

Shirley Parish Magazine

October 2022



SHIRLEY PARISH GUIDE (see also inside the back cover)

CLERGY

Vicar - Reverend Paul Day

18 Widney Lane, Solihull B91 3LS
email: pgday@hotmail.co.uk

Tel: 0121 537 9672

Reverend Wendy Martin

email: wendy164@btinternet.com

Tel: 07543 829571

Reverend Wendy Carter

email: revwendy@sky.com

Tel: 0121 744 6315

Reverend Nick Ball

email: nicholaseball@hotmail.com

Tel: 0121 243 1336

Reverend Theresa Jones

email: theresaj1@btinternet.com

Tel: 01564 822687

Parish Office, Church House, Church Road, Shirley, B90 2AX

Telephone: 0121 745 8896

Email: admin@shirleyparish.co.uk

Parish Website: <https://www.shirleyparishb90.co.uk>

Social Media: [twitter.com/@ParishB90](https://twitter.com/ParishB90)

facebook.com/@AdventureinFaithB90

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/ShirleyParishB90>

PARISH OFFICE
is open Monday to
Friday (except Bank
Holidays)
9.30am - 12.30pm

OUR PARISH PRAYERS



Give to us your people, living God,
A renewed faith and a bold vision
that we may proclaim
the Good News of your Son
with faith that your kingdom will come,
with hope for our community
and with love for Him
who died and rose again
to save us, Jesus Christ our Risen Lord
Amen

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church,
send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you,
and in service to our local community.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

THIS MONTH'S SERVICES

Date	Time	Service	Venue
Sunday 2nd	8am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	6pm	Reflective Worship	St John's Church
Thursday 6th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Sunday 9th HARVEST FESTIVAL	9am	Holy Communion	St John's Church
	10.30am	Morning Worship	St James Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King Church
Thursday 13th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Saturday 15th	10am	Messy Church	St James Church
Sunday 16th	8am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	9am	Morning Worship	St John's Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Thursday 20th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Sunday 23rd	9am	Holy Communion	St John's Church
	10.30am	Morning Worship	St James Church
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Christ the King Church
Thursday 27th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Sunday 30th 	8am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	9am	Morning Worship	St John's Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Christ the King Church
	3.30pm	Forest Church	St John's Church

Recordings/live streams -

<https://www.youtube.com/ShirleyParishB90>



Copies of the sermons can be found on our website -

<https://www.shirleyparishb90.co.uk/download-a-sermon>

*** PLEASE CHECK FOR ANY CHANGES ON THE WEEKLY PEW SLIP, SOCIAL MEDIA
OR OUR WEBSITE <https://www.shirleyparishb90.co.uk> ***

ST JAMES THE GREAT CHURCH, Church Road, Shirley B90 2AX

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH, Widney Junior School, Clifton Crescent, Solihull B91 3LQ

ST JOHN THE DIVINE CHURCH, Tilehouse Lane, Tidbury Green, Shirley B90 1PW

SOME CHANGES TO OUR SERVICE PATTERN

The PCC has decided to make a few changes to the service pattern across the Parish. This will ensure that there are never two Sunday mornings in succession when there is no service at either St John's or Christ the King.

The revised pattern is below (the changes are highlighted).

The main differences are that the 8am service moves to 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays, and that apart from the 1st Sunday there is always a morning service at St John's and Christ the King.

This will begin from the last Sunday in October – October 30th (and don't forget to put your clocks back!).

Worship Centre	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
St James 8am		HC		HC	HC
St James 10.30am	Parish HC	MW	HC	MW (informal)	HC
St Johns 9am		HC	MW	HC	MW
St Johns 3.30pm/6pm	Reflective				Forest
CTK 10.30am		HC	MW	HC	MW

(HC – Holy Communion; MW – Morning Worship)

NOVEMBER 2022 PARISH MAGAZINE

PLEASE SEND INFORMATION & ARTICLES TO THE EDITOR BY
Wednesday 12th October 2022

THE FRIENDS OF ST JAMES 100 CLUB

Congratulations to the September winners

£50 ~ Sophie Ray

£25 ~ Audrey Turley

Decorating Plus ... (Odd Jobs)

B90 and nearby

Call Stewart on 07802 566 441 or 0121 744 2804

Email - DecoratingPlus@hotmail.co.uk



Be who you've always been... a keen gardener

At Blossomfield Grange care home being a keen gardener doesn't stop when you make the journey into care. Bring your life with you to a place you can call home.

If you're considering care call **0121 756 4751**.

 **Trusted to care.**

Blossomfield Grange care home
Solihull
careuk.com/blossomfield-grange

care UK 

MOBILE HAIRDRESSER

Fully qualified **LADIES AND GENTLEMENS** Hairdresser
Available for appointments in the comfort
of your own home

Please Telephone **CLAIRE** on
01564 794684 or **07931 751 451**

OUR NEW SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

Well I ask you ... who needs a five star restaurant when we have one on our doorstep ... Church House.

On Sunday, created by our good friend Jan Dalton and helpers, we enjoyed an excellent meal, all freshly cooked home made food ... beautifully presented.

Well done Jan and all your helpers.

Looking forward to the next one!

Liz Blakey

REMEMBERING QUEEN ELIZABETH II

The death of the Queen was an event that we all knew was coming and on one level we were all expecting. But as it was announced we were, I believe, all deeply shocked and saddened.

She was more than a monarch; more than a Head of State. She was a model of dedicated and selfless service; she was an example of faithful Christian living; she was kind, generous, wise and was able to see the funny side of life. She was loved by the whole nation. And not just our nation of course. Tributes poured in from around the world. Tributes not just to her as a Queen, but to her as a person; as a special person.

