Shirley Parish Magazine



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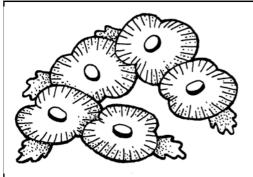
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OUR PARISH PRAYERS



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

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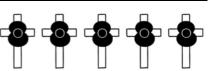
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

THIS MONTH'S SERVICES

Date	Time	Service	Venue		
Thursday 3rd	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church		
Sunday 6th	10.30am	Parish Communion	St James Church		
	3.30pm	Reflective Worship	St John's Church		
Thursday 10th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church		
Sunday 13th	8am	Holy Communion	St James Church		
REMEMBRANCE	9am	Holy Communion	St John's Church		
SUNDAY	9.30am	Morning Worship	St James Church		
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King Church		
	11am	Remembrance	Shirley Park		
		Parade			
Thursday 17th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church		
Saturday 19th	10am	Messy Church	St James Church		
Sunday 20th	9am	Morning Worship	St John's Church		
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church		
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Christ the King Church		
Thursday 24th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church		
Sunday 27th	8am	Holy Communion	St James Church		
	9am	Holy Communion	St John's Church		
	10.30am	Morning Worship	St James Church		
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King Church		

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OUR 2022 CHRISTMAS GIFT TREE

As in recent years we are hoping to provide some gifts for the clients of ADAVU at their Christmas party. (ADAVU is a charity that supports people who have been rescued from 'modern slavery', in some cases including their families). There is a slight change this year as Shirley Methodist Church will also be involved in providing gifts and in packing gift bags for individuals.

I am hoping to put the tree up in St James on **6th November** and take it away on **27th November**.

The format will be as before. Please take a label or labels from the tree, wrap your gift and bring it back with the label stuck on so that we know what is inside. It is helpful if colouring books, felt tips, pencil cases and toiletries are unwrapped as it is then much easier to assemble the bags for individuals and families.

I will also provide some labels for St Johns and Christ the King so that any members of their congregations who want to contribute can do so easily.

Ideally, so as to avoid chaos in the Parish Office, please can you bring gifts back to church on a Sunday morning up to and including **4th December** but if that is a problem please let me know and we will sort something.

Any queries please contact Sarah on 0121 681 1525. Thank you.





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THE FRIENDS OF ST JAMES 100 CLUB

Congratulations to the October winners

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OUR WELCOME CAFE

Well, what can I say, our Welcome Cafe is now a recognised Place of Welcome and not only are we welcoming our regulars we are also welcoming new faces it seems every week.

Back in the summer some passing motorbike riders came in and they said they really enjoyed the hospitality shown to them and gave a generous donation.



We had a great Jubilee Cafe and in the last few weeks we had a Macmillan Coffee Morning, where not only were the normal delicious homemade cakes and coffee on offer but scones, cakes, apple pies and crumbles, fairy cakes, chocolate fudge cakes and many, many more all waiting to be bought and taken home for maybe teatime.

We also had a raffle for bottles of wine, chocolates, candles and many more prizes. Thank you to all those who donated prizes, bought tickets and to those who won how lucky.



I also wish to thank my regular volunteer helpers for the hard work you have put in and for the regular cake makers too, who when asked made extra for the day, even volunteered before I had chance to ask them.

I do appreciate each one of you and all those who have helped when asked at various stages of cafe life, I couldn't run it alone and you have all helped to make it a success.

When Louise came from Places of Welcome, she was really impressed by the things we have achieved over the last year.

I look forward to seeing you all each week and don't forget to bring a friend.

God's blessings from Dee Smith (Reader)



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If you are interested in learning more about this role, please contact the school office on 0121 744 7897 or via email at office@stjames.tgacademy.org.uk and we will put you in touch with our Chair of Governors, Miss Julie Skipp.

Mothers North Christian care for families

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Val Sperrey welcomed Barry Durman to our meeting on Wednesday 5th October for a talk on The Millennium Way Walks.

Barry gave an interesting account of how The Millennium Way community project was created, for the year 2000, by the Solihull 41 Club to mark the new Millennium. The Solihull 41 Club created this long-distance trail, in the Heart of England, for people across the country to enjoy.



The chosen central anchor point is Meriden the centre of England and goes fifty miles to the west to Pershore and radiates fifty miles east the other way to Middleton Cheney crossing the counties of Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Northamptonshire.

The 100-mile walk can be completed East to West or West to East. Within the 100-mile trail there are forty-four short and medium circular walks. All routes have their distinctive black and white markers along the way in both directions. All the routes are maintained by a team of more than fifty Wardens, ensuring their instructions are second to none and all paths are clear of obstruction.

Alongside the talk Barry gave a power point illustrated collection of places of interest along the trail.

Barry was a lively and humorous speaker with a tremendous zest and passion for The Millennium Way Walk that was enjoyed by all present.



Premature Baby Knitting — A big 'thank you' to all who continue to knit premature baby garments for the Neonatal Unit at Heartlands Hospital. Not only knit but generously provide the wool as well, it is very much appreciated. The project is still on-going because the garments are made of wool, and they cannot be boiled so they are given to the families to keep amongst their keepsakes of their little one's early days.

Premature patterns are available for hats, cardigans, vests, incubator blankets and angel pockets. Angel pockets are for babies that do not survive. If you would like more information about premature baby knitting, please speak to me or telephone on 0121 744 6298.

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.**

2nd November – Jan Dalton – Craft Session 7th December – Advent Service

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GREEN FAIR - CARING FOR YOUR HEDGEHOG

There was lots to talk about at our recent Green Fair and much to learn.

We'll be reporting on all the topics but with winter approaching, Pam Owen's display on sheltering hedgehogs seems a very good place to start. These endearing little mammals are struggling to survive, with us taking over their habitats and our vehicles endangering their lives every time they cross the road.

Pam demonstrated how to make hedgehog shelters. The simple design with bricks in the photo below includes a tunnel entrance to keep out predators, a slate roof to make it waterproof and twigs and leaves to camouflage it. Inside is a cosy bed of dry leaves and grass.

This shelter is now installed in the churchyard, awaiting an occupant. Steve Owen had made a 5-star hedgehog palace in wood and Pam cleverly demonstrated the method to children, using cardboard.

Hedgehogs like to roam, so an enclosed garden with no gaps in the fence will not suit them. They are mainly nocturnal and if they are out during the day, they may be in distress.

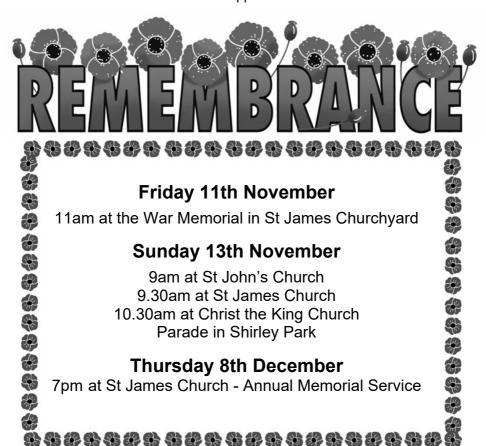
For more information or to get urgent help for a hedgehog look on Solihogs Hedgehog Rescue website - https://solihogs.co.uk.

It is also VERY important at this time of year, before lighting a bonfire, to check that there are no wild animals nesting in the base.











CONGRATULATIONS ELLI!

Congratulations to Elli McGlone who has been awarded an Organ Scholarship at St Peter's Collegiate Church of Wolverhampton.

This is wonderful news for her but sad for us as she left us at the end of October.

We are currently in conversation with another student from the Conservatoire and hope that they will join us shortly at St James to play the organ for some Sunday services.

INTRODUCING RICHARD HAYNES

Dear all at Shirley Parish

My name is Richard and from summer 2023 it will be my privilege and pleasure to join you as your Assistant Curate. So firstly, a big thank you for accepting me; and secondly, here is a bit about me as a way of introduction.

I am Birmingham born and have lived for most of life on the other side of town in the Black Country. Although after marrying Ruth in 2011, I moved to Worcester where we have lived since. I came to faith in my early 20's after being suddenly compelled to pray, read the Bible and go to Church: a non-to-subtle calling from God from quite out of the blue! I did all three although walking into my parish church of St Hilda's Warley Woods was the final, and bravest, step.

Since then, my travels as a disciple have involved becoming a Lay Reader; and then in 2018 quitting my career in the plant hire industry as a branch manager to take on employment at St Hilda's as a Lay Pastoral Minister. This role very soon became a ministry much wider than was originally imagined; these last few years have given me a deeper understanding and experience of parish ministry. This coincided with a call to be ordained, so alongside working in the parish I have been studying part-time at Queens. I leave St Hilda's, and Queens, in June 2023.

Ruth and I share a passion for sport, cycling and Strictly Come Dancing! We volunteer together in the community and Ruth also works for the Church as the support officer for the Warley and Edgbaston deanery. She is great singer – I, as you will learn, am not.

As a person passionate about the role and place of a Parish Church, the opportunity to serve in a large, busy and vibrant Church community and parish like Shirley is truly exciting. So, I very much look forward to us getting to know each other and following Christ together for these next few years. I wonder what He has in mind for us to work with Him on together.



If you want to say hello, do look me up on Facebook (should you use that) and send me a friend request. And most importantly, please do keep us in your prayers.

Every blessing, Richard and Ruth



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READING THE BIBLE

At the beginning of September Kate and I set ourselves the target of reading through the whole of the Bible in a year. We are using a programme which gives us a passage of the Old Testament, a passage of the New Testament and a few verses from a Psalm each day. So far so good!

But it begs the question – what is the best way to read the Bible?

Many people pick it up and start at the beginning (which is what one would normally do with a book of course!). That's OK to start with as the first "book" of the Bible is Genesis, which tells the story of the beginning of the world and of Abraham and his descendants. The next "book" is Exodus, which continues that story. But after that things get a bit more complicated, and the stories get combined with what seem to us to be fairly obscure rules and regulations. Many people soon get bogged down and give up. So how is it best to read it?

The Bible is more of a library than a single book. Firstly, it has two halves — we call them the Old and New Testaments. The Old Testament deals with the history of Israel and the nation's relationship with God up to the time of Jesus. The New Testament tells the story of Jesus — his life, death and resurrection - and the beginnings of the early Christian Church.

And each of these halves contains various types of literature.

In the Old Testament you find histories and stories like Genesis, Exodus, Kings and Chronicles; poetry and wise sayings like Psalms and Proverbs; prophecies, not in the sense of seeing into the future but in the sense of speaking out the word of God into situations (such as Isaiah, Jeremiah and others) and visions like some of the book of Daniel.

The New Testament contains four complementary accounts of the life of Jesus (we call them gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John), an account of the growth of the church (Acts), several letters written to churches and a vision of the future (Revelation). And each type of literature needs to be read in a different way in the same way we approach such things as poems, novels or reference books differently.

And to make things even more difficult, each "book" was written hundreds or thousands of years ago in ancient languages – and translation is not an exact science. There are many old copies of hand-written texts, some of which are incomplete, which makes putting a definitive version together very hard. And they were also written with a particular culture in mind.

All this means we often need help to get the most out of reading the Bible. There are many books and booklets that can give us guidance. One of the most helpful books I know is *The Lion Handbook to the Bible* (I have a copy you can borrow if you wish). There are also other guides which suggest a short Bible passage to read each day and offer some wise words to help you understand it – have a word with me if you would like to know more.



Another possibility is to meet with others to discuss the Bible. There are various groups within the Parish where we read the Bible in this way - look for details on the pewslip. I encourage you to find out more about the Bible and how it is the Word of God for us – it offers great truths into the character and love of God and how he wants to share his love with the world – including with you!

Reverend Paul Day



...love the new notice board, Vicar...
...just not quite so sure about the wording...

FOOD BANK UPDATE

As we volunteer at the Food Bank these days we seem to be constantly reminded of the reasons that Food Banks have to exist. The Trussell Trust, the umbrella organisation for many Food Banks, including Sparkhill, is desperately trying to address these reasons. They tell us it is, first of all, because the government needs to increase the level of benefits. They say they are at the lowest level in thirty years and are not protecting people from destitution, meaning they are unable to afford the essentials we all need to eat, stay warm and dry and keep clean. Secondly, they say the government needs to reform the design of Universal Credit which, in its current form, is pushing so many people into debt. They say this is primarily because the benefit is not received until some five or six weeks after it is applied for. During those initial weeks claimants are offered loans that they have to repay to the government in the form of deductions from the benefit payments they eventually receive. The government makes no attempt to assess whether the individuals can afford to repay these loans. They say this is a practice which is illegal if undertaken by private lenders.

As volunteers at Sparkhill we are heartened by the efforts we see being made by Food Bank staff to try to deal with the current huge challenge: the increasing numbers of people needing help, alongside reducing donations. They are doing things like working with supermarkets to increase the amount of food they donate (on top of donations made by their customers) and trying to reduce the amount of space they need at their Sparkhill depot in order to pay less rent and hence have more money available to buy in food. But we can see that it is hard for them.

On Monday 10th October we collected your Harvest donations. They came to a total of nearly 140 kg (308 lbs) of food and £381 in cash and cheques! We took them directly to the Sparkhill Foodbank where they were very gratefully received and have provided much needed help.

These are troubling but also exciting times for volunteers as we look forward to helping the Food Bank in whatever way we can to get through these difficult times.

Please continue your generous donations; we collect them from Church House every Monday morning. The most urgent needs at the moment are tinned meat, fish, vegetables, tomatoes, fruit and soup as well as jars of pasta and other cooking



sauces, long-life milk and basic toiletries (soap, shampoo and toothpaste). The only things they have enough supplies of at the moment are baked beans, pasta and rice.

SHIRLEY PARISH

MAKING HIM KNOWN

CHARITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

from 10am

Thursday 8th December to Sunday 11th December 2022



SHIRLEY PARISH BOOK CLUB

Jill Abbey, one of our Book Club, wrote the following in response to our latest read – *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus:

'Relevant to our times. A true shout for the women from all over the world who fight quietly and thoroughly for women to be respected and appreciated.

Elizabeth Stott has a meeting of minds with Calvin and when he dies tragically and she finds she is pregnant she forms a love circle with a dog, a neighbour and her child.

This novel has <u>everything:</u> an unforgettable heroine, wry humour, love, family,

and bucketloads of optimism and female empowerment.

It's wonderful.'



Jill put into words what all of the Book Club felt. The novel made us look again at those strong women in our own lives who have stayed with us — our mothers, grandmothers, teachers, and colleagues. No wonder the book has been such a phenomenal bestseller.

Our next book is *Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce – who also wrote an earlier Book Club choice - *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry.*

We will meet to talk on Wednesday 7th December.

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TWO MINUTES SILENCE

In the month when we think about those who have given their lives in war, the Two Minutes Silence is a significant act of remembrance. The silence provides an opportunity to remember those who have suffered in war and how we can work for a peaceful world. However, we can also find ourselves thinking about lunch or whether we've switched off our phone?

Victor Frankl, a victim of Auschwitz, suggested that the most intolerable of all human conditions is not imprisonment or hunger, but lack of meaning. The two minutes of silence enables us to connect with Jesus' message, which offers true meaning to our lives and world. He spoke of giving ourselves in love for each other and the world, 'Love your enemies and pray for those that persecute you' (Matthew 5:44). He also demonstrated such love in sacrificing His own life, 'Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends' (John 15:13). When observing the silence, let's use it to reflect on this sacrificial love, as we call to mind those who have laid down their lives.

In our busy lives, where so much clamours for our attention, silence gives us an opportunity to reflect on our priorities and rediscover true meaning in our lives. This is not just for Remembrance Sunday, as Jesus often withdrew to find silence to seek God (eg: Luke 5:16). Let's use silence in our lives as space to seek God's will and offer ourselves to Him, just as those who gave themselves in conflict through the years.

'They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.'

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF BROTHER ANDREW (1928-2022)

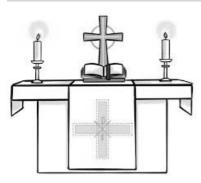
Brother Andrew, the founder of Open Doors, died on 27th September, aged 94.

Famous around the world as 'God's smuggler', he began his ministry in 1957 by smuggling Bibles across the Iron Curtain in a blue Volkswagen Beetle. That trip was the beginning of Open Doors which, more than 65 years later, is now supporting persecuted Christians around the world.

The remarkable story of his Bible 'smuggling' was told in his best-selling autobiography *God's Smuggler*.

Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands knighted Brother Andrew in 1993. In 1997, he received the World Evangelical Alliance's Religious Liberty Award, recognising his lifetime of service to suffering Christians. Read more at **www.opendoorsuk.org**

LITURGICAL COLOURS



Earlier this year you may have noticed that the coloured frontal of the altar or lectern is changed many times — as does the colour of the priest's vestments.

Each colour – and there can be as many as six in a church's store – has a different meaning. They reflect the significance of that day or the season.

During Lent purple is used as a symbol of penitence, as we try to prepare ourselves for Christ's final act of love for each of us.

Holy Week – the time of Christ's final journey – is denoted by the colour red. Red, the colour of blood, is used for feasts of martyrs as well as those for the Holy Spirit – when it more likely represents his flames of 'fire' which rested on those in the Upper Room.

On Maundy Thursday, we switch to white for a Communion service, as this celebrates the remembrance of the first Communion with His apostles which He commanded us to continue.

On Easter Sunday, the day of the greatest Christian Celebration, the altar is bedecked in gold or the 'whitest' with the most elaborate decoration the church possesses.

'Plain' white is used for the Easter Season signifying purity and Christ's triumph over death until Ascension Day. This, being a special and more significant day in the life, death and resurrection of Christ, goes to gold again: then immediately back to white for the next ten days.

On the day of Pentecost itself (or Whit Sunday) the colour is red for flames of fire.

After Pentecost the colour changes to green, but this time for around twenty weeks. It remains green until the Feast of All Saints which will be white.

This time is often referred to as 'Ordinary' time. In church lectionary terms this period follows one main gospel's teachings and miracles of Jesus. It's almost like He gathers us together for a summer school and takes us up a mountainside and teaches us there. It's a time for learning and growth.

As we move into the season of Advent, a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming, purple will be used again.

White and gold will be used when we celebrate the Christmas season.



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THIS MONTH'S CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 and 20 Down 'Lord of all _, Lord of all _, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy'(11,3)
- **9** Mosesí question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: 'Why are you _ your fellow Hebrew?" (Exodus 2:13) (7)
- **10** Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline (2,3)
- 11 'At even _ the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay' (3)
- 13 A descendant of Gad (Numbers 26:16) (4)
- 16 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but _ for the gift my Father promised' (Acts 1:4) (4)
- 17 Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6)
- **18** Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: 'We must _God rather than men!' (Acts 5:29) (4)
- 20 Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, _ Eareckson Tada (4)
- 21 Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)
- 22 'Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat _ _ '
 (Matthew 13:2) (2,2)
- 23 Infectious tropical disease (4)
- 25 Tree (3)
- 28 'No fear of me should _ you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you'(Job 33:7) (5)
- 29 For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7)
- 30 Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)

Down

- 2 'O Jerusalem _ how _ I have longed to gather your children together' (Matthew 23:37) (5)
- 3 Way out (4)
- 4 Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4)
- 5 Done (anag.) (4)
- 6 Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7)
- 7 Concerning the study of God (11)
- 8 Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11)
- 12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)
- **14** Frozen (3)
- 15 Established form of religious ceremony (6)
- 19 Inscription often found on gravestones (7)
- 20 See 1 Across
- 24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)
- 25 Time (anag.) (4)

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26 Lists choice of meals (4) 27 'For the wages of sin is death, but the _ of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Romans 6:23) (4)

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It is a month of remembrance, of poppies, of remembering lost loved ones, and of letting go.

It is a month of bonfires for the 'Guy', and Thanksgiving for Americans.

It is a month of remembering Saints and looking forward to triumph - the church year ends with the joyful Sunday of Christ the King.

And then Advent begins ... looking forward to a very special Baby!



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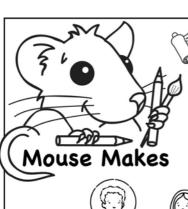


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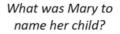
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God sent a messenger to Mary What was the angel's name?

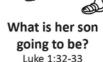
Luke 1:26-28

Mary was frightened, what did the angel say?

Luke 1:30



Luke 1:31





What does the angel say about God?

Luke 1:37 (LEARN this verse)

Mary praises God, what does she say God has done? Luke 1:46-55



What happened to Elizabeth when Mary went to visit her?

Luke 1:41





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