



# Shirley Parish

Christ the King  
St James the Great  
St John the Divine

Knowing Christ, Making Him Known

12<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> January

## Epiphany 1

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<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup></b>	8am	Eucharist (St James)
	9am	Eucharist (St Johns)
	10.30am	Eucharist (Christ the King)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (St James & YouTube)
<b>Tues 14<sup>th</sup></b>	10am	Welcome Café (Church House)
	11.30am	Craft Club (Church House)
<b>Thurs 16<sup>th</sup></b>	10:30am	Eucharist & MU Wave of Prayer (St James)
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup></b>	10am	Jimmy Tots (Church House)
<b>Sat 18<sup>th</sup></b>	9am	Parish Prayers (St James)
	10am	Messy Church (St James)
<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup></b>	9am	Morning Worship (St Johns)
	10.30am	Eucharist (St James & YouTube)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (Christ the King)
	6pm	Unity Service (Our Lady of the Wayside)

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### Parish Notices

**The Parish Office** is closed to visitors on Mondays and closes at 11.15am on Fridays.

**Coffee Morning & Unloved Gift Swap** - Monday 13th January, 10.30am until 12noon at St John's Church. Everyone welcome.

**Mothers Union Wave of Prayer** is to be combined with the Thursday morning service on January 16th at 10.30am. Members and non-members are very welcome to come and pray for mothers union branches around the world.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** - This is from January 18th - 25th. To mark it, Shirley Churches Together are holding a Unity Service at 6pm on Sunday 19th January at Our Lady of the Wayside Church. Please make an effort to be there so we can all worship together.

**Sunday Lunch** The next Sunday Lunch is taking place on the 19th January. Sign up sheet will be at the back of St James church or please contact Jan on 07969326531

**Mothers Union Coffee Morning and Jigsaw Sale** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 10am-2pm in Church House. All are welcome.

**Candle Safety** There is an electronic lighter on the candle stand for safe lighting. Please do NOT use tapers or leave them on the stand. The candle donation safe by the main door is working again. Please do not try to put money through the keyhole, which is now covered with black tape.

**January 100 Club Winners** - £50 Gordon Bragg - £25 Barbara Neale

**GROWBABY** opens January 14th 2025 at St Michaels Church Hall Green

**FOODBANK** The mantra is still "Every Tin Counts" especially at this time of the month!

**For Prayer** Members of Solihull Council

**Those Who Have Died** Ian Cole, Elizabeth Schwartz, Fanny 'Nancy' Jones, Reginald Bayliss & Don Abbey

**Years Mind** Joan Ludlam, Hettie Wardroper, Maud Smith, Peggy Crooks, Kathleen Jack & Harold Rawlins

**ROAD CLOSURE** Due to roadworks at the junction of Bills Lane and School Road on Thursday January 16th, Church Road will be closed for part or whole of the day. Access to Church Road will be from the Stratford Road only. Please take note of this closure if you attend the Thursday morning service or are attending the Mothers Union Wave of Prayer.

**Mothers' Union Subscriptions 2025** are now due. Payment of £29.00 would be appreciated by the 23rd of January 2025 and returned in the envelope to the Treasurer, Susan Knight, 'The Cottage', 138 Tanworth Lane, Shirley, Solihull. B90 4DD or via the Parish Office or a Committee Member.

Isaiah 43.1-7

Restoration and Protection Promised

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Acts 8.14-17

The apostles in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had received the word of God, so they sent Peter and John to them. When they arrived, they prayed for the believers that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For the Holy Spirit had not yet come down on any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3.15-17.21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

The Baptism of Jesus Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Collect

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;  
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.