Back in 1952 her father King George VI had died and she – just a young woman at the time - was next in line for the throne. We can hardly dare to imagine what was going through her mind.

Grieving for her father, at the same time as anticipating this huge role she was about to take on as Head of State. Apprehensive, fearful even. She knew she could only fulfil the tasks before her with the help and power of God. She asked the nation in her first Christmas broadcast as Queen, prior to the coronation -

‘Pray that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve Him all the days of my life’.

Like countless millions across the ages she placed her life into the hands of God – taking Jesus as her example and her pattern and being strengthened by the Holy Spirit. Living a life of love and service, following in the footsteps of Jesus. Never afraid to acknowledge the power of God in her life.

I am sad today. But I am not sad for the Queen. I know that she is now in the full presence of the God she served throughout her life. She is where she always had confidence she would be – fully present with God.

But I am sad for our loss. We have lost a great Head of State and a wonderful model of faith and life. And as we look back with thankfulness at her life; as we praise God for her example of love and service perhaps we also find ourselves looking forward with ... uncertainty perhaps; maybe even with concern. It is a new era. For me and I guess for many of us – the Queen is the only Head of State we have known. She has always been there.

In the House of Commons on the day after her death Liz Truss described the Queen as *the rock on which modern Britain has been built.*



REMEMBERING QUEEN ELIZABETH II continued

In the same debate Keir Starmer said

'When everything is spinning, a nation requires a still point, when times are difficult, it requires comfort, and when direction is hard to find, it requires leadership. The loss of our Queen robs this country of its stillest point, its greatest comfort, at precisely the time we need those things most.'

Its really not surprising we are uncertain and maybe more than a little concerned. For our nation and for ourselves.

But the Bible readings that we had on the Sunday after her death give us hope for our future. The God that was always alongside the Queen is still with us today and into the future.

In Lamentations we read – *'The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness'*. (Lamentations Chapter 3 verses 22 and 23)

Although it may seem that the world is changing and that we are without the Queen who was, no doubt, that fixed point for us all, the scripture reassures us that God does not change. His love is constant; his mercies everlasting; he will never let us down.

The gospel reading makes a similar point. Jesus says *'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty'*. (John Chapter 6 verse 35)

He assures us that he will always be with us, always sustain us, always be sufficient for us if we trust in him.

So as we look into what is in many ways an unknown future we can have confidence in the God who walked alongside the Queen, and who promises to walk alongside us. We can be encouraged that just as he never let her down, he will never let us down. And we can be sure that his love will always surround us and shine through us as it did for the Queen.

I finish these few thoughts by quoting from the Queen who said ...

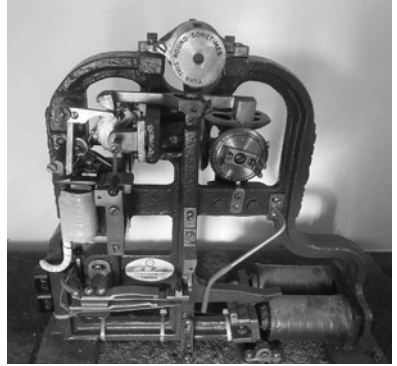
'I know how much I rely on my own faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning, I know the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings and to put my trust in God. I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel.'

May we likewise draw strength from our faith and from the Christian message of hope.

ST JAMES CHURCH TOWER CLOCK REPAIR

The tower clock works have been taken away to Cumbria for repair. It seems that the mechanism is quite rare and there has been a lot of input from experts on how best to preserve it.

Many thanks to the Solihull CIL Fund for their generous grant and to the Friends of St James and the anonymous donors for supporting this project.



THE FRIENDS OF ST JAMES WALKING GROUP



Our latest walk commenced in the centre of Barnt Green. The route took us across fields, along the Birmingham and Worcester canal and for lunch in the sunshine by Upper Bittell reservoir.

The walk was a total of 5.4 miles.

Why not join us on the second Sunday of the month for a short walk and companionship?

If you are interested please contact the Parish Office for further information.

Every Tuesday in Church House

10am until 11.30am

All are welcome to join us for hot drinks, home-made cake and chat!



MUSIC STOOLS AVAILABLE ...

One double and one single music stool available free of charge.

1. 94 cm long 36 cm wide 53 cm high

Wooden construction, hinged top with two 7 cm deep compartments below. Light brocade covering in good condition.

2. 58 cm long 30 cm wide 49 cm high

Black covering. Metal legs.

Can be delivered locally. Please contact David Paice via the Parish Office.



The Friends of St James invite you to a

COFFEE MORNING

*including a raffle, book stall, bric-a-brac,
and a home made cake sale*

Saturday 8th October 2022



10.30 am until 12 noon in Church House

SHIRLEY PARISH GREEN FAIR - SATURDAY 8th OCTOBER

11am to 4pm in ST JAMES CHURCH

As Ecochurches, our three congregations are committed to caring for creation. A Green Fair at Harvest season allows us to explore and share what this means.

The Fair will be in St James Church and will be a mix of displays, information and activities, including

- Making hedgehog houses and insect hotels
- Green solutions to household cleaning
- Getting rid of plastic
- Green shopping locally
- Repurposing plastic
- Know your carbon footprint - and what to do about it
- Petitions / lobbying
- Fairer trade

***Come along and see what YOU can do
to save the planet!***



CHURCH HOUSE REFURBISHMENT

The first phase of work was completed in mid-September.

