

**Christ the King, St James the Great and St John the Divine****This week: 28th November – 4th December**

Advent

Sun 28th	9am Eucharist (St John's) 10.30am Informal Morning Worship (St James and YouTube) 12.30pm Baptism (St James) 2pm Journey set up (St James)
Mon 29th	Journey to the Stable - Church closed all week (St James)
Tues 30th	10am Welcome Café (Church House)
Weds 1st	12pm Ploughmans (Church House) 2pm Mothers Union (Church House)
Thurs 2nd	10:30am Eucharist (Church House) 2.30pm Moving On (Church House)
Fri 3rd	10.00am Jimmy Tots (Church House) 7pm Memorial Service (St James)
Sat 4th	9am Parish Prayers (Zoom)
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)

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.....****Church Closed** – St James will be closed from 29th Nov until 3rd Dec for Journey to the stable. This is for the safety and security of our visitors from the local schools.**\*\*\*Today\*\*\* Advent Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November** – There will be an Advent Carol Service at 6pm at St Mary the Virgin Lapworth. If you wish to sing in the choir - please meet at 4pm.**The Mothers' Union Advent Service** will be held in Church House on Wednesday, December 1st. The service will start later than our normal time at 2.15pm. All welcome to join us.

**Our annual memorial service** will be at 7pm on Friday 3rd December at which we will remember all who have died throughout the year. All are welcome. If you would like your loved one's name read out please contact the Parish Office.

**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.

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

**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**

**We are still collecting for the food bank on a weekly basis – please help if you can**  
**This week's requests are for:**

**Adavu:** this is the last Sunday to collect a label from the Wish Tree. We have 41 bags to make up this year, quite a challenge so thank you all for your kindnesses.

**Food bank:** don't worry about Fun Food for the Festive season - the real need is for the staples of Long Life orange juice, dried milk and tinned fruit. Many thanks.

**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.

**Volunteers needed!** We are looking for volunteers to help with our upcoming **Christmas Tree Festival**. If you would like to put your name down, there is a list of dates and times at the back of St James Church.

**Last chance to buy jigsaws!** – there are approximately 15 jigsaws still available to purchase. Please contact 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.

**For sale – desk calendar** (A5 size) for 2022 featuring local photos – £5 each or 3 for £10. Gill Hanton – 07973 942145 or [gill.hanton@btinternet.com](mailto:gill.hanton@btinternet.com)

**Cleaning** - A big thank you to all who helped with the working party to clean St James' Church. A job well done, thank you.

**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](http://www.theclimatecoalition.org) Scroll down to 'take action' then email your MP by putting in your postcode. Spread the word! Kate Crocker

### **For Prayer – Widney Junior School**

**The departed and those who mourn them** – Bernard Douglas

**Years Mind:** Edward Bores, Cyril Smith, James Whateley,  
Tom Bragg, Leslie Smith, Keith Hamlin, Barry Milsom,

### **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](mailto:shirleyparishmagazine@gmail.com) by 12<sup>th</sup> 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>

Hymn for Sunday morning

The time has come when, from the past,  
Prophetic words ring true at last;  
Though earth's hostilities increase,  
God's promise is of lasting peace.  
Hallelujah! Prepare the way.  
Hear what God's chosen prophets say.

The time has come to make it known  
That every tear and pain and groan  
Are registered in heaven above  
To be redeemed by holy love.  
Hallelujah! Prepare the way.  
Only Love lifts us from dismay.

The time has come to make amends:  
Earth and its people should be friends.  
Erase the policies of death,  
Spread hope with every vital breath.  
Hallelujah! Prepare the way.  
God gladly comes to earth to stay.

The time has come to share good news,  
To sweep the floor and mend the shoes,  
Prepare to protest, praise and dance  
For God is eager to advance.  
Hallelujah! Expect a birth:  
God's gracious feet will touch the earth.

*John L. Bell and Graham Maule  
The Wild Goose Resource Group*