



27th September – 4th October
Trinity 17 - Harvest
The Parish of Shirley
St James the Great and St John the Divine
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Sun 27th	8am	Eucharist (St James)
	9am	Morning Worship Harvest (St Johns)
	10.30am	Worship 4 Everyone Harvest Festival (St James)
Mon 28th	8pm	Compline (Zoom)
Tue 29th	10am	Welcome Café (Church House)
Wed 30th	12pm	Ploughmans Lunch (Church House)
Thurs 1st	10.30am	Eucharist (St James)
Fri 2nd	10am	Jimmy Tots (Church House)
Sat 3rd	1pm	Baptism (St James)
	2.20pm	Interment (St James Churchyard)
Sun 4th	10.30am	Eucharist (St James)

Parish Notices

Parish Eucharist 4th October 2 x volunteers are needed to do refreshments at the service on Sunday 4th October. Please contact Margaret Foresheew if you are able to help. Thank you in advance.

Welcome Café 6th October Please note there will be no Welcome Café on this date due to the Parish Holiday to Blackpool. Welcome Café will be open as normal the following week on 13th October. Wishing all of our wonderful volunteers a much needed and restful break.

Mothers Union Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 7th October**. Unfortunately, our planned speaker is no longer able to join us. Instead, we will have another social afternoon. So, join us for fun and games! As usual, we meet in Church House at 2pm. We welcome all to our meetings.

Upcoming period of leave

Before his licensing on 4 November, Rev'd Richard will be required to take a period of leave. His last Sunday will be 4 October, after which he will not be contactable, although he will be completing his commitments to local schools up to Wednesday 6 October. Details of the licensing service will be sent out soon.



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 (Rest Day is Friday)

THOSE TO BE BAPTISED

Jesse Bush, Amy Weston & Martin Yarlliche

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Pauline Weston, Rita Holder, Carol Birkin, Sister Christine of the Community of St John the Divine, Jenny Allen & Keith Harding, Susan Fairclough

YEARS MIND

Jordy Pinkerton & Norman Blackford

Collect for 27th September

Almighty God,
 you have made us for yourself,
 and our hearts are restless till
 they find their rest in you:
 pour your love into our hearts
 and draw us to yourself,
 and so bring us at last to your
 heavenly city where we shall see
 you face to face; 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

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Ezekiel 18: 1-4 & 25-end

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Philippians 2: 1-13

Your life in Christ makes you strong, and his love comforts you. You have fellowship with the Spirit, and you have kindness and compassion for one another. I urge you, then, to make me completely happy by having the same thoughts, sharing the same love, and being one in soul and mind. Don't do anything from selfish ambition or from a cheap desire to boast, but be humble toward one another, always considering others better than yourselves. And look out for one another's interests, not just for your own. The attitude you should have is the one that Christ Jesus had: He always had the nature of God, but he did not think that by force he should try to remain equal with God. Instead of this, of his own free will he gave up all he had, and took the nature of a servant. He became like a human being and appeared in human likeness. He was humble and walked the path of obedience all the way to death—his death on the cross. For this reason God raised him to the highest place above and gave him the name that is greater than any other name. And so, in honor of the name of Jesus all beings in heaven, on earth, and in the world below will fall on their knees, and all will openly proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. So then, dear friends, as you always obeyed me when I was with you, it is even more important that you obey me now while I am away from you. Keep on working with fear and trembling to complete your salvation, because God is always at work in you to make you willing and able to obey his own purpose.

Matthew 21: 23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe