



Shirley Parish

Christ the King
St James the Great
St John the Divine

Knowing Christ, Making Him Known

15th - 22nd December

Advent 3

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Sun 15th	9am	Morning Worship (St Johns)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (Christ the King)
	10.30am	Eucharist (St James & YouTube)
	6pm	Carol Service (St James & YouTube)
Mon 16th	10:30am	Nordic Walk (Brueton Park)
Tues 17th	10:00am	Welcome Café (Church House)
	11.30am	Craft Club (Church House)
Thurs 19th	10:30am	Eucharist (St James)
Fri 20th	10am	Jimmy Tots (Church House)
	11am	Funeral (St James)
	2pm	Church Spruce Up (St James)
	Sat 21st	9am
Sun 22nd	10am	Messy Church (St James)
	8am	Eucharist (St James)
	9am	Eucharist (St Johns)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (St James)
	10.30am	Eucharist (Christ the King)

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For Prayer Kingswood School

Those Who Have Died

Steven Brigden

Years Mind Les Wall, Olga Cave, Darryl Brookes, Stanley Wright, Sheila Day, William Hanna, Charles Hoy, Ethel Seaton, Peggy Gardner & Myra Taylor

Parish Notices

Carols – Our service of readings and carols is at 6pm this Sunday 15th December in St James

Christmas Services – Please see the separate sheet for details of all the Christmas services in the Parish

The Parish Office Is closed to visitors on **Mondays** and closes at 11.15am on **Fridays**. It will also be closed from **Tuesday 24th December to Thursday 2nd January**.

Donations for Christmas flowers for St James Church to Jane Cook please

Kitchen Roll Inners needed for Messy Church! Please leave in South transept. Also Large Boxes made of strong cardboard!

100 Club Reminder - Members are reminded that subs for the next 6 months (December to May) are now due - £13 for 6 months- £26 for 12 months. Cheques payable to " Friends of St James 100 Club " and given to Parish Office or posted to Lynda McPherson, 90 Dickens Heath Road Shirley, B90 1RL.

Christmas Cards There is now a 'post box' in church for anyone who would like to send Christmas cards within the parish.

Parish Christmas Card Instead of sending individual cards to all of your friends at church, you can sign the card located at the back of St James and then make a donation to a charity of your choice if you would like to.

FOODBANK Jam, jam, jam please to add to the breakfast club replacement parcels.

NARTHEX Mans warm anorak or jacket please.

Nordic (or not) Walk Our Christmas walk will be on Monday 16th December in Brueton Park, Solihull. Please meet in car park Warwick Rd end B91 3HA @ 10.30 am Contact Jan on 07790 377 210 or jangardner2203@gmail.com All welcome !

Church Spruce-up for Christmas! Friday 20th December 2-3.30 pm. Please help if you can. Kate C

Readings 15th December

Zephaniah 3.14-end

A Song of Joy

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Philippians 4.4-7

May you always be joyful in your union with the Lord. I say it again: rejoice! Show a gentle attitude toward everyone. The Lord is coming soon. Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart. And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus.

Luke 3.7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' 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.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your
mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the
wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

3rd Sunday in Advent – Light of challenge

O come, O come, Emmanuel
Come Lord Jesus
We light the third candle
We receive the light of challenge,
acknowledging much that needs to change,
in our lives, in our attitudes,
our choices, and in our world.
In a world of comfort and plenty,
where many go hungry,
challenge us to change.
With John the Baptist,
and all the uncomfortable voices,
challenge us to change
We light a candle in the darkness,
challenge us to change
O come, O come, Emmanuel
Come Lord Jesus

If you wish to contribute to the notice sheet, please contact the Parish Office by 9am Wednesday (max of 3 sentences). Longer articles to shirleyparishmagazine@gmail.com by the 12th