

Welcome to Shirley Parish

SHIRLEY PARISH



Christ the King, St James the Great and St John the Divine

This week: 22nd – 28th April

In the building:

Sat 24th 10am – 4pm St James building open for Private Prayer

Wed 28th 10am – 4pm St James building open for Private Prayer

At home:

Thurs 22nd Midweek Reflection on YouTube

Sat 24th 9:00am Parish Prayers on Zoom

10:00-11:30 (suggested time) Messy Church at Home

Sun 25th 10:00am (suggested time): Morning Worship

10:45-11:30am: Virtual Coffee on Zoom

You can find the videos for the services on the Shirley Parish YouTube channel. Alternatively, you can listen by using the telephone number 0121 270 9089. On the phone will be: Midweek Reflection from Thursday; Sunday service from Sunday.

To join Zoom events, just use this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4904334906> . If you are not on the internet, you can still join us on the phone by calling 0203 695 0088. When asked, type the meeting id 4904 334 906, then # then #.

Coming Up.....

Messy Church at Home – is this Saturday. We will be meeting together over Zoom at 11:00 for tea and toast, to talk about what we have made and to watch the celebration. Contact the office for Zoom details (it is **not** the details above).

St James Churchyard - A small group assembles on Thursdays between 10 am and noon to help keep the churchyard tidy. Please help if you can. We could do with more help with mowing. Contact Kate 07562 664163 or 0121 258 2956

Worship in the building – services will restart in St James on Sunday 2nd May and midweek on Thursday 6th May. Both will be at 10:30am. To book places phone the Parish Office on Friday (for Sunday services) or Wednesday (for Thursday service).

Please see information below about the change in service patterns across the Parish.

Parish Notices

FOOD BANK: toilet rolls, toilet rolls, toilet rolls PLEASE!

NARTHEX: there is a temporary freeze on donations.

ADAVU: basic toiletries especially for men - Sarah Penfold is happy to receive them.

A new service pattern

Following on from the Lent Discussions, the PCC have accepted a recommendation from Wardens and Readers that we adopt a new service pattern across the parish. This will ensure that when we open up all three church buildings our service pattern will be sustainable from the ministry resources that we now have. The pattern will be reviewed early in 2022.

The major changes are that the St James main morning service moves to 10:30. This will enable one minister to take both the 9:00 at St John's and the 10:30 at St James. Other changes are that the 8:00 moves to every fortnight, but there will be an early communion (8:00 at St James or 9:00 at St John's) each week. There will be fewer communion services, but still 2 in the parish each week. The fifth Sunday will be an opportunity for us all to worship together as one parish.

Reflective worship will continue on the first Sunday at St John's, but will move to 3:30 in winter and 6pm in summer. On fifth Sundays we hope to launch a "Forest Church" in the St John's garden or St James churchyard at 3:30/6pm. This is outdoor worship drawing on the tradition of seeing God at work in the created world.

Midweek we will return to the established slot of 10:30 on Thursday morning.

The Sunday pattern is shown in this table, with HC being a communion service and MW some form of Morning Worship.

		week 1	week 2	week 3	week 4	week 5
St James	8:00	-	HC	-	HC	
	10:30	HC	MW	HC	MW	HC
	12:30	Possible baptisms				
St Johns	9:00	HC	MW	HC	MW	
	3:30 / 6	Reflective				Forest Ch
CTK	10:30	MW	HC	MW	HC	

We will begin to reopen the church buildings for worship on Sunday 2nd May – initially with St James but looking within time to open St John’s and Christ the King when it is safe and we are able to do so.

Hence the first services at St James will be:

Sunday 2nd May	10:30am Communion
Thursday 6th May	10:30am Communion
Sunday 9th May	8am Communion
	10:30am Morning Worship
Thursday 13th May	10:30am Communion (Ascension Day)

Reflective Worship will start in the St John’s garden at 6pm on Sunday 2nd May.

For the time being places will be limited to ensure compliance with social distancing and bookings will be through the Parish Office. As soon as we are able we will “live stream” the 10:30 service onto YouTube and the phone line direct from the church building – until then we will continue with pre-recorded worship in addition to the worship in the buildings.

For Prayer

Re-opening the St James building for worship, the nation as we emerge from lockdown restrictions

Years Mind: Reta Stiles, Don Hodesdon, Colin Bishop, Percy Chilcott, Dennis Roberts, Clive Hooper, Charles Goodall, Ellen Williams, Beryl Redstone, Frederick Wragg, Rodney Pitham, Elsie Morden, Ronald Careless

Keeping in touch....

Next week’s Pewslip

CONCISE items (max 3 sentences) to Parish Office by 9am on Monday please. Longer articles to shirleyparishmagazine@gmail.com by 12th of the month.

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Growing Together

How we might take the next steps in exploring our faith

From May to July we are offering two courses to help us explore more about our faith and its impact on our daily lives. Both have six sessions which will run on alternate Thursdays, 7:30 – 9pm. Because of the Covid restrictions, both will start via Zoom, but we will consider running them “in person” when the regulations allow. We hope to run Zoom-free options later in the year for those without internet access.

The first option is a module of the **C of E Pilgrim Course** looking at **The Lord’s Prayer**. This course is less about “learning” and more about thinking and discussing what the words of this well-known prayer might mean for each of us in our daily lives. There are no “wrong” answers! In each session there is a Bible reading, some information written by leaders within the Church of England, and a few questions to get discussion going. We will facilitate/chair the discussion time as this helps the conversation to flow more easily, without people accidentally talking over each other. If we have lots of participants we will divide into smaller facilitated groups. If you think you might be interested, you can find out more about the course here <http://www.pilgrimcourse.org/about-pilgrim> and see a sample session here [here](#) (or phone the Parish Office and they will email a copy to you.) Participants need a course book, which we would order in – they cost about £6.

Course dates are: May 13th, Jun 3rd, Jun 17th, Jul 1st, Jul 15th, Jul 29th

The second option is to join in with the second module of the Birmingham Diocese **Way of Discipleship** course. You can do this even if you didn’t take part in module 1 last autumn. The course takes the approach of “learn something”, “see how others apply it in their lives”, “put it into practice in our own life.” The “learning” bit is included in a course booklet which we hope participants will make time to read before the session, so we can use our time together to do a quick recap, answer questions, and then focus on the “what does it mean for me?” bit. Again, the group times will be facilitated, and we will have around 4 people per group, so we get a range of thoughts and experience.

Course dates are: May 6th, May 27th, Jun 10th, Jun 24th, Jul 8th, Jul 22nd.

To book for either course, or if you’d like to have a chat before deciding, please contact Paul (pgday@hotmail.co.uk) 0121 537 9672; or Kate kate_day@me.com 07809 481823. We look forward to hearing from you.