



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

**This week: 11<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> December 2022**  
Third Sunday of Advent

- Sun 11<sup>th</sup> 8am Eucharist (St James)  
9am Eucharist (St John's)  
10.30am Morning Worship (St James & Youtube)  
10.30am Eucharist (Christ the King)  
12pm-3:30pm Christmas Tree Festival (St James)  
3:30pm Christmas Tree Festival Celebration service
- Mon 12<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Nordic Walk (Hillfield Park)  
8pm Candlelight Carols – Bournville Voices (St James)
- Tues 13<sup>th</sup> 10am Welcome Café (Church House)
- Weds 14<sup>th</sup> 12pm Ploughmans Lunch (Church House)  
1:30pm JOT Group (Church House)
- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Eucharist (St James)
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 10am Jimmy Tots Christmas Service (St James & Church House)
- Sat 17<sup>th</sup> 9am Parish Prayers (Church House)  
10am Messy Church (St James)  
1pm Community Carols (ASDA)  
4pm Carol Service (St James and YouTube)
- Sun 18<sup>th</sup> 9am Morning Worship (St John's)  
10.30am Eucharist (St James and YouTube)  
10.30am Morning Worship (CTK)  
12:30pm Sunday Lunch Club (Church House)  
6pm Babs of Bethlehem (Our Lady of the Wayside Church)

You can find the videos for the services on the Shirley Parish YouTube channel  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpcB9321NJzEHS1K9LU-kAg>

## Coming up.....

**Christmas Tree Festival** – The festival will still be open to visitors from 12noon on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December ending at 3:30pm with a short celebration service. Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbours – please see the flyers at the back of church for more details.

**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](mailto:Jangardner2203@gmail.com) or 077903 77210 all welcome!

**Candlelight Carols** – popular songs and carols in modern and traditional styles – sung by Bournville Voices. Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 drama group will be presenting this family “nativity but not as you know it” at Our Lady of the Wayside at 6pm on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>. Admission free, but please email [bookings.olw.shirley@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:bookings.olw.shirley@rcaob.org.uk) if you would like to go

**Christmas church cleaning** - We are planning a short spruce up of the church on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December, from 9.30 working alongside Sam our regular cleaner. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Kate C

**Welcome Café** – There will be **no** café on 27<sup>th</sup> December. We will be back in the new year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

## Parish Notices

As in previous years, there is a big Christmas card at the back of church so that we can greet all our Church Family.... while saving paper and so trees! We will leave it up until 12<sup>th</sup> night so everyone can see and share it.

Christmas cooking.... use your **LOAF!** As much as possible, look for ingredients which are **L**ocally sourced and seasonal, **O**rganic, **A**nimal-friendly and **F**airly Traded. Wishing you peace and joy at Christmas. The Ecochurch group.

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

**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.

December 100 Club Winners - Xmas bonus - £70 Julie Milner - £50 Liz Yates - £25 Glenys Golightly

**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

**ADAVU** - an urgent appeal for wet wipes for Little Beings!

**For Prayer – Kingswood School**

**The departed and those who mourn them**

**Years Mind:** Lancelot Allinson, George Ford, Fr. Keith McMaster, Monica Freeman, Robert Turner, Rachael Fielder, Margaret Wright, Josephine Durling, George Harris, Robert Adams, Dennis Baugh, Bafir Mohammed

**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](mailto:shirleyparishmagazine@gmail.com) by 12<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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### Christmas Services and events across the Parish

Thursday 15th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Saturday 17th	10am	Messy Church	St James Church
	1pm	Community Carols	Outside ASDA
	4pm	Carol Service	St James Church
Sunday 18th	9am	Morning Worship	St John's Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Christ the King
	6pm	Babs of Bethlehem	Our Lady of the Wayside
Thursday 22nd	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Christmas Eve	4pm	Angels @ The Crib	St James Church
	11pm	Midnight Communion	St James Church
Christmas Day	8am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	9am	Holy Communion	St John's Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Thursday 29th	10.30am	St John's Patronal Service	St John's Church
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	10.30am	Parish Communion	St James Church
	3.30pm	Reflective Worship	St John's Church