowers, mosses lichens.

We have registered our interest in the idea but what we do depends entirely on finding 'citizen scientists' interested in exploring what we have in the churchyard in June. As a minimum, it would be good to discover the range of wild flowers, have a birdwatching session and perhaps identify and make a photographic record of as many different lichens as possible.

Interested?

Contact Kate Crocker 0121 258 2956

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