Annual Memorial Service for the Departed

One of the Church's greatest privileges is to walk alongside people at the significant moments of life. We celebrate births and baptisms, rejoice at weddings, and stand with families in times of loss. The death of someone we love is one of life's deepest sorrows, and no one should have to carry that burden alone.

For many people, thoughts of those who have died become especially present as Christmas approaches. A season that is often associated with joy, family and celebration can also highlight the absence of those who were once such an important part of our lives.

The Christian faith does not pretend that grief is easy, nor does it ask us to forget those we love. Instead, it offers hope. At the heart of Christmas is the coming of Jesus Christ into our world, bringing light into darkness and hope into places of sorrow. Through his death and resurrection, Christians believe that death is not the end and that those who die in Christ remain safe in God's love.

Each year, Shirley Parish holds an Annual Memorial Service, providing a space where grief and hope can be held together. It is an opportunity to remember loved ones who have died, to give thanks for their lives, and to find comfort in prayer, reflection and the hope of the Christian faith. During the service we sing familiar Christmas carols, hear readings and words of encouragement, and take part in a simple act of remembrance. The names of those being remembered are read aloud as we commend them into God's loving care.

Everyone is welcome, whether the bereavement was recent or many years ago, and regardless of which funeral director arranged the funeral.

Service Details

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Sunday 6 December, 6.00pm
St James the Great Church, Church Road, Shirley, B90 2AX

Having a Name Read During the Service

If you would like the name of a loved one to be included in the act of remembrance and read aloud during the service, please contact the Parish Office. We would also appreciate knowing whether you plan to attend and approximately how many people will be coming with you. If you are unable to attend in person but would still like a loved one's name to be included, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

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We look forward to welcoming you.