



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

This week: 4th -10th December 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

Sun 4 th	10.30am Eucharist (St James & Youtube) 3.30pm Reflective Worship (St John's)
Tues 6 th	10am Welcome Café (Church House) 11.30am Craft club (Church House) 7:30pm PCC (Church House)
Weds 7 th	2pm MU Advent Carol Service (St James) 2pm Book Club (Church House)
Thurs 8 th	10.30am Eucharist (St James) 12pm-6pm Christmas Tree Festival (St James) 7pm Memorial Service (St James)
Friday 9 th	10am Jimmy Tots (Church House) 10am-8pm Christmas Tree Festival (St James)
Sat 10 th	9am Parish Prayers (zoom) 10am-5pm Christmas Tree Festival (St James) with entertainment, refreshments, cake sale & Father Christmas!
Sun 11 th	8am Eucharist (St James) 9am Eucharist (St John's) 10.30am Morning Worship (St James & Youtube) 10.30am Eucharist (Christ the King) 12pm-4pm Christmas Tree Festival (St James)

You can find the videos for the services on the Shirley Parish YouTube channel

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

Coming up.....

Shhhh! Can you keep a secret? We're going to need lots and lots of angel-making kits for our **Angels @ the Crib service** at 4pm on Christmas Eve. If you can spare some time in the next couple of weeks to draw and cut out some triangles and circles from shiny card, pop a

couple of glue dots in the right places, and then put them in an envelope, then please contact the office, or speak to Kate Day (07809 481823 / 0121 537 9672) or Sarah Penfold (0121 681 1525.) We'll provide all you need, including instructions, if you can provide the scissors and the time! Thank you.

Mothers Union meeting on Wednesday December 7th. This afternoon is our Advent Carol Service. It will be held in **St James church** at 2.00pm. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US.

Book Club – will be meeting in Church house on 7th December at 2pm.

Memorial Service – the annual memorial service is at 7pm on Thursday 8th December in St James. This will be an opportunity to remember those who have died and is open to all.

Christmas Tree Festival – over 30 local schools, groups and charities will be setting up their trees from 8am on Wednesday 7th December (where possible avoiding the MU Advent Service from 2pm to 3pm). Are you able to help to put up and decorate the large tree at the front of the church and one outside – about 9.30am?

The festival will be open to visitors from 12noon to 6pm on Thursday 8th December, 10am to 8pm on Friday 9th December, 10am to 5pm on Saturday 10th December and 12noon to 4pm on Sunday 11th December – there still some slots free on the Welcomers rota at the back of church if you are able to help with this. And don't forget to invite your friends and neighbours – please see the flyers at the back of church for more details.

Come and listen to **Heart of England Singers** when they perform John Rutter's MAGNIFICAT, some famous opera choruses and carols on 10th December at 7.30pm at Shirley Methodist Church. Telephone 07096589615 for tickets

Nordic (or not) Christmas walk will be on Monday 12 December at 10 30 am , meeting in the car park at Hillfield Park (playground end). Coffee/mulled wine & mince pie in the "memorial garden " weather permitting.

Contact Jangardner2203@gmail.com or 077903 77210 all welcome !

Candlelight Carols – popular songs and carols in modern and traditional styles – sung by Bournville Voices. Monday 12th December, 8pm in St James Church. Entrance is free and there will be a retiring collection which will be shared between the choir and the church.

Sunday Lunch Club - The next lunch will take place on the 18th December. The sign up sheet for anyone wishing to attend is at the back of the church, or you can book directly with me on 07969 326531. Please remember to make a note if you have special diary requirements or need a lift.

Babs of Bethlehem – The LAMPS dram group will be presenting this family "nativity but not as you know it" at Our Lady of the Wayside at 6pm on Sunday 18th. Admission free, but please email bookings.olw.shirley@rcaob.org.uk if you would like to go

Parish Notices

Christmas Hamper The Friends are now selling raffle tickets for a Christmas Hamper. The tickets will be on sale for the next few weeks so buy yours soon for a chance to win this splendid hamper.

Friends of St James "100 Club" Members are reminded that subscriptions for the next six-months (December to May) are now due - £13 for six months, £26 for twelve months. Please make cheques payable to "Friends of St James 100 Club". Further details in December magazine.

Could you help? Could you offer a home to a Ukrainian couple whose daughter and 9-year-old granddaughter are currently living with a family in St, Gerrards Rd, Solihull. The couple in their late 50 's are anxious to leave Ukraine before the winter and desperate to be reunited with their daughter and precious granddaughter. For more details, please phone Ruth on 0121 705 3843

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 – All local schools: students, staff and parents

The departed and those who mourn them - Rosina Banks

Years Mind: Keith Hamlin, Leslie Smith, Tom Bragg, James Whateley, Aileen Rickett, Steven Roberts, Thomas Johnston, John Mortiboys, Harry Fair, Margaret Baker

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



Christmas Services and events across the Parish

Wednesday 7th	2pm	MU Advent Service	St James Church
Thursday 8 th – Sunday 11 th	All day	Christmas Tree Festival	St James Church
Thursday 8th	10.30am 7pm	Holy Communion Memorial Service	St James Church St James Church
Sunday 11th	8am 9am 9.30am 10.30am 3:30pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Worship Holy Communion Christmas Tree Service	St James Church St John's Church St James Church Christ the King St James Church
Thursday 15th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Saturday 17th	10am 1pm 4pm	Messy Church Community Carols Carol Service	St James Church Outside ASDA St James Church
Sunday 18th	9am 10.30am 10.30am 6pm	Morning Worship Holy Communion Morning Worship Babs of Bethlehem	St John's Church St James Church Christ the King Our Lady of the Wayside
Thursday 22nd	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Christmas Eve	4pm 11pm	Angels @ The Crib Midnight Communion	St James Church St James Church
Christmas Day	8am 9am 10.30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion	St James Church St John's Church St James Church
Thursday 29th	10.30am	St John's Patronal Service	St John's Church
Sunday 1 st Jan	10.30am 3.30pm	Parish Communion Reflective Worship	St James Church St John's Church