

Welcome to Shirley Parish

SHIRLEY PARISH



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

This week: 29th July – 4th August

Thurs 29th 10:30am Eucharist (St James)
Sat 31st 9am Parish Prayers (on zoom)
Sun 1st 9am Eucharist (St John's)
10:30am Eucharist (St James and on YouTube and phone)
10.30am Morning Worship (Christ the King)
6pm Reflective Worship (St John's)

Next Sunday:

8am Eucharist (St James)
9am Morning Worship (St John's)
10:30am Morning Worship (St James)
10.30am Eucharist (Christ the King)

You can find the videos for the services on the Shirley Parish YouTube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpcB9321NJzEHS1K9LU-kAg>
Alternatively, you can listen by using the telephone number 0121 798 0196

Coming Up.....

Sunday's Reflective Worship will be in the garden at St John's at 6pm. Bring a chair and dress for the weather. It will be recorded and put onto YouTube.

Tuesday 3rd August – The Welcome café will open in Church House at 10am – and then every Tuesday! All are welcome.

Saturday 14th August – Summer Fete at St John's. 2 – 4pm

Saturday 21st August – There will be a short meeting in St James at 12:00 for all welcomers, sidespeople and stewards from St James to talk about how we can improve what we do

Parish Notices

Worship in the Buildings – There is no longer any need to book for services, but we do ask that you continue to wear a face mask inside and that you keep social distancing.

Shirley Lions present the band *Imperfect Storm* at Shirley British Legion on Friday 6th at 7:30pm. Tickets £10 on the door raising funds for Solihull Mind.

COP26 – The Global Climate conference is taking place in Glasgow in November. A group of young Christians have organised a walking relay from St Ives (where the G7 was held) to Glasgow to share God's concern for the environment. The walk goes from Solihull to Birmingham on Monday 23rd August. Kate and I will be walking with them – please contact us if you would like to join too! More information here <https://www.yccn.uk>

Food bank: long life orange juice, dried milk and instant mash please – but NO cereal or pasta thanks!

Narthex: the lovely knitted doll was given to a 5 year old girl whose mother is just starting dialysis- they were both very moved.

Adavu: Lisa has collected another batch of emergency toiletry bags filled with your generous donations.

For Prayer – Our Parish : St James's

The departed, and those who mourn them – Steven Bundy

Years Mind: Kathleen Simmons, Mabel Harris, Thomas Boulton, Josiah Coupe, Nichola Mellor, Doris Davies, Norman Reginald Blythe, Murial Sellers, Gary Denyer, Catherine Grogan, Helen Watts, Leonard Rudge

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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YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpcB9321NJzEHS1K9LU-kAg>

Prayers & Readings - 1st August 2021

Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.

(or)

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Genesis 1

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

(Philippians 2:6-11)

Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Post Communion

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.