



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

**This week: 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Aug**  
Trinity 9

Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	9am Eucharist (St John's) 10.30am Morning Worship (St James & Youtube) 10.30am Eucharist (Christ the King) 12.30pm Baptism (St James)
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	10am Welcome Café (Church House) 12pm Craft Club (Church House) OFFICE CLOSED
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm Journeying on Together (Church House)
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Eucharist (St James) 2.30pm Bingo Afternoon (Church House) 7.30pm MU Desert Island Discs (Church House) OFFICE CLOSED
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Private service (St James Church)
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	9am Parish Prayers (St James Church) 10am Messy Church (St James Church)
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	8am Eucharist (St James) 9am Morning Worship (St John's) 10.30am Eucharist (St James & Youtube) 12.30pm Baptism (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.....**

**Bingo afternoon** Several people have said that they missed the online Bingo we had during lockdown so we are holding a one-off bingo afternoon on Thursday 18 August at 2.30 in Church House. Refreshments will be served and prizes will be edible. Hope to see you there. Any queries to Sarah Penfold 681 1525.

**Mothers Union meeting August 18th, 7.30 pm** (NOT our usual first Wednesday). It will be Desert Island Discs, with Rev Wendy Carter, Rev Theresa Jones and Rev Nicholas Ball, hosted by Ray Speakman. It will be held in Church House at 7.30, ALL ARE WELCOME. We will be livestreaming this event onto the Parish YouTube channel (details above)

**Afternoon Tea** – St John's will be hosting an afternoon tea on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**, 2pm to 4pm. Tickets are £7 and are available from Gill Hanton (07973 942145 or [gill.hanton@btinternet.com](mailto:gill.hanton@btinternet.com)).

**The Parish Office** – will be closed some days over the holiday season. Emails and phones will still be monitored. Closed dates will be shown on the weekly pewslip.

### **Parish Notices**

**100 Club Winners** - £50 David Cox, £25 Diane Carbin

**Stewardship Letter** – There are addressed envelopes for all regular attenders. Please collect yours from the back of St James (CTK and St Johns envelopes will be in those churches). If you can't find one addressed to you, please take one of the unaddressed envelopes.

**Church House will be closed** from Monday 22nd August for about 3 weeks for refurbishment. Details of the project are on the website or contact Kate Crocker 07562664163. We will do our best to enable booked activities to continue by using the Church for gatherings. Thanks to everyone for being so understanding!

**Defibrillator** – We are planning to install a public access defibrillator on the outside of Church House. This is a life saving device that increases the chance of survival from a cardiac arrest from 5% to 50%. We need to raise around £2500 for this – and have made a good start already. Could you make a donation to help? Please contact the Parish Office on 0121 745 8896. Any queries, please speak to Jane Cook or Hazel Reed.

**Sunday Lunch Club** - Is Sunday a quiet day for you, or maybe you looking for something new to do? If so, this may be for you! We are hoping to set up a Sunday lunch club once a month for anyone who would like to come. Details are on a flyer at the back of the churches along with a sign-up sheet for anyone interested. Contact Jan Dalton for more details.

**The Friends of St James** are collecting books as an ongoing project. We would appreciate donations which may be taken to the Parish Office Monday to Friday 9.30am-12.30pm.

**Food bank – Demand for food banks is still increasing.** We most urgently need tinned fruit and veg as well as tinned meat. All other non-perishable food welcome but we have plenty of baked beans and pasta. Thank you

**For Prayer – Our Parish: St John’s**

**The departed and those who mourn them – May Perkins**

**Years Mind:** Penelope Neale, Muriel Sugden, Gladys Presdee, Mavis Wright, Edmund Ward, Marion Rooke, Elizabeth Day, Laura Roome, Jim Wilson, Arthur Smith, Arnold Thomas

**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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**Rev Wendy Martin** – will be joining the team in Shirley Parish in mid August. Wendy is a self-supporting minister who has just finished her curacy In Garretts Green. She will be with us 2 or 3 Sundays a month plus some time in the week.

Here’s some words from Wendy introducing herself:

*It is wonderful for me to be joining the ministry team in Shirley Parish as a part-time, self-supporting, Associate Priest and I look forward to meeting you, worshipping with you and joining in with what God is doing in Shirley. I am dyslexic and find remembering names difficult, so please don’t be offended if it takes me a while to remember yours!*

*I was born in Surrey and greatly enjoyed a 36 year career as a nurse, midwife and midwife lecturer, in London, Hertfordshire, Surrey and Sussex. At 24yrs I spent 6 months in Israel caring for a new-born infant in a high-profile family. This enabled me*

*to travel within Israel, New York and Egypt and participate in an archaeological dig in the Golan Heights afterwards - all formative experiences.*

*I attended Church of England schools and chose to be baptised and confirmed aged 13. I was brought up in a non-churchgoing, single-parent family with three sisters, and fell away from church attendance as a teenager. I returned, aged 28, as a result of a warm welcome when seeking marriage in a Methodist Church. I began to learn to follow Jesus by listening to sermons, being part of a homegroup and helping to run the church creche. After ten years, as a result of attending a Christianity exploratory course, I understood more fully who Jesus was, what He had done for me on the Cross, and made a deeper commitment to follow Him. I began to pray and read the Bible more. I felt very inadequate when, within a year, I felt Jesus, calling me to preach and 'shepherd his people'. I began the long journey, for me, towards ordained ministry, as a Methodist Local Preacher.*

*Now, 24 years later, while life has been very tough at times, God has been faithful and 'an ever-present help in times of trouble'. God has encouraged, sustained, healed and provided for me, and my family, through much adversity. For this, I am eternally thankful. I have learned much about different Christian spiritualities and churchmanships and have trained to be a Spiritual Accompanier. I am an Associate of the Iona Community and try to live within a Rule of Life which includes simplicity, sustainability and contemplative prayer. I am passionate about helping others come to know Jesus for themselves, helping to develop their faith and sharing the abundant love God has for all people. I am also passionate that our churches should be welcoming and accessible places for all, whatever their background, gender identity, dis/ability, ethnicity and sexuality. My pronouns which I use are she/her.*

*Following a call to Birmingham, I have been here 10 years now, and live in Ward End, not far from Heartlands Hospital. I was ordained Deacon in 2019, priest in 2020, and served my curacy in Garretts Green. My two sons live in West Sussex, and this October, I will become a Grandma for the first time! I enjoy my self-employed work as a Companion to Older people very much, and for relaxation, my interests include, exploring new places, researching my family history and making greeting cards.*