

<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	8am	Eucharist (St James)
	9am	Eucharist (St Johns)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (St James & YouTube)
	10.30am	Eucharist (Christ the King)
<b>Tues 24<sup>th</sup></b>	4pm	Wise men (and women) at the Crib (St James & YouTube)
	11pm	Midnight Eucharist (St James & YouTube)
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup></b>	8am	Eucharist (St James)
	9am	Eucharist (St Johns)
	10.30am	Christmas Eucharist (St James & YouTube)
<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup></b>	8am	Eucharist (St James)
	9am	Eucharist Patronal (St Johns)
	10.30am	Eucharist (St James & YouTube)
	3.30pm	Forest Church (St Johns Garden)
<b>Tues 31<sup>st</sup></b>	10am	Welcome Café (Church House)
<b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	10:30am	Eucharist (St James)
<b>Sat 4<sup>th</sup></b>	9am	Parish Prayers (zoom)
<b>Sun 5<sup>th</sup></b>	10:30am	Parish Eucharist (St James and YouTube)
	3:30pm	Reflective Worship (St James & YouTube)

**Parish Notices**

**Christmas Eve** – There will be NO Welcome café

**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Dec (Boxing Day)** - There will be NO midweek Eucharist

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Dec** – There will be NO Parish Prayers

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Dec** – There will be NO service at Christ the King

**The Parish Office** Is closed to visitors on **Mondays** and closes at 11.15am on **Fridays**. It will also be closed from **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan**.

**Donations for Christmas flowers** for St James Church to Jane Cook please

**Christmas Cards** There is now a 'post box' in church for anyone who would like to send Christmas cards within the parish.

**Parish Christmas Card** Instead of sending individual cards to all of your friends at church, you can sign the card located at the back of St James and then make a donation to a charity of your choice if you would like to.

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

**FOODBANK** Toilet rolls needed please

**GROWBABY** Warm coats need for 4 & 5 year old children please

**NARTHEX** Could anyone spare a shopping trolley on wheels for an elderly gentleman please?

**Rev Paul Day - Vicar**  
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 vicar@shirleyparishb90.co.uk  
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**Rev Richard Haynes - Curate**  
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**For Prayer** Shirley Heath School

**Those Who Have Died**

**Years Mind** Frank Pitham, Peggy Lee, Leonard Simpson, Christopher Downing, Valerie Broome, John Carter, John Gough, Harry White, Fred Hyde, Murial Beedon, John Bold, Kathleen Day, Frederick Hamlin, Lancelot Biddle, Winifred Pinch, Harold Stait, & Doris Skevington

**Pod Project** – As mentioned in Church last week, 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!

We hope you all  
 have a very Happy  
 Christmas

Readings 22<sup>nd</sup> December. (readings for Christmas and 29<sup>th</sup> Dec will be on separate sheet)

Micah 5.2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

Hebrews 10:5-10

Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. Then I said, 'Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll— I have come to do your will, my God.'" First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them"—though they were offered in accordance with the law. Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second. And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Luke 1.39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Collect

God our redeemer,  
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our  
saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes again as our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.



4th Sunday in Advent – Light of calling

O come, O come, Emmanuel

**Come Lord Jesus**

We light the fourth candle  
We affirm the calling of God,  
and light a candle to say 'Yes'  
to that vocation in our lives.  
When life seems empty of meaningless,  
we embrace the gift of calling.

In a world of conflicting ambitions and drives,  
**let it be with me according to your word**  
With Mary may we say,  
**let it be with me according to your word.**  
We light a candle in the darkness,  
**let it be with me according to your word.**

O come, O come, Emmanuel

**Come Lord Jesus**