



**15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

## **Sunday Before Lent – Stewardship Sunday**

**The Parish of Shirley**

**St James the Great and St John the Divine**

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<b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	Eucharist (St James) 'Stewardship Sunday'
	12.30pm	Baptism (St James)
<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup></b>	8pm	Compline & Parish Prayers (Zoom)
<b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Welcome Café (Church House)
	7pm	START Plus (Church House)
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup></b>	12pm	Ploughmans Lunch (Church House)
	2:30pm	Burning of Palm Crosses (Churchyard)
	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Service (St James)
<b>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	Eucharist (St James)
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	11:00am	Funeral (St James)
<b>Sat 21<sup>st</sup></b>	10am	Messy Church (St James)
<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	8am	Eucharist (St James)
	9am	Morning Worship (St Johns)
	10.30am	Worship 4 Everyone (St James)
	12.30pm	Baptism (St James)

### **Parish Notices**

**Weekly Email** If you would like to receive this pew-slip by email each Friday, along with updates about other events and activities in the parish, please contact Emily in the Parish Office and she will add you to the mailing list. It's a simple way to stay connected and keep up with what's happening across the parish.

**Rota Request** Can anyone help with refreshments after the 10.30 Service on the **first** Sunday of the month? Please speak to Margaret Foreshew, Linda Pitt or Kate Crocker if you are interested.

### **Last Year's Palm Crosses**

There is a bag at the back of St James Church into which you are invited to return your palm crosses from last year in order to burn to make the ash for our Ash Wednesday service. We will be burning on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 2:30pm with the Eucharist and imposition of ashes at 7:30pm.

**Friends of St James** are now collecting books and bric a brac for sale at their coffee morning at 10.30am on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March in Church House. There will also be a raffle and cakes for sale (any donations of cakes on the morning, please.) Hope to see you there.

**Lent Coverations** will follow the theme of Draw Near and will take place on Wednesdays at 7:30pm, and Thursday's at 2pm in Church House., starting 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> February respectively. Booklets are available from the back of St James. See Ministry Team for details

**Vicar – in vacancy**

Contact the Parish Office

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(Rest Day is Friday)

### **FOR PRAYER**

Our Welcome Café and all those who volunteer and visit there.

The financial needs of our parish and diocese, and for all who steward our resources with care.

### **YEARS MIND**

### **THOSE TO BE BAPTISED**

Pheobe Smith & Arley Mitcham

### **THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

Carlton Blackshaw, Sandra Martin, Brian George Hylands and Bob Butwell

### **Collect for 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

God of grace,  
ever creating and restoring,  
you breathe life into all things  
and embrace us with an  
everlasting love.  
Help us to grow in generosity,  
that our lives may overflow with  
thanksgiving  
and our hearts be open to you  
and to one another;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

### **Donations During Services**

+ ✠ We do not pass an offertory plate around the congregation during our services. You can donate using the Parish Giving Scheme for regular donations or for one-off donations by using the Sum Up machine or the collecting plate at the back of the church.  
Thank you for your support ✠ +

**Deuteronomy 26:1–11**

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

**2 Corinthians 8:1–7**

Our friends, we want you to know what God's grace has accomplished in the churches in Macedonia. They have been severely tested by the troubles they went through; but their joy was so great that they were extremely generous in their giving, even though they are very poor. I can assure you that they gave as much as they could, and even more than they could. Of their own free will they begged us and pleaded for the privilege of having a part in helping God's people in Judea. It was more than we could have hoped for! First they gave themselves to the Lord; and then, by God's will they gave themselves to us as well. So we urged Titus, who began this work, to continue it and help you complete this special service of love. You are so rich in all you have: in faith, speech, and knowledge, in your eagerness to help and in your love for us. And so we want you to be generous also in this service of love.

**Matthew 6:19–24**

'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 'The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! 'No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

