



**Welcome to
Shirley Parish
Christ the King, St James the Great and St John the Divine**

This week: 25th December 2022 – 7th January 2023

Christmas Day & Second Sunday of Christmas

Sun 25 th	8am Eucharist (St James)
Christmas Day	9am Eucharist (St John's)
	10.30am Eucharist (St James & Youtube)
Thurs 29 th	10.30am Patronal Service (St John's)
Sat 31 st	9am Parish Prayers (zoom)
Sun 1 st	10.30am Eucharist (St James and YouTube)
	3.30pm Reflective Worship (St John's)
Tues 3 rd	10am Welcome Café (Church House)
	11.30am Craft Club (Church House)
Thurs 5 th	10.30am Eucharist (St James)
Sat 7 th	9am Parish Prayers (zoom)
Sun 8 th	8am Eucharist (St James)
	9am Eucharist (St John's)
	10.30am Morning Worship (St James and YouTube)
	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>

Parish Office The office will be closed until Tuesday January 3rd.

Coming up.....

There will be **no refreshments** after the services on Christmas Day or New Years Day.

Welcome Café – There will be **no café** on 27th December. We will be back on 3rd January.

Mothers Union There will be no MU meeting in January. However, the wave of prayer will be on January 17th, details to follow. The AGM is on February 1st, 2.00 pm in Church House.

Book club - Monday 6th February 2023 2pm Church House. The book in question is, 'In Falling Snow' by Mary Rose McColl.

Parish Notices

Christmas Tree Festival – many thanks to all those who took part in and helped with our Christmas Tree Festival. Over £500 was donated for Practical Action and Building4Hope.

Gift tree A big thank you to all those people who donated gifts for the gift tree. These have now been distributed.

Thank you for your continuing support of the fabric bags project for the foodbank. We are taking a break while many are busy over Christmas. Cut-out kits will reappear in January - please take some and work your magic!

Could you help? Could you offer a home to a Ukrainian couple whose daughter and 9-
Food bank – Demand for food banks is still increasing. We most urgently need tinned fruit and veg, tinned meat and fish as well as hearty soups. We have plenty of beans, pasta and rice. Thank you

For Prayer – The Police, Fire & Rescue and Ambulance Services
The departed and those who mourn them

Years Mind: John Carter, John Gough, Harry White, Fred Hyde, Murial Beedon, John Bold, Kathleen Day, Frederick Hamlin, Lancelot Biddle, Winifred Pinch, Harold Stait, Doris Skevington, Mark Lewis, Gerald Evans, Fred Meads, Alan Jebson, Blanche Mcleod

Keeping in touch....

Next week's Pewslip

CONCISE items (max 3 sentences) to Parish Office by 9am on Wednesday please.
Longer articles to shirleyparishmagazine@gmail.com by 12th of the month.

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

Candle Lighting Prayer for Christmas Day

We celebrate the coming of Christ,
the light of the world

All Emmanuel, God with us

We light the fifth candle

A child is born for us

A gift is given to us

All Emmanuel, God with us

Bringing your kingdom of peace to all people on earth

All Christ, we celebrate you here today!

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

*Shine in your church
gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light!

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church
gathered today.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Christ, be our light!

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come

Christ, be our light!