We now have new LED lighting and infra-red heating panels warming us from above. It may take a little while to get the heating adjusted! We need to economise on electricity, while keeping the building comfortable which will need careful programming. The loft has been insulated and we are reviewing and modernising our fire safety.



The lights in the toilets are operated by a sensor and will automatically turn off when no movement is detected so the light switches are no longer needed.

There is an alarm in the disabled toilet.

The LEDs which illuminate the final exits are now permanently on. This is required by fire regulations because of the way in which the building was originally wired. Please continue to switch off the room lights but remember that the building will still have faint light showing 24/7.

It would be good if everyone were to take a look at the Fire Safety advice on the notice board in the Hall. We will be having some formal training later in the year.

There is more insulation to be installed and then some decoration - as much as we can afford, then maybe a little more fundraising might be needed to finish the job!

We are very grateful to the Veolia Environmental Trust and the National Lottery Community Fund for their support with this project.

Kate Crocker

FOOD BANK NEWS

We often struggle to describe how great the needs of people now are, and what a lifeline foodbanks have become. So, on this occasion we would like to do it by sharing with you an extract from an article published in a recent Big Issue magazine, written by Earlsfield Foodbank Manager Charlotte White.

“...and we can only just about manage to put together food parcels because of a lack of donations. More worrying is the intensity, urgency and complexity of guests’ situations – every week we see new levels of suffering and deprivation.

From the minute the doors opened at 9:30am there were new guests waiting to be registered, and we kept registering until the doors closed at midday.

FOOD BANK NEWS continued

Every story this week, without exception, was complex and heart-breaking. There were many issues relating to benefits: delayed payments; payments unexpectedly stopped or halted due to sanctions. And beyond benefits, problems relating to debt, domestic violence, employment and mental health.

While guests may have different reasons for needing the foodbank, the same phrases come up again and again: “I don’t have any food at home”; “I have no money left until the end of the month”; “I haven’t eaten”. And all too often these chilling words: “I can’t cope” and “I can’t go on like this”...

..... Another new guest, Josie, is in tears – she had been woken up that morning by bailiffs knocking on the door. She works twelve hours a week for a supermarket, but the income barely makes a dent in her debt repayments. At the same time she’s caring for her adult son with severe mental issues. She’s asked for more support and has been told she and her son are “on a list”.

Perhaps most heartbreaking of all is Marion, a single mother, who says she’s at her lowest point. She lives in emergency accommodation with her two toddlers – just one small room for all of them. She was meant to be there for six weeks, but it has now been six months. She has no washing facilities and has to hand wash everything, including towels, which she can never get dry. The children are regularly ill. She hasn’t eaten for over a day, making sure that her children can have the little food she can afford to buy...”.

Shirley Parish food donations go to Sparkhill foodbank alongside donations from supermarkets and many other sources. But as everybody is having to tighten their belts at the moment; donations have dropped alongside continuing increases in demand for food. We have been told that at Sparkhill they are having to spend about £1,000 a week buying food to make up the shortfall.

So please give as much as you can. The most urgent needs are **tinned meat, fish, vegetables, tomatoes, fruit, soup and long-life milk**. The only things they don’t need urgently at the moment are baked beans, pasta and rice.

Thank you so much for your donations.

Louise and Philip Monypenny

We will be collecting food and cash donations for the Sparkhill Food Bank at our Harvest Festival services on **Sunday 9th October**. There are also donation bins in our local supermarkets. If you would like to donate money online please visit - <https://sparkhill.foodbank.org.uk>

Mothers' UNION

Our Desert Island Discs evening meeting on Thursday 18th August commenced with Eric Coats music "By the Sleepy Lagoon". Linda Pitt welcomed all present and introduced our presenter for the evening Ray Speakman. Ray introduced our three guests Rev Wendy Carter, Rev Theresa Jones and Rev Nick Ball and asked them to share with us their three choices of music and the reasons for this should they be cast away on a desert island. To set the scene Ray asked each one in turn how they came to Shirley.



Nick's first choice "Spirit in the Sky" by Norman Greenbaum and was followed by Theresa's Leonard Cohen's "You got me Singing" – a song full of hope and finally for the first round Wendy's "Loudly let the trumpet bray" from Iolanthe written by W S Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan.

Moving on to Nick's second choice a more serious piece Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 5 Finale. For Theresa's choice she specified a particular version of "Lead me Lord" by Samuel Sebastian Wesley that contained the words "Lead me into holiness" sung by Morristown Choir. To complete this round Wendy surprised us all with "All shook Up" by Elvis Presley - there was plenty of audience participation.

For our final round Nick chose Elgar's Cello Concerto Finale, Theresa's "Let it Be" by The Beatles and Wendy Beethoven's Fifth Symphony 3rd movement.

Finally, Ray asked them if they would be happy to remain on their own isolated island. Nick said that he would try to escape, Wendy would be quite content to wait for somebody to find her and Theresa knew that Dave would come looking for her.

Ray concluded by thanking Wendy, Theresa, and Nick for taking part and being our castaways and this was echoed by all present. Linda thanked Ray for all his time both on the evening and his preparation before the event and to Rev Paul for all his help and support in providing the technical backup, without Paul this evening would not have been possible.

The meeting ended with the closing music "By the Sleepy Lagoon" BBC version.

