

**Welcome to
Shirley Parish
Christ the King, St James the Great and St John the Divine**

This week: 5th-11th December
Advent 2



Sun 5th	8am Eucharist (St James) 9am Morning Worship (St John's) 10.30am Eucharist (St James and YouTube) 12.30pm Baptism (St James) 3.30pm Reflective Worship (St John's)
Tues 7th	10am Welcome Café (Church House) 11.45am Craft Club (Church House)
Weds 8th	Christmas Tree Festival Set Up (St James) 7.30pm PCC meeting (St James)
Thurs 9th	10am-5pm Christmas Tree Festival (St James) 10:30am Eucharist (Church House)
Fri 10th	10.00am Jimmy Tots (Church House) 10am-8pm Christmas Tree Festival (St James)
Sat 11th	9am Parish Prayers (Zoom) 10am-5pm Christmas Tree Festival (St James) 10am-2pm Craft Fayre (Church House)
Sun 12th	9am Eucharist (St John's) 10.30am Morning Worship (St James and YouTube) 2pm-3.15pm Christmas Tree Festival (St James) 2:30pm-3:15pm Walk through Nativity (Shirley Park) 3.30pm Community Carol Singing (outside Asda)

You can find the videos for the services on the Shirley Parish YouTube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpcB9321NJzEHS1K9LU-kAg>
Unfortunately we are unable to put the services on the telephone line at present.

Coming Up.....

Christmas Tree Festival and Craft Fayre – The tree festival runs from Thursday 9th – Sunday 12th December. The craft fayre is on Saturday 11th December in church house 10am – 2pm. Donations of cakes will be welcome for our parish cake table at the craft fayre. Please bring donations either on Friday 10th (AM) to the office or early on the Saturday morning. Help on the day would be appreciated. Any queries contact Glenys 0121 744 3322.

To help advertise the Christmas Tree Festival in the community we have a competition.

'If you go down to Shirley today angels you will see'

12 angels have been placed in shops, hairdressers, cafes and even an estate agent. Can you find them? Entry forms can be found at St James Church or on the parish website. Why not have a go, you are never too old! Any queries to the Parish Office – 0121 745 8896.

Walk Through Nativity – walk through the nativity scene and meet the characters in Shirley Park from 2:30 – 3:15 on Sunday 12th. Start at ASDA – ideal for children and grandchildren! Organised by Shirley Churches Together

Shirley Parish Book Club – Our next meeting will be in church house on Monday 13th December at 2pm.

Nordic (or not) Christmas walk will be on Monday 13th December at Hillfield Park. Please meet in the car park @10 -30am. All welcome! More details please contact janguardner2203@gmail.com or tel. no 077903 77210.

Christmas Coffee Morning and hamper raffle – Wednesday 15th December – 10.30am at St John's Church. All welcome!

Carol Service - There will be a carol service at St James in the evening of Sunday 19th December at 6pm. All are welcome.

Crib Services – We have reluctantly taken the decision not to hold Crib Services on Christmas Eve because of concerns about Covid and potential large number in church. A service will be recorded and put onto YouTube.

Parish Notices

Ventilation in St James Church - With the colder weather now here we need to think about what we do with ventilating the church building while services are taking place. As from Sunday we will:

1. Open all doors and windows before the service to get a good flow of air in the building
2. When people begin to arrive close the South transept door and the windows on the south side (near the road), leaving the windows open on the North side. We will close the main door while the service is in progress.
3. At the end of the service while coffee is served open the main door and North side windows again get a good flow of air

Hopefully this will give a good balance between ventilation and temperature!

We are still collecting for the food bank on a weekly basis – please help if you can

Adavu Gift Tree The gift tree is up at the back of St James. Please take a gift tag (or tags) wrap and bag the gift and attach the tag. Colouring books and felt tips should be left unwrapped. Please bring gifts to a Sunday morning service or to 34 Arnold Rd – not to the office.

Reminder - Friends of St James 100 Club Members are reminded that subscriptions for the next six months (December to May) are now due, £13 for six months - £26 for twelve months. Subscriptions may be handed into the Parish Office or sent to Lynda McPherson, 90 Dickens Heath Road, Shirley, B90 1RL. Thank you.

Liz Yates has an unused still packaged HP 351 colour cartridge available. If anyone could make use of it please give Liz a call on 0121 744 6416.

Locking St James Church – there is a rota of people who lock the church, so if you decide to lock the church when it is not your day please let the person on the rota know to save wasted journeys!

Urgent- Ordinary people like us need to pressurise politicians to keep up the momentum of COP26. There is a very good email template on the Climate Coalition website www.theclimatecoalition.org Scroll down to 'take action' then email your MP by putting in your postcode. Spread the word! Kate Crocker

For Prayer – St James School

The departed and those who mourn them

Years Mind: Aileen Rickett, Steven Roberts, Thomas Johnston, John Mortiboys, Harry Fair, Margaret Baker, Lancelot Allinson, George Ford, Fr. Keith McMaster, Monica Freeman

Keeping in touch....

Next week's Pewslip

CONCISE items (max 3 sentences) to Parish Office by 9am on Monday please. Longer articles to shirleyparishmagazine@gmail.com by 12th of the month.

Key Contacts

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To join Zoom events, just use this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4904334906>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpcB9321NJzEHS1K9LU-kAg>

Christmas Services

Sunday 19 th December	6pm Carol Service - St James
Thursday 23 rd December	10:30am Holy Communion - St James
Christmas Eve	7pm Holy Communion - Christ the King
	11:30pm Midnight Communion - St James
Christmas Day	8am Said Communion - St James
	9am Christmas Communion - St John's
	10:30am Christmas Communion - St James
Sunday 26 th December	9am Parish Communion – St John's To celebrate the Patronal festival of St John (no service at St James or Christ the King)

Our crib service will be online on YouTube from Christmas Eve