

SHIRLEY PARISH



KNOWING CHRIST
MAKING HIM KNOWN

23rd – 30th November

Christ The King

The Parish of Shirley

St James the Great and St John the Divine

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Sun 23 rd	8am	Eucharist (St James)
	9am	Morning Worship (St Johns)
	10.30am	Worship 4 Everyone (St James)
Mon 24 th	8pm	Compline & Parish Prayers (Zoom)
Tues 25 th	10.00am	Welcome Café (Church House)
Thurs 27 th	10.30am	Eucharist and healing (Church House)
Fri 28 th	10am	Jimmy Tots (Church House)
Sat 29 th	7.30pm	Christmas By Candlelight (Church House)
Sun 30 th	10.30am	Advent Sunday Parish Eucharist (St James)

Parish Notices

JOURNEY WEEK ★ Please note that Monday 23rd November marks the beginning of our 'Journey to the Stable' week. St James will be closed to visitors during this time to allow our amazing Journey Team to bring the story of the 'Journey to the Stable' to life and deliver this to the children within our Parish. Church will re open as normal from Saturday 29th November. Thank you for your patience and support during this time ★

Christmas By Candlelight The Friends of St. James are now selling tickets for this event which is on Saturday 29th November at 7.30pm in Church House and will be a Christmas meal with all the trimmings. Tickets costing £18.50 each including a glass of wine or soft drink are available from the Parish Office.

Mothers Union December 3rd will be our **Advent Service** when our home church members are also invited. The service will be in St James Church starting at 2.00pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Everyone is invited to celebrate with us.

Collection of Household Goods A big thank you to everyone who brought household goods last Sunday for the benefit of families using the foodbank. There was so much collected that it nearly didn't all fit into David and Elizabeth's car!

Plea from the Journey Team Is there anyone with a small amount of dry storage space (a garage/loft) to store some of the soft furnishings used during our Journey events. Please contact Emily if you are able to help. Thanks in advance.

Volunteer required... You may have noticed that the flagpole located on the top of St James tower has been repaired. We are now looking for a volunteer to hoist and lower the flag for appropriate events. Please contact Emily if you feel this could be you.

Donations During Services + 🕯️ We do not pass an offertory plate around the congregation during our services. You can donate using the Parish Giving Scheme for regular donations or for one-off donations by using the Sum Up machine or the collecting plate at the back of the church. Thank you for your support 🕯️ +

Vicar – in vacancy

Contact the Parish Office

Rev Richard Haynes - Curate

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(Rest Day is Friday)

For prayer in the Parish this week

All those who will be taking part in the Journey to the Stable and for the schools which will attend.

Community volunteer groups and emergency workers.

The local churches and leaders with whom we work closely to serve the community of Shirley.

THOSE TO BE BAPTISED

Maeva McDonald

Collect for 23rd November 2025

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended
to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things
as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of
the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created
order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever
Amen

Memorial Service Thursday 4th December 6:30pm St James

Everyone is invited to our annual memorial service – an opportunity to find stillness and reflection during the Advent season. If you would like a name read aloud during the service, please contact the parish office.



Readings 23rd November

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Colossians 1: 11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength which comes from his glorious power, so that you may be able to endure everything with patience. And with joy give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to have your share of what God has reserved for his people in the kingdom of light. He rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us safe into the kingdom of his dear Son, by whom we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven. Christ is the visible likeness of the invisible God. He is the first-born Son, superior to all created things. For through him God created everything in heaven and on earth, the seen and the unseen things, including spiritual powers, lords, rulers, and authorities. God created the whole universe through him and for him. Christ existed before all things, and in union with him all things have their proper place. He is the head of his body, the church; he is the source of the body's life. He is the first-born Son, who was raised from death, in order that he alone might have the first place in all things. For it was by God's own decision that the Son has in himself the full nature of God. Through the Son, then, God decided to bring the whole universe back to himself. God made peace through his Son's blood on the cross and so brought back to himself all things, both on earth and in heaven.

Luke 23: 33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Parish Prayers on Zoom Our weekly Parish Prayers have moved to Monday evenings at 8pm, replacing the previous Saturday morning slot. Each gathering includes space for open prayer and the gentle Liturgy of Compline (Night Prayer) All are warmly invited to join. For details, please speak to a member of the Ministry Team

Diocese Safeguarding Survey

Bishop Michael has put out an appeal to capture a 'snapshot of safeguarding culture' across our diocese by completing a survey. The findings will help inform future priorities and strengthen our ongoing work to improve safeguarding practice and governance. It provides an opportunity for you to comment on the Diocese's safeguarding culture. Please take a few moments to complete the survey by typing the following web address into your browser: <https://www.cognitofirms.com/Cofebirmingham/ParishSafeguardingSurvey2025> Paper copies are also available in St James' and St. John's. The final day for submitting your views is Sunday 14th December.

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