

<b>Sun 18th</b>	9am	Morning Worship (St Johns)
	10:30am	Eucharist (St James and YouTube)
	10:30am	Morning Worship (Christ the King)
	12.30pm	Sunday Lunch (Church House)
<b>Tues 20th</b>	10am	Welcome Café (Church House)
<b>Wed 21st</b>	12pm	Ploughman's Lunches
<b>Thurs 22nd</b>	10:30am	Eucharist (St James)
<b>Sat 24th</b>	9am	Parish Prayers (zoom)
<b>Sun 25th</b>	8am	Eucharist (St James)
	9am	Eucharist (St Johns)
	10:30am	Worship 4 Everyone (St James and YouTube)
	10:30am	Eucharist (Christ the King)

### Parish Notices

**Parish Office** Please remember the office is **closed to visitors** on Mondays.

**Keys!** - If you use a key from a key-safe *please* replace it! Missing keys cause a lot of inconvenience and expense. Many thanks Kate C

**Parking** – If you are a use of the Church House Car Park please obtain a permit from the Office and display it clearly when parking – thank you

**Hearing Loop** – There is a hearing induction loop in both St John's and St James. You may need to talk to your audiologist to set up your hearing aids to use the loop. In St James it only works in the main body of the church.

**Helen Ball** – Helen's funeral will be on Friday August 30<sup>th</sup> at 11am at Christ Church Yardley Wood. If you would like to attend please let the office know as the family would like an idea of numbers.

**Holidays** – Richard H is away from 12<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Aug.

**From Reverend Wendy Martin** - Sincere apologies for my delay in thanking you for all your gifts, flowers, cards and messages on my retirement as Associate priest, Shirley Parish. They are delightful and very much appreciated. I had a lovely holiday in Norfolk following, and the day after my return, I fell at home and sustained a compound fracture of my wrist. A week later I had corrective surgery and after two weeks, yesterday, was put in a full plaster, for, I understand a further 4 weeks. So no work or driving until mid September I understand. I'm ok and healing but it takes time. Meanwhile I join with you, in worship, via zoom. Thank you again, Wendy"

**FOOD BANK** – Coffee and Jam please

**Female Warden Required** for a Sheltered Housing Scheme in Shirley. Part time position approx 10 days per month working a 3 days on and 6 days off rota. If interested, please contact Barabara Holloway on 07967660242

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**For Prayer** – Our Parish: St Johns

**Those Who Have Died** – Jean Boughton, Miles Harrison, Helen Ball, Tom Jones

**Years Mind** – Gladys Presdee, Mavis Wright, Malcolm Lay, Edmund Ward, Marion Rooke, Elizabeth Day, Laura Roome, Jim Wilson, Arthur Smith, Arnold Thomas, Alice Bridgewater, Gordon Camps, Elizabeth Grogan, Gladys Ashby & Vi Stevens

**Coming up...**

**Nordic (or not ) Walk** for August has been cancelled due to school holidays! Our next walk will be on Monday 16th September at 10.30 am. Venue to be confirmed! All welcome!

**Collect** – Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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.

## Readings for Sunday 18th August

### Ezekiel 36:24-28

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

### Romans 8:9-17

But you do not live as your human nature tells you to; instead, you live as the Spirit tells you to—if, in fact, God's Spirit lives in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ lives in you, the Spirit is life for you because you have been put right with God, even though your bodies are going to die because of sin. If the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from death, lives in you, then he who raised Christ from death will also give life to your mortal bodies by the presence of his Spirit in you. So then, my friends, we have an obligation, but it is not to live as our human nature wants us to. For if you live according to your human nature, you are going to die; but if by the Spirit you put to death your sinful actions, you will live. Those who are led by God's Spirit are God's children. For the Spirit that God has given you does not make you slaves and cause you to be afraid; instead, the Spirit makes you God's children, and by the Spirit's power we cry out to God, "Father! my Father!" God's Spirit joins himself to our spirits to declare that we are God's children. Since we are his children, we will possess the blessings he keeps for his people, and we will also possess with Christ what God has kept for him; for if we share Christ's suffering, we will also share his glory.

### John 14:15-26

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.' Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, 'Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?' Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.