

SHIRLEY PARIS



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26th April – 3rd May

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The Parish of Shirley

St James the Great and St John the Divine

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Sun 26th	8am	Eucharist (St James)
	9am	Morning Worship (St Johns)
	10.30am	Worship 4 Everyone (St James)
Mon 27th	2pm	Book Club (Church House)
	8pm	Compline & Parish Prayers (Zoom)
Tue 28th	10am	Welcome Café (Church House)
Wed 29th	12pm	Ploughmans Lunch (Church House)
Thurs 30th	10.30am	Eucharist and healing (St James)
Fri 1st	10am	Jimmy Tots (Church House)
Sun 3rd	10.30am	Parish Eucharist (St James)

Parish Notices

Rev'd Richard Haynes Annual Leave: Richard will be on annual leave from 27th April - 5th May

CCTV INSTALL – Church House: The second installation of our CCTV system, which will cover Church House Car Park and Church House entrance, will take place on 30th April 2026. Cones will be in place in the car park alongside the building to ensure access. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Mothers Union: The next meeting will be on Wednesday May 6th. We will have a talk on Age UK by Linda Millington. As usual, the meeting will be in Church House at 2pm. All are welcome to attend.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on Sunday 10th May at 12noon

Reports, previous meeting minutes and the agenda are available on the parish website. Paper copies can be obtained from the Parish Office. Parish Wardens and PCC members are elected at this meeting and additionally, this year, four Deanery Synod representatives are also elected. If you are interested in any of these roles please speak to a member of the ministry team. Nomination forms are available at the back of the church, or from the Parish Office. **Please ensure you have read all the reports prior to attending the meeting.**

NORDIC WALKING GROUP: While Jan is recovering, Peter Markey will be coordinating this group. So we can keep in touch, if you are interested in joining us, please send your email and mobile numberr to p.markey39@btinternet.com or 07970497720. We wish you well Jan and look forward to you rejoining us.

Emily's Annual Leave: Emily will be on annual leave from 7th May and will return on 18th May. The office will be closed but all calls and emails will be monitored during this period.

Vicar – in vacancy

Contact the Parish Office

Curate – Rev'd Richard Haynes

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(Rest Day is Friday)

FOR PRAYER

For the upcoming local elections and for the neighbourhoods in which we live.

For our local schools and pupils approaching exams

YEARS MIND

Kathellen Allen - Cox - MBE

THOSE TO BE BAPTISED

Myah-Jade Harrison & Clara Maxwell

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Annette Harley Sorge

Collect for 26th April

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the
resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of
righteousness,
that we may seek those things
which are above,
where he 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.

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John 10.1-10

‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Acts 2:42-end

They spent their time in learning from the apostles, taking part in the fellowship, and sharing in the fellowship meals and the prayers. Many miracles and wonders were being done through the apostles, and everyone was filled with awe. All the believers continued together in close fellowship and shared their belongings with one another. They would sell their property and possessions, and distribute the money among all, according to what each one needed. Day after day they met as a group in the Temple, and they had their meals together in their homes, eating with glad and humble hearts, praising God, and enjoying the good will of all the people. And every day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved.

1 Peter 2: 19-end

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God’s approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

‘He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.’

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.