TROOP AID

supporting our injured troops

At our September meeting we welcomed Pam Sutton and Kim Freeman from Troop Aid. Pam explained that Troop Aid was founded in November 2006 by

three ex-servicemen as a result of a visit to Selly Oak Hospital. At the time this was the home of the Defence Medical Welfare Services who were responsible for the welfare of all Armed Forces Personnel, male and female who were injured during the conflict in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere. Now it is all administered from the Queen Elizabeth Hospital where injured service members receive the very best medical care. When service personnel are injured either on training exercise or in combat operations, they are often admitted to hospital without any of their personal effects or clothing. To preserve the dignity of the wounded service members on arrival at hospital Troop Aid provide them with one of their emergency GRAB BAGS. GRAB BAGS contain pen, socks, deodorant, underwear, t-shirt and shorts, towel and face flannel, shower mules, washing and shaving kit, toothpaste and toothbrush and a get-well card. The bags are adapted for male or female. In addition to the emergency bags, they also supply on demand other items of clothing and footwear such as tracksuits, hoodies, fleeces, and trainers.

GRAB BAGS are also sent out to injured service personnel in over twenty-four locations worldwide, one area is Medicine Hat in Alberta, Canada where the Army have a large training area.

Troop Aid is a registered charity and their funds come entirely from fund raising events and donations from organisations. They feel very privileged to have as their patron His Majesty King Charles III.

Our next meeting on the **5th of October** will be Barry Durman speaking on the Millennium Way Walks.

Below is the programme for the remainder of this year. All meetings are held in Church House at 2pm on the first Wednesday in the month.

Visitors are most welcome to any of our meetings.

M.U. PROGRAMME 2022

2nd November – Jan Dalton – Craft Session

7th December – Advent Service



Susan Knight

SHIRLEY PARISH BOOK CLUB

The overlooked genre

The short story has suffered critical neglect in Britain ... squeezed out somewhere in between the novels and poetry. (Frank Myszor)

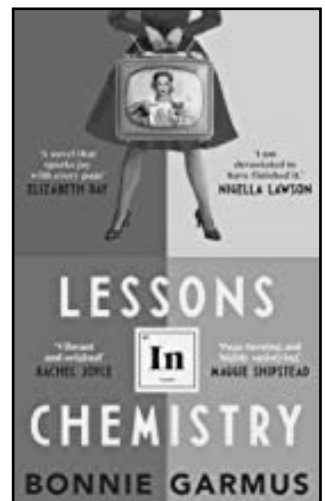
Over the last few years, the Shirley Parish Book Club has read and talked about mostly novels, punctuated by the occasional work of non-fiction. A short while ago we offered to each other our favourite poetry – and now for the first time, (thanks to Sue Guy) we have looked at some short stories. By coincidence, a few weeks ago we needed to raise funds to support some recently arrived children's summer swimming ambitions. So, we had a sponsored read. The short stories we were beginning to assemble fitted the bill perfectly. We raised £370. We needed about £100. So, after consultation with Paul Day and Solihull's co-ordinator for recent arrivals, we have joined Our Lady of the Wayside in a project to fund a Peak District holiday for twelve Ukrainian children. We gave £270.

The stories we read together proved a mixed bag – Victoria Hislop, Alan Bennett, JoJo Moyes, Edgar Allan Poe, Dick King Smith, Arnold Bennett, Jane Gardam, Helen Dunmore, Bill Naughton, and D.H. Lawrence. Most were raved about by Book Club members, others not so much. It seemed in our more recent discussion about the stories, it was *the form* rather than a particular writer's story that left some of us cold. Having done their duty, read the stories, raised the funds, several of the Book Club then shot off and lost themselves in more novels – by Edward Rutherford, James Patterson, Graham Swift, Robert Galbraith, Lisa Kidd, John Le Care, Ann Perry, Kristen Hannah, and Karen Harper.

The next novel for us all is: *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. It's been in the best sellers' list for weeks now and several of the Book Club, once they got wind of this as our next Book Club choice, are already enjoying it.

This book will be discussed on **Thursday 13th October** at 2pm in Church House.

Then – advance warning – the meeting after that will be on Wednesday 7th December at 2pm in Church House. We are planning to put a Book Club Christmas tree (with a Christmas books theme) together in church on the same day and to discover our (secret) choice for the book after *Lessons in Chemistry*.



PLANNING FOR CHRISTMAS 2022

Christmas Gifts for ADAVU

We are hoping to collect gifts for the ADAVU clients again this year, a mixture of necessities and not quite so necessities. The arrangements may be a little different this year as we are going to work with a group from Shirley Methodist Church and the details are still being planned.

Watch out for more information in next month's magazine.

Charity Christmas Tree Festival

Thursday 8th December to Sunday 11th December 2022 in St James Church

Saturday 10th December

Entertainment, refreshments, children's activities and Father Christmas in Church House



REFLECTING ON GOD'S CREATION

I wonder just how many of us are afraid of space – no, not space around us but the “outer space”?

As a child I would gaze up at the heavens and was afraid of what lay beyond, I was terrified of the “dark hole” that lay beyond the lovely blue skies.

Now with space being explored the fear is no longer there.

One evening whilst on holiday recently I stood on the cliff top and admired the beautiful blue sky, streaked with orange and red, as I stood there I thought of God and in my imagination I travelled beyond the “blue sky” into outer space and darkness, only it wasn't dark anymore and I realised that I was in the middle of God's wonderful creation looking at the planets as they rolled passed me and all the twinkling stars.

I felt that I could reach out to touch one of the twinkling stars and bring it back to earth.

Strange really as after experiencing this moment I read Psalm 8 and verses 3 and 4 seemed to confirm all that I had seen and felt. Just how wonderful God is.

