



Knowing Christ, Making Him Known

<b>Sun 5th</b>	10:30am	Parish Eucharist (St James & YouTube)
	12.30pm	Baptism (St James)
	6pm	Reflective Worship (St James & YouTube)
<b>Tues 7th</b>	10am	Welcome Café (Church House)
	11.30am	Craft Club (Church House)
<b>Thurs 9th</b>	10:30am	Ascension Day Eucharist (St James)
<b>Fri 10th</b>	10:00am	Jimmy Tots (Church House)
	11:30am	Funeral of David Cox (St James)
<b>Sat 11th</b>	9am	Pathways to Prayer (St James)
<b>Sun 12th</b>	8am	Eucharist (St James)
	9am	Eucharist (St Johns)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (St James & YouTube)
	10:30am	Eucharist (Christ the King)
	12noon	Shared lunch (Church House)
	1pm	Annual Meeting (Church House)

5th May – 12th May Easter 6

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**For Prayer** Those who meet regularly at church house

**Those who have died**

**Years Mind** Jean Winnington, John Eade, Harry Wheeler, Harry Frankton, Harold Rogers, Kathleen Pitham, Gladys Biddle

**Coming up...**

**Coffee Morning** – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 10.30am to 12 noon at St John's Church. All welcome.

**Afternoon Tea** The May Afternoon Tea will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> May at 12.30. If you are interested please use the sign up sheet at the back of church or contact Jan Dalton on 07969 326531.

**Collect**

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.

### Parish Notices

**Parish Office** Please remember the office is **closed to visitors** on Mondays.

**Rich Brooker** – Please make yourself known to Rev Rich Brooker who has joined the ministry team in Shirley for the second part of his curacy. We look forward to his ministry among us.

**Pathways to Prayer** – In St James on Sat 11<sup>th</sup> May and through the following week. A chance to try different ways of praying – see over page for more details

**Annual Meeting** - The Parish Annual meeting is on Sunday 12th May. Following our morning services we will have a bring your own lunch in Church House at 12, followed by the meeting at 1pm. Papers are on the website and details of elections to PCC available in all 3 churches

**Parochial Church Council (PCC) and Churchwarden nomination forms** are available at the back of church or from the Parish Office, if you wish to remain on the PCC please complete one of these and hand in to the Parish Office or directly to Paul or Belinda, prior to the meeting or at the meeting. Please note that to be on the PCC you need to be on the electoral roll. All newly elected members will need to undergo safeguarding training and DBS checks. You will be required to act a trustee for the PCC so you cannot stand if you are disqualified from being a trustee for any reason. If you have any questions please contact Paul Day, or Belinda in the Parish Office.

**Confirmation** – Please remember in your prayers John and Hayley Hogan and Dan and Nicole Oztekin-Smith who will be confirmed by Bishop Anne on 19<sup>th</sup> May at Birmingham Cathedral

**Spring Cleaning** - Spring has sprung and Church House could do with a seasonal clean! I will be there from 12 to 4 pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May, waiting for a delivery- and cleaning, of course. I'd be very grateful for help at any point during the 4 hour slot. Kate C.

**Red double knitting yarn** is available from the Parish Office £2.50 for 100g ball – still more is required for the poppy knitters please!

## Readings for Sunday 5th May

### Acts 10.44 – end

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

### 1 John 5.1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Messiah is a child of God; and whoever loves a father loves his child also. This is how we know that we love God's children: it is by loving God and obeying his commands. For our love for God means that we obey his commands. And his commands are not too hard for us, because every child of God is able to defeat the world. And we win the victory over the world by means of our faith. Who can defeat the world? Only the person who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus Christ is the one who came with the water of his baptism and the blood of his death. He came not only with the water, but with both the water and the blood. And the Spirit himself testifies that this is true, because the Spirit is truth.

### John 15.9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one

### Pathways to Prayer

A chance to think about and try out different ways of praying.

There will be led sessions of meditation, prayer walking, Examen, intercessory prayer, creative prayer and much more. There will be an array of prayer activities to try on your own. Each will bring a new opportunity to become aware of the presence of God, to worship and to bring our needs and the needs of the world to God.

#### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Church open 9am – 5pm

Led sessions between 10:30 and 1pm

All day refreshments available and people around to help

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Church open to use the prayer stations 1pm – 4pm

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Church open to use the prayer stations 10am – 4pm

### Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 1.15-17, 21 – end

1 John 5.9 – 13

John 17.6 - 19

If you wish to contribute to the notice sheet, please contact the Parish Office by 9am Wednesday (max of 3 sentences). Longer articles to [shirlevparishmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:shirlevparishmagazine@gmail.com) by the 12th