



Shirley Parish

Christ the King
St James the Great
St John the Divine

Knowing Christ, Making Him Known

5th – 12th January

Epiphany

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Sun 5th	10:30am	Parish Eucharist (St James and YouTube)
	3:30pm	Reflective Worship (St James & YouTube)
Mon 6th	2pm	Book Club (Church House)
Tues 7th	10am	Welcome Café (Church House)
Wed 8th	12pm	Ploughman's Lunch (Church House)
Thurs 9th	10:30am	Eucharist (St James)
Fri 10th	10am	Jimmy Tots (Church House)
Sat 11th	9am	Parish Prayers (zoom)
Sun 12th	8am	Eucharist (St James)
	9am	Eucharist (St Johns)
	10.30am	Eucharist (Christ the King)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (St James & YouTube)

Parish Notices

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



The Parish Office Is closed to visitors on **Mondays** and closes at 11.15am on **Fridays**.

Christmas Tree Take Down! The Christmas Tree in St James Church will need to be taken down after the service on Sunday 5th January. Any help with this will be greatly received. Thank you to all in advance.

Book Club -next meeting on Monday 6th January at 2pm in Church House. All welcome

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - This is from January 18th - 25th. To mark it, Shirley Churches Together are holding a Unity Service at 6pm on Sunday 19th January at Our Lady of the Wayside Church. Please make an effort to be there so we can all worship together.

Mothers Union There will be no meeting in January. However, there will be the Wave of Prayer from 15th to 17th January. More details of this will follow

Sunday Lunch The next Sunday Lunch is taking place on the 19th January. Sign up sheet will be at the back of St James church or please contact Jan on 07969326531

Epiphany Chalk We will be blessing the chalk again on this Epiphany Sunday in recognition of the Magi's visit to the Holy family, and as a sign of blessing upon your homes and your visitors throughout the year - Rev'd Richard Haynes

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For Prayer The Police, Fire & Rescue & Ambulance Services

Those Who Have Died Ian Cole, Elizabeth Schwartz & Reginald Bayliss

Years Mind Harold Stait, Doris Skevington, Mark Lewis, Gerald Evans, Fred Meads, Alan Jebson, Blanche Mcleod, Isabel Lackey, Elspeth Alison Hunter Critchley, Jenny Sullivan, Frank Hardy, Charles Wiggett, Robert Day, George Day, Doris Jay & Sheila Drew

Pod Project

Unfortunately, work on the kitchen and toilet pod will not be starting in January as originally planned. We have had to modify the design and need approval for the new plans from the Diocese before we can proceed. The new plans are displayed on the board at the back of St James and are, I am sure you will agree, an improvement on the old. Hopefully work can begin fairly soon! Watch this space!

Isaiah 60.1-6

The Ingathering of the Dispersed

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Ephesians 3.1-12

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles, pray to God. Surely you have heard that God in his grace has given me this work to do for your good. God revealed his secret plan and made it known to me. (I have written briefly about this, and if you will read what I have written, you can learn about my understanding of the secret of Christ.) In past times human beings were not told this secret, but God has revealed it now by the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets. The secret is that by means of the gospel the Gentiles have a part with the Jews in God's blessings; they are members of the same body and share in the promise that God made through Christ Jesus. I was made a servant of the gospel by God's special gift, which he gave me through the working of his power. I am less than the least of all God's people; yet God gave me this privilege of taking to the Gentiles the Good News about the infinite riches of Christ, and of making all people see how God's secret plan is to be put into effect. God, who is the Creator of all things, kept his secret hidden through all the past ages, in order that at the present time, by means of the church, the angelic rulers and powers in the heavenly world might learn of his wisdom in all its different forms. God did this according to his eternal purpose, which he achieved through Christ Jesus our Lord. In union with Christ and through our faith in him we have the boldness to go into God's presence with all confidence.

Matthew 2.1-12

The Visit of the Wise Men

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." ' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.