*‘When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?’*

We give thanks to God for his wonderful creation.

Margaret Foreshew

MEET SOME MORE OF OUR CHURCHYARD WORKERS



Roger Pitt

‘Over 10,000 steps today!’



Wendy Parker

‘How is it Autumn already?!’



Kate Crocker

‘Watering the trees I have planted to replace those that had to be felled for safety reasons’

NG GROUP - WEDNESDAY MORNINGS FROM 10am

Christine Beeston

'The queen of mowing!'

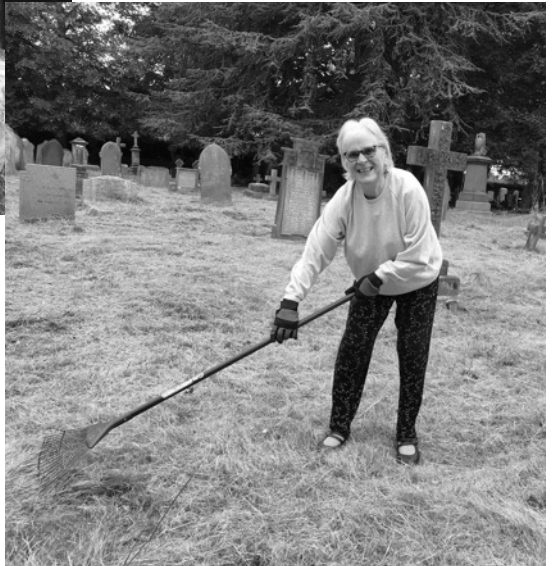


John Challands

'I didn't knock this one down'

Marion Downing

*'I am the newest recruit ...
it is good fun with good company'*



WHY ... ANOINT WITH OIL?

Oil is used in many ways: it makes wheels run smoothly; it is a source of energy and heating; artists use it to create beautiful paintings; it is used in cooking, and the manufacturing of many goods; Kings, Queens and Emperors are anointed with oil.

God uses ordinary things for his work

Bread and wine are consecrated to feed us with the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion. Water washes away our sins and makes us members of His Church at Baptism, God uses three different oils to carry out his purposes. The oils are blessed by the Bishop, usually at a Chrism Mass on Holy (Maundy) Thursday.

The Anointing of the Sick

Jesus reached out to touch people with his healing hands. The Church reaches out in his name to continue his healing work. God wants disease to be conquered, and illness healed. He longs for people to be whole in body, mind and spirit.

Jesus handed down the Sacraments to the Church through the Apostles. These include the Anointing of the Sick with Oil.

Anointing was used in the Church from the beginning. St James wrote in his letter: 'Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders (priests) of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the Lord will raise him up'. (James Chapter 5 verse 14).

The oil is used to make a small Cross on the forehead and palms of both hands. This is done at home, hospital or in a Church service.

The Laying on of Hands with prayer is part of the anointing. The priest (and sometimes an authorised lay person) place their hands on the head of the sick person, while praying over them. There may be a time of silence, with only a short prayer spoken aloud.

This Sacrament is also used for those who are dying, or before an operation. It is for spiritual as well as physical healing.

The forgiveness of sins can be part of the healing process. Those who are ill sometimes ask for God's forgiveness through a priest, who then pronounces the Absolution (God's forgiveness). Anything said to the priest in Confession is never revealed to anyone.

Oil used at Baptism

This is the Oil of Catechumens. The strange name comes from those who are learning the Catechism (the teaching of the Church) in preparation for Baptism.

The Holy Spirit came upon Jesus when he was baptised in the River Jordan by St John the Baptist. Christians are 'born of water and the Spirit' (John Chapter 3 verse 5). The Anointing with oil at Baptism is a sign that we have been 'sealed' with the Holy Spirit (Revelation Chapter 7 verse 3). The Oil of Chrism is often used at Baptism.

WHY ... ANOINT WITH OIL? continued

We have to be baptised before we can receive any of the other 'Sacraments'. These are Confirmation, Holy Communion, Marriage, Reconciliation, Anointing and Ordination.

Oil used at Confirmation

This is the Oil of Chrism. To receive Holy Communion, a person normally has to be confirmed. This involves the laying on of hands by the Bishop, with prayer. A small Cross is made with Oil on the forehead of each candidate.

Oil used at the Ordination of a Priest

The Oil of Chrism is used at the Ordination of a Deacon, and again one year later, when the deacon is ordained as a priest.

Taken from the Tufton Leaflets Why? Series by Father John Pitchford and shared by Margaret Foresheew

PODIATRIST / CHIROPODIST

Surgery and Home Visits

JONATHAN LEESE D.Pod.M., M.Ch.S

HCPC REGISTERED

Tel: 0121 733 1292

193 Creynolds Lane, Shirley B90 4ES

SHIRLEY GARDENING SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be in St James's Church House on
Monday 10th October at 7.45pm

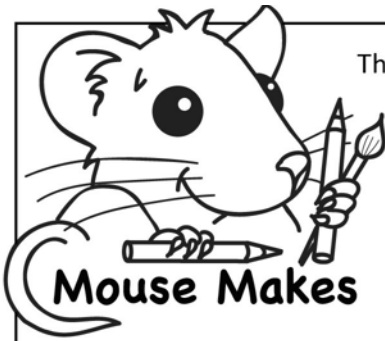
**with a talk by David Bates entitled
"My Way with Dahlias"**



If you are keen on gardening, or have discovered an interest of late why not
come along and join us.

Visitors welcome £5, membership £15

For further information contact Peter Markey on 0121 705 4530



The New Testament has **four gospels, twenty one epistles** and the book of *Revelation*.

