



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

**This week: 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> October 2022**  
Trinity 16

Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8am Eucharist (St James) 10.30am Eucharist (St James & Youtube) 12.30pm Baptism (St James) 6pm Reflective Worship (St John's)
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	10am Welcome Café (Church House)
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup>	12pm Ploughmans (Church House) 2pm MU Millennium Way Walks Talk (Church House)
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Eucharist (St James)
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	10am Jimmy Tots (Church House)
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	9am Parish Prayers (Zoom) 10.30am Friends Coffee Morning (Church House) 10.30am Green Fair (St James)
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	9am Harvest Festival Eucharist (St John's) 10.30am Harvest Morning Worship (St James & Youtube) 10:30am Harvest Festival Eucharist (Christ the King)

You can find the videos for the services on the Shirley Parish YouTube channel  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpcB9321NJzEHS1K9LU-kAg>

## **Harvest Festival**

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival over the weekend of 8th-9th October. The celebrations will include the Green Fair on Saturday 8th and services in all three churches on Sunday 9th. The St James Sunday Service will be particularly focusing on climate change and the care of the planet, picking up themes from the Green Fair. The St John's and Christ the King services will have more traditional Harvest themes.

As always there will be an opportunity to bring Harvest offerings which will go to the Sparkhill Foodbank. Please bring either non-perishable food or cash / cheques which can be passed to the Foodbank. Cheques to be made payable to Narthex Sparkhill. Alternatively, you can donate via the Foodbank website <https://sparkhill.foodbank.org.uk>

This is a great opportunity to thank God for his provision for us, to help those who are less well off and to commit ourselves to continue to care for God's creation.

### **Coming up.....**

**Churchyard working party** - Next date 5<sup>th</sup> October.... all are welcome to join us!

**Mothers Union meeting on Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup>**. The speaker will be Barry Durman telling us of the Millennium Way Walks. The meeting will be in Church House starting at 2.00 pm. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO OUR MEETINGS.

**The Friends of St. James** are inviting you to a Coffee Morning on Saturday 8th October from 10.30am until 12 noon in Church House. We are collecting bric a brac and books and these can be left at the parish office between 9.30am – 12.30pm. We will also welcome your cake contributions on the day. See you there!

**The eco-church group** plans to hold a 'green fair' in church on Saturday 8th October, which is our harvest weekend. There will be information, stalls and activities focussed on caring for creation. We would love to have some ideas (and help!) from the three congregations. Contact Kate C 07562664163

Pam Owen has brightened up the notice board in the South transept and it will be used for news and ideas about our ecochurch activities. On the seat below is a green box with items for anyone to take and re-use, starting with padded envelopes and gift bags. Other ideas for sharing might include seeds or garden produce.

**Nordic (or not) Next Walk** – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October, meet at 10.30am in the Brueton Park Car Park. Short walk and coffee after! [jangardner2203@gmail.com](mailto:jangardner2203@gmail.com), 0121 744 8146 – ALL welcome!

**Sunday Lunch Club** - The next meal will take place on the 16th October at the usual time of 12.30. Please use the sign-up sheet at the back of St James Church or book directly with Jan Dalton 07969 326531 or [jan.dalton@btinternet.com](mailto:jan.dalton@btinternet.com). We are so very grateful for the donations given to continue this part of our community service. Thank you.

### **Parish Notices**

**Magazine Distributors** – Parish Magazines will now be available to/delivered to distributors from 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. There will also be copies available in church.

**Safeguarding** - As you all know we are a parish that takes safeguarding very seriously. Everyone who comes to our churches deserves to feel included and very importantly, safe.

We want you to know that if anything is concerning you, please talk to Sue Harries, safeguarding coordinator, or Paul Day, vicar. We must all look after one another.

**Stewardship forms** – Many thanks to all those who have returned their pledge forms. We will make contact with you shortly if you have offered particular skills. Please bear with us.

**Help with Ukrainian Refugees' English** – Could you spare some time to help refugees practise their English? No experience required – please contact Margaret Hill on [mrsheem@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mrsheem@tiscali.co.uk) if you are able to help.

**Troop Aid** is a local charity which supplies 'grab bags' with basic essentials to our injured troops at home and abroad. They require clothing, men's, women's (including bras) and children's to sell on to help with funding. Please contact Margaret Kew on 0121 682 0957.

**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

**ADAVU** - thank you for the toiletries- Lisa was able to collect 4 emergency bags last Friday.

**For Prayer** – Our Area Dean

**The departed and those who mourn them** – Mary Alcott

**Years Mind:** Ashley Brown, Philip Kew, Michael Baldwyn, Norman Froggatt

**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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