

24th – 31st May

Pentecost

The Parish of Shirley

St James the Great and St John the Divine

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Sun 24 th	8am	Eucharist (St James)
	9am	Morning Worship (St John's)
	10.30am	Worship 4 Everyone (St James)
Tue 26 th	10am	Welcome Café (Church House)
Wed 27 th	12pm	Ploughmans Lunch (Church House)
	12.30pm	Funeral of Barbara Tirebuck (St James)
Thurs 28 th	10.30am	Eucharist (St James)
	3.30pm	Service at Solihull Village
Fri 29 th	10am	Jimmy Tots (Church House)
Sun 31 st	10.30am	Parish Eucharist (St James)

Vicar – in vacancy

Contact the Parish Office

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(Rest Day is Friday)

FOR PRAYER

For all pupils taking exams and for school staff as they support them.

THOSE TO BE MARRIED

Desrae and Thompson

THOSE TO BE BAPTISED

Callie Leigh & Albie Lloyd

YEARS MIND

Derek Downing & Martin Turner

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Grenville Johnson &

Barbara Tirebuck

Parish Notices

Vacancy Update: The advert for our new vicar can be viewed at: <https://pathways.churchofengland.org/en/jobs/vicar-the-benefice-of-shirley/3730> Please speak to our Parish Representatives, Linda Pitt and Sarah Penfold, if you have any questions.

Funeral of Barbara Tirebuck: Barbara's family extend an invite to her funeral service for anyone who knew Barbara and wishes to pay their respects. Barbara was a generous benefactor to the parish through donation and gifts.

Reflective Worship: at a meeting of the MMP Committee, it was agreed that the time of this service on the first Sunday of the month is moved to **3.30pm.**

Church Closure on Sunday Afternoons: Please remember that St James Church will now be locked shortly after our Sunday services finish.

Mothers' Union: Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday June 3rd**. It will be in celebration of the **150th Mothers' Union Anniversary**. There will be a short service followed by tea and cake. This will be in Church House starting at 2pm. All are welcome to join us.

Coffee Morning: The Friends of St James would love to see you at our Coffee Morning on **Saturday 6th June** from 10.30am – 12pm in Church House. We will be selling plants (potted cuttings etc.) & cakes. There will also be a raffle. Donations of plants and cakes will be very gratefully received on the day.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our **Christian Aid week Appeal**. We raised a total of **£637.68** before gift aid was added, a wonderful result. There are notices in each church showing how this was achieved. Well done Shirley Parish!

Collect for 24th May

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, 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

Please scan the QR Code to access to the Parish Giving Scheme. Thank you

Readings for Sunday 24th May

Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13

I want you to know that no one who is led by God's Spirit can say "A curse on Jesus!" and no one can confess "Jesus is Lord," without being guided by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to all for their particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all. The Spirit gives one person a message full of wisdom, while to another person the same Spirit gives a message full of knowledge. One and the same Spirit gives faith to one person, while to another person he gives the power to heal. The Spirit gives one person the power to work miracles; to another, the gift of speaking God's message; and to yet another, the ability to tell the difference between gifts that come from the Spirit and those that do not. To one person he gives the ability to speak in strange tongues, and to another he gives the ability to explain what is said. But it is one and the same Spirit who does all this; as he wishes, he gives a different gift to each person. Christ is like a single body, which has many parts; it is still one body, even though it is made up of different parts. In the same way, all of us, whether Jews or Gentiles, whether slaves or free, have been baptized into the one body by the same Spirit, and we have all been given the one Spirit to drink.

John 20: 19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Monday Office Closure As many of you will be aware, the work carried out in the Parish Office is extremely varied and comes in all shapes and sizes. Some of this work requires extra care, attention and concentration. Mondays are reserved for these tasks to ensure that deadlines are met and to offer protected time which is vital in enabling the smooth running of the Parish. We appreciate that this may not be ideal but we really do appreciate your cooperation in keeping disruption to a minimum on a Monday so that Emily is able to offer you the time you may need during the remainder of the week. **Therefore we would be grateful if you would only visit the Parish Office for something that is either urgent or that cannot wait until Tuesday.** Emails will continue to be monitored and the office phonenumber will be available for anything urgent or in the event of an emergency. Thank you for your support and understanding. If you have any queries please see Richard, Linda, Gill or Emily.