

29th March – 5th April**Palm Sunday****The Parish of Shirley****St James the Great and St John the Divine**

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Sun 29th	10.30am	Palm Sunday Eucharist & the reading of the St Matthew's Passion Narrative (St James)
Mon 30th	12pm	Funeral - Emma Ditchfield (St James)
	7.30pm	Compline (St James) – no online service
Tues 31st	10am	Welcome Café (Church House)
	12.15pm	Funeral - Jean Woolmore (St James)
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross (St James)
Wed 1st	12pm	Ploughmans Lunch (Church House)
	2pm	Home Communion Service (St James)
	2pm	Mothers Union (Church House)
	7.30pm	Reflective Worship (St James)
Thurs 2nd	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Eucharist & Stripping of the Sanctuary (St James)
Fri 3rd	10.30am	Walk of Witness (Our Lady of the Wayside)
	7.30pm	Taize Service (St James)
Sat 4th	7.30pm	Easter Vigil (St Johns)
Sun 5th	10.30am	Easter Day Eucharist (St James)

Parish Notices**Palm Sunday Parish Eucharist**

There will be a gathering in St James Place of those who wish to process into Church to mark the start of this service – please gather in St James Place from 10:15am. The service will also begin at the same time in the church building for those who do not wish, or are unable to process. Please do what is right for you.

Security There have recently been some issues with security in the church, Church House, Parish Office and in the wider community. Because of this, we are installing CCTV to monitor the Parish Office door and church porch. **There will not be any cameras inside the church.** There is now a doorbell on the frame of Church House main door. If you are attending an event and the door is closed, please use the bell. Thank you for your understand and support 📞

Mothers Union Our April meeting will be on **Wednesday April 1st** in Church House. The Rev. Theresa Jones will be speaking on Meditation, Mindfulness and the Wounds of Christ.

Thank you Many thanks to all who donated to the **Mothers Union Period Poverty Appeal**. Your kind and generous donations really will make a huge difference to those in need.

Maundy Thursday – **there will be no morning service on this day.** There are Eucharists on Wednesday 1st at 2pm and Maundy Thursday **evening** at 7:30pm

Vicar – in vacancy

Contact the Parish Office

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(Rest Day is Friday)

FOR PRAYER

For the newly installed Archbishop of Canterbury – Sarah Mullally
For all Christians and Churches across the world as we walk with Christ through Holy Week.

YEARS MIND**THOSE TO BE BAPTISED**

Isla Warburton, Cora Gardiner & Grayson Rutter

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Emma Ditchfield, Jean Woolmore, John Turner & Alan Mitchell

Collect for 29th March 2026

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen**Donations During Services**

+ 📞 We do not pass an offertory plate around the congregation during our services. You can make one-off or regular donations using the Parish Giving Scheme.

Thank you for your support 📞 +

Registered Charity Number:

1131912

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Readings 29th March

Palm Sunday

Matthew 21: 1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

Holy Week Services

Monday 7:30pm St James - Compline

Tuesday 7:30pm St James - Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 2pm St James - Eucharist

Wednesday 7.30pm St James – Reflective Worship

**Maundy Thursday 7:30pm St James - Eucharist and
the Stripping of the Sanctuary**

**Good Friday 7:30pm St James – Taize Reflective
Service**

Holy Saturday 7:30pm St Johns – Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 10:30am St James - Easter Eucharist

Good Friday Walk of Witness Friday 3 April

Shirley Churches Together will once again be organising the Walk of Witness which will begin from Our Lady of the Wayside at 10:30am and stop off at St James on the way to the Shirley Baptist Church. We need volunteers for marshalling the walk and a small team at St James to lead the brief act of worship that will happen on the walk. Could you please let me know if you are willing and able to help. With gratitude. Rev'd Richard Haynes