The **epistles** are a collection of **letters** that were written by the apostles to the early Christians, they contain teaching, instruction, advice and encouragement.

The Apostle **Paul** is thought to have written **thirteen** of the *epistles*...



Look in your Bible to see who wrote the other eight and who they were written to.

How many people does Paul send greetings to at the end of his letter to the Romans?
.....

The word **epistle** comes from the Greek word **epistolé** which means *letter or message*

Which are the longest epistles?
.....
.....
How many chapters do they have?
.....

DID YOU KNOW...?
At the time of the New Testament letters were written on scrolls

Which is the shortest epistle?
.....
How many chapters does it have?
.....

G A L A T I A N S J A M E S E J S
W A E D I S P E T E R A P T L O C
R O T E T B A W R I T E H I R H R
I P T M U O U S P H I L E M O N O
T H E S S A L O N I A N S O M D L
C O R I N T H I A N S N I T A J L
S P H I L I P P I A N S A H N U S
M C O L O S S I A N S A N Y S D P
H E B R E W S H W E P I S T L E O

EPISTLE • LETTER • ROMANS • CORINTHIANS • GALATIANS • EPHESIANS
PHILIPPIANS • COLOSSIANS • THESSALONIANS • TIMOTHY • TITUS • PHILEMON
HEBREWS • JAMES • PETER • JOHN • JUDE • PAUL • SCROLL • WRITE



Bastock & Bruce Ltd

F U N E R A L D I R E C T O R S

*If Knowle is difficult to get to,
we will happily visit you at
home or you can meet Bruce
at any of the Bastock family
funeral homes.*

A partnership between C. Bastock Ltd and Bruce Bragg

Bruce is now the only remaining member of the Bragg family still in the industry following the sale of the Bragg family business in Shirley. This partnership brings a family business to Knowle with generations of experience ensuring the truly personal service you would expect from an independent business.

Knowle Funeral Home

Brisker Court, 1685, High Street, Knowle. B93 0LN

01564 33 5577 (24 hour)

Serving all surrounding areas



www.bastockandbruce.co.uk

Thomas Bragg & Sons Funeral Directors

**We create every
funeral individually,
just for you.**

- 24-hour service
- Bereavement advice
- Transparent pricing
- Home visits
- Private chapels of rest
- Floral tributes
- Memorial masonry
- Prepaid funeral plans

Thomas Bragg & Sons Funeral Directors are here to support and guide you. We offer a friendly, professional service to families.

**Call us for immediate support, advice
or a home visit. We are here to help 24
hours a day.**

www.thomasbragg.co.uk

Shirley

0121 744 1428

562 Stratford Road, B90 4AY

Knowle

01564 773 610

1682 High Street, B93 0LY

 Funeral Partners



THIS MONTH'S CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Tertullus, who presented the high priest's case against Paul in his trial before Felix, was one (Acts 24:1) (6)
- 4 As balm (anag.) (6)
- 8 Having explored Canaan, he and Joshua urged the Israelites to take possession of it (Numbers 13:30) (5)
- 9 On becoming king of Judah, he had all six of his brothers killed (2 Chronicles 21:4) (7)
- 10 'Even the — has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself' (Psalm 84:3) (7)
- 11 Banishment (Jeremiah29:1) (5)
- 12 'And now I will show you the most — way' (1 Corinthians 12:31) (9)
- 17 'Titus did not exploit you, did he? Did we not — the same spirit and follow the same course?' (2 Corinthians 12:18) (3,2)
- 19 Mice den (anag.) (7)
- 21 How Egypt is often described in the Old Testament: 'the land of — ' (Exodus 13:3) (7)
- 22 One of the first Levites to resettle in Jerusalem after the exile in Babylon (1 Chronicles 9:15) (5)
- 23 'As a sheep before her shearers is —,so he did not open his mouth' (Isaiah 53:7) (6)
- 24 Paul's birthplace (Acts 22:3) (6)

Down

- 1 Ravenous insect inflicted on Egypt in vast numbers as the eighth plague (Exodus 10:14) (6)
- 2 Well-being (Philippians 2:20) (7)
- 3 Small piece of live coal or wood in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (5)
- 5 Sportsman or woman (2 Timothy 2:5) (7)
- 6 The original name of Abraham's wife (Genesis 17:15) (5)
- 7 'So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each — belongs to all the others' (Romans 12:5) (6)
- 9 According to Peter, a wife's beauty should not come from wearing this (1 Peter 3:3) (9)
- 13 'For God did not send his Son into the world to — the world' (John 3:17) (7)
- 14 'The Lord of heaven and earth ... does not live in — built by hands' (Acts 17:24) (7)
- 15 'If your hand — you to sin, cut it off' (Mark 9:43) (6)
- 16 Something like these fell from Saul's eyes as soon as Ananias placed his hands on him (Acts 9:18) (6)
- 18 Track (Job 41:30) (5)
- 20 Religious doctrine (5)



THIS MONTH'S CROSSWORD & SUDOKU

1		2		3			4	5		6		7
	■		■		■		■		■		■	
8						9						
	■		■		■		■		■		■	
10								11				
	■		■		■		■		■		■	
		12		13						14		
15												16
17		18				19		20				
	■		■		■		■		■		■	
21								22				
	■		■		■		■		■		■	
23								24				

Answers are on page 27

		3		9	8			
5		2						6
						5		
9				3			2	
	7		9		6		1	
	6			7				4
		5						
7							1	3
			3	2		9		





STEPHEN & PHILIP
PAINTER

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

INDEPENDENT & FAMILY-OWNED

TEL: 0121 707 1172

213 YARDLEY ROAD, ACOCKS GREEN, BIRMINGHAM, B27 6LZ.

NEW HALL GREEN OFFICE NOW OPEN

192 ROBIN HOOD LANE, HALL GREEN, BIRMINGHAM, B28 0LG.

TEL: 0121 777 4300

THE ONLY FUNERAL HOMES STILL OWNED BY THE PAINTER FAMILY. PROVIDING
A DIGNIFIED & PERSONAL SERVICE ACROSS BIRMINGHAM & SOLIHULL

24 HOUR SERVICE

WWW.STEPHENANDPHILIPPAINTER.COM

COZY TOES

Bev Hughes DipCFhp

Mobile Foot Health Practitioner

07764 636468 or

0121 451 3586



**OFFERING A FRIENDLY,
RELIABLE, PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE AT AFFORDABLE PRICE**

Over 65 £20.00 per session

Under 65 £25.00 per session

TREATMENT INCLUDES:-

- ✓ FREE CONSULTATION
- ✓ TOENAILS CUT &
- ✓ THICKNESS REDUCED
CALLOUSES REMOVED
- ✓ CORNS & VERRUCAS
TREATED
- ✓ DIABETIC FOOTCARE

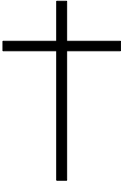
OCTOBER WORD SEARCH

With October, autumn is underway – the leaves are turning gold, the chilly nights are closing in and the shops are full of Halloween things. Our ancestors were frightened of the dark and cold of winter, and feared that evil things might attack them. So they lit fires and wore frightening masks, to ward off evil spirits. But Christianity taught a much better way: it taught that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that when He died for us on the cross, He overcame all the powers of evil that there are. So we don't need charms to ward off evil, we just need to turn to Jesus in prayer. He will protect us from any power of darkness that menaces our lives. The Psalms say that He is our shield and protector!

Answers are on page 27



AUTUMN
 BONFIRES
 COAL
 DARK
 EXAMS
 FEARLESS
 GOLD
 GOODNESS
 HALF TERM
 JESUS
 LEAVES
 LIGHT
 NIGHT
 PRAYER
 PROTECTION
 PUMPKIN
 SAINTS
 SAVING
 SCARVES
 SCHOOL
 SNEEZE
 SON
 SOUP
 SWEETS



Monumental Masons



BANNOCKS OF SOLIHULL

Five generations of quality manufacturing
and service from a family business.

All aspects of Monumental Masonry

PERSONAL ATTENTION ~ ADVISORY SERVICE
LARGE DISPLAY

117 Streetsbrook Road, Solihull B90 3PF
(Opposite Robin Hood Cemetery)

Tel: 0121 744 1727
www.bannocksmemorials.co.uk

Shirley Heath Trees

Gardens & Grounds Maintained, Specialists in Tree
& Hedge work, Paving & Fencing
Contractors for Schools, Factories etc

FREE ESTIMATES, FULLY INSURED. LOCAL & RELIABLE

Office: 01564 700143

Mob: 07836 647745

E: sales@shirleyheathtrees.co.uk

www.shirleyheathtrees.co.uk

PUZZLE ANSWERS

6	4	3	5	9	8	2	7	1
5	9	2	7	1	3	4	8	6
1	8	7	6	4	2	5	3	9
9	5	8	4	3	1	6	2	7
2	7	4	9	8	6	3	1	5
3	6	1	2	7	5	8	9	4
8	3	5	1	6	9	7	4	2
7	2	9	8	5	4	1	6	3
4	1	6	3	2	7	9	5	8



Tudor Grange Primary Academy St James
Nurture, Learn, Achieve

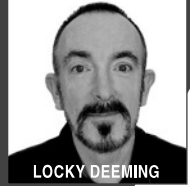
Executive Principal for Primary - Miss S Deakin
 For details about the school contact the PA to the Principal - Mrs G Miles

Tudor Grange Primary Academy St James, Halifax Road, Shirley, Solihull B90 2BT
 Phone: 0121 744 7897 office@stjames.tgacademy.org.uk www.stjames.tgacademy.org.uk

SOLVING PEST PROBLEMS OTHERS CAN'T - Since 2008

From Solihull Redditch

ALL PESTS: Rats, mice, squirrels, wasps, woodworm, rabbits, deer fencing, loft insulation clearance



LOCKY DEEMING

Wasps £67

Ants 2 visits £172

Moles 2 visits £118

Rodents 2 visits £176

*quote 'Shirley Parish' for these prices

Find us on

Google



Visit our
website



For Homes & Businesses

www.pghbeegone.co.uk

sales@pghbeegone.co.uk

0121 405 1478



PGH[®]
PEST PREVENTION

Beegone[®]
LIVE BEE REMOVAL

Kings Norton, Birmingham, England

BILL BOYCE DECORATORS

We have been a family run business since 1982 and we pride ourselves on the quality of our work.

We carry out private work but also carry out work in offices, schools, restaurants and shop premises.

Visit <https://billboycedecorators.co.uk> to find out more

Telephone ~ 0121 744 0040

or 07976 810680 (Bill)

or 07966 275134 (Dan)

89 Union Road
Shirley, Solihull
B90 3BY



Email ~ sandraboynce61@hotmail.com

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS - AUGUST

Funerals

3rd	Ann Charlton Robinson	101
19th	Michael William Wilmut	84

Baptisms

7th	Erin Emelia Hand
14th	Daria Magdalena Wellington

Your local
ONE-STOP GARDEN SHOP






**HUGE PLANT CENTRE • FENCING • GATES • SHEDS • PAVING •
AGGREGATES • HARDWARE STORE and much more!**

Enjoy a
FREE
TEA OR COFFEE
With This Voucher



Wedges
at Earlswood

This voucher entitles the bearer to one regular complimentary tea or coffee. Voucher can only be redeemed at Wedges Bakery located at Earlswood Garden & Landscape Centre. One hot drink per voucher only.
OFFER VALID UNTIL 15T MAY 2022

Privilege Club
**SAVE 5% ON
ALL PURCHASES***

SIGN UP FOR FREE TODAY
IN STORE OR ONLINE AT WWW.EARLSWOODGLC.CO.UK



*Terms & Conditions apply.



EARLSWOOD GARDEN & LANDSCAPE CENTRE
FORSHAW HEATH ROAD, EARLSWOOD, SOLIHULL, B94 5JU
t. **01564 702 314** www.earlswoodglc.co.uk
Follow us: @EarlswoodGLC f t i

OPEN 7 DAYS
Mon to Fri 7:30am - 5pm
Saturday 8am - 5pm
Sunday 10am - 4pm

MOBILE HAIRDRESSER - DAWN



Ladies & mens, fully qualified & insured
Covid Safe, over 30 years experience
Reduced prices for OAPs
Telephone: 0121 744 0421 or 07761 473524



The Roof Repair Co.

<https://www.roofingandgutteringservices.co.uk>

24 hour
service

From A Minor Repair To A New Roof

- ✓ NEW ROOFS
- ✓ NEW FLAT ROOF SYSTEMS
- ✓ RIDGE TILES REPOINTED & REBEDDED
- ✓ GUTTERING - UPVC CLADDING
- ✓ NO MONEY UP FRONT
- ✓ TOP QUALITY MATERIALS
- ✓ SENIOR CITIZENS DISCOUNTS

Guttering
Repaired &
Cleaned Out
from £25

Registered with



Repairs
from as
little as
£35

FREE QUOTATION Without Obligation

FOR IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

0121 604 2104 / 07956 228 842



C Bastock Ltd

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Independent Family Owned Funeral Directors since 1856

Shirley Funeral Home

100, Stratford Road
Shirley. B90 3BH
0121 726 2626

Solihull Funeral Home

67-71 Warwick Road,
Solihull. B92 7HP
0121 706 4040

Yardley Funeral Home

112 Church Road,
Yardley. B26 8UX
0121 784 3230

MEMBER



Whether you have a traditional, contemporary or eco funeral in mind our family are here to help you. Our dedicated team will guide you through the choices and decisions to ensure a unique and befitting funeral.

Specialist provider of Pre-Paid Funeral Plans Free, no obligation help and advice.

Peace of mind with secure affordable options

www.cbastock.co.uk

SHIRLEY PARISH GUIDE *continued*

READERS

Kate Day

email: kate_day@me.com

Tel: 0121 537 9672

Gill Gough

email: g.gough@hotmail.co.uk

Tel: 0121 603 2636

Sarah Penfold

email: sarahpenfold@blueyonder.co.uk

Tel: 0121 681 1525

Denise Smith

email: deesmith1181@hotmail.com

Tel: 01564 822606

CHURCH WARDENS

Parish WardensMargaret Foreshew Tel: 0121 603 9833
email: mhforeshew@gmail.comGill Hanton Tel: 0121 733 2347
email: gill.hanton@btinternet.com**Deputy Wardens - St James the Great Church**Kate Crocker Linda Pitt
Tel: 07562 664163 Tel: 0121 744 6777**Deputy Warden - Christ the King Church**Denise Smith
Tel: 01564 822606**Deputy Warden - St John the Divine Church**Linda Alford
Tel: 0121 430 4785**SAFEGUARDING**Sue Harries
Tel: 07977 012753 or 0121 745 8896 (c/o Parish Office)

Glazing and Locks

- Misted/broken double glazing replaced
- All double glazing repairs
- Over 25 years experience
- City & guilds qualified
- Police and Age Concern registered
- Full locksmith service
- Key cutting
- Windows, door realigned

Contact Jason on 07789761412

FOR ANY ENQUIRIES ABOUT THIS MAGAZINE PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE OR THE EDITOR -

Gill Hanton, 200 Tythe Barn Lane, Dickens Heath B90 1PF
Telephone : 0121 733 2347 or 07973 942145
Email : shirleyparishmagazine@gmail.com

Whilst every care is taken to ensure that the contents of the magazine are correct, the Parish cannot be responsible for any errors that may occur in the editorial or advertisements, nor for the actions of the advertisers.

Registered Charity number 1131912



DO YOU HAVE WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR TO VOLUNTEER WITH US?



WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- Great listening skills and patience
- Available between 9am-4pm, Monday to Friday
- Have access to your own transport or public transport to travel to locations throughout the Solihull Borough
- Enjoy the company of others
- A passion for caring or have been a carer yourself
- Aged 18+ (for insurance purposes)
- Live locally

IN RETURN WE OFFER:

- Full induction and training
- DBS expense costs
- Travel Expenses
- A meaningful experience to enrich your skill set/CV
- Inclusion in the community (particularly with older people)
- To be part of our team
- Flexibility
- Ongoing support in your role
- Our gratitude



FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT HELEN :

T 0121 788 1143 **E** centre@solihullcarers.org **W** www.solihullcarers.org