



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

**This week: 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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)
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Office Closed 9:30am Church cleaning (St James)
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	10am Welcome Café (Church House) 11.30am Craft Club (Church House)
Weds 21 <sup>st</sup>	Office Closed 1:30pm JOT Group (Church House)
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am Eucharist (St James)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Office Closed
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	9am Parish Prayers (zoom)
Christmas Eve	4pm Angels at the Crib (St James and YouTube) 11pm Midnight Mass Holy Communion (St James and YouTube)
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	8am Eucharist (St James)
Christmas Day	9am Eucharist (St John's) 10.30am Eucharist (St James & Youtube)

You can find the videos for the services on the Shirley Parish YouTube channel  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpCB9321NJzEHS1K9LU-kAg>

**Coming up.....**

**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

**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.

**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.

**Book club** - Monday 6th February 2023 2pm Church House. The book in question is, 'In Falling Snow' by Mary Rose McColl.

## Parish Notices

**Parish Office** The office will be closed between Christmas and New Year, opening again on Tuesday January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Gift tree** A big thank you to all those people who donated gifts for the gift tree. On Saturday we combined our gifts with those from Shirley Methodist Church and packed a gift bag for each person supported by ADAVU. These were collected on Tuesday and will be distributed at a party on Thursday. The project leader at ADAVU has sent her thanks on behalf of their clients.

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 **Locally** sourced and seasonal, **O**rganic, **A**nimal-friendly and **F**airly Traded. Wishing you peace and joy at Christmas. The Ecochurch group.

**Christmas hamper** This is your last opportunity to buy raffle tickets for a chance to win the Christmas Hamper as the draw will take place today. A big thank you from the Friends to all who have supported this.

**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 – Shirley Heath School**

**The departed and those who mourn them** Diane Burton

**Years Mind:** Stanley Wright, Sheila Day, William Hanna, Charles Hoy, Ethel Seaton, Peggy Gardner, Myra Taylor, Frank Pitham, Peggy Lee, Leonard Simpson

**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 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