



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

**This week: 7th – 13th Aug
Trinity 8**

Sun 7 th	8am Eucharist (St James) 10.30am Eucharist (St James & Youtube) 12.30pm Baptism (St James) 6pm Reflective Worship (St John's)
Mon 8 th	10:30am Nordic Walk (Woods Farm)
Tues 9 th	10am Welcome Café (Church House) OFFICE CLOSED
Weds 10 th	12pm Ploughmans Lunch (Church House) 2.30pm Journeying on Together (Church House)
Thurs 11 th	10.30am Eucharist (St James) OFFICE CLOSED
Sat 13 th	9am NO Parish Prayers this week!
Sun 14 th	9am Eucharist (St John's) 10.30am Morning Worship (St James & Youtube) 10.30am Eucharist (Christ the King) 12.30pm Baptism (St James)

You can find the videos for the services on the Shirley Parish YouTube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpcB9321NJzEHS1K9LU-kAg>

Coming up.....

Nordic (or not) walk - Next walk will be on Monday 8th August at 10 30 am. Please meet at the gated entrance to "Woods farm" Bills Lane for a walk along the canal to Dickens Heath (coffee & cake). Street parking in Langcomb Rd /Mallaby Close. Contact Jan - tel 07790 377210 Jangardner2203@gmail.com . All are welcome!

Bingo afternoon Several people have said that they missed the online Bingo we had during lockdown so we are holding a one-off bingo afternoon on Thursday 18 August at 2.30 in Church House. Refreshments will be served and prizes will be edible. Hope to see you there. Any queries to Sarah Penfold 681 1525.

Mothers Union meeting August 18th, 7.30 pm (NOT our usual first Wednesday). It will be Desert Island Discs, with Rev Wendy Carter, Rev Theresa Jones and Rev Nicholas Ball, hosted by Ray Speakman. It will be held in Church House at 7.30, ALL ARE WELCOME. We will be livestreaming this event onto the Parish YouTube channel (details above)

Afternoon Tea – St John's will be hosting an afternoon tea on **Saturday 3rd September**, 2pm to 4pm. Tickets are £7 and are available from Gill Hanton (07973 942145 or gill.hanton@btinternet.com).

The Parish Office – will be closed some days over the holiday season. Emails and phones will still be monitored. Closed dates will be shown on the weekly pewslip.

Parish Notices

Stewardship Letter – There are addressed envelopes for all regular attenders. Please collect yours from the back of St James (CTK and St Johns envelopes will be in those churches). If you can't find one addressed to you please take one of the unaddressed envelopes.

Church House will be closed from Monday 22nd August for about 3 weeks for refurbishment. Details of the project are on the website or contact Kate Crocker 07562664163. We will do our best to enable booked activities to continue by using the Church for gatherings. Thanks to everyone for being so understanding!

Sunday Lunch Club - Is Sunday a quiet day for you, or maybe you looking for something new to do? If so, this may be for you! We are hoping to set up a Sunday lunch club once a month for anyone who would like to come. Details are on a flyer at the back of the churches along with a sign up sheet for anyone interested. Contact Jan Dalton for more details.

An urgent plea. A Ukrainian mother and 7 yr. old son, already here and with a school place in Solihull, desperately need some accommodation. Sadly, their host now has cancer and so they have had to be moved to a hotel room in the middle of Birmingham. Have a word in the first instance with Chris Speakman on 705 3580. She will set you in the right direction to help!

Refreshments help. When the English as a Foreign Language sessions for our Ukrainian friends take place on Friday afternoons at the Oliver Bird Hall, help is needed to serve refreshments between 2 and 3pm. Christ Speakman is already helping – so again if you are interested in helping, have a word with her in the first instance.

The Welcome Café now has gluten free options as well. Even more reason to drop in!

The Friends of St James are collecting books as an ongoing project. We would appreciate donations which may be taken to the Parish Office Monday to Friday 9.30am-12.30pm.

Food bank – Demand for food banks is still increasing. We most urgently need tinned fruit and veg as well as tinned meat. All other non-perishable food welcome but we have plenty of baked beans and pasta. Thank you

Adavu: there are several new ladies needing toiletries please!

For Prayer – Our Parish St James

The departed and those who mourn them

Years Mind: Thomas Nash, Rick Wise, Percival Crocker, Susan Jennifer Goudie, Lily Gutteridge, Eve Davies, Derrick Neale, Thomas Dawes

Keeping in touch....

Next week's Pewslip

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

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

Rev Wendy Martin – will be joining the team in Shirley Parish in mid August. Wendy is a self-supporting minister who has just finished her curacy In Garretts Green. She will be with us 2 or 3 Sundays a month plus some time in the week.

Here's some words from Wendy introducing herself:

It is wonderful for me to be joining the ministry team in Shirley Parish as a part-time, self-supporting, Associate Priest and I look forward to meeting you, worshipping with you and joining in with what God is doing in Shirley. I am dyslexic and find remembering names difficult, so please don't be offended if it takes me a while to remember yours!

I was born in Surrey and greatly enjoyed a 36 year career as a nurse, midwife and midwife lecturer, in London, Hertfordshire, Surrey and Sussex. At 24yrs I spent 6 months in Israel caring for a new-born infant in a high-profile family. This enabled me to travel within Israel, New York and Egypt and participate in an archaeological dig in the Golan Heights afterwards - all formative experiences.

I attended Church of England schools and chose to be baptised and confirmed aged 13. I was brought up in a non-churchgoing, single-parent family with three sisters, and fell away from church attendance as a teenager. I returned, aged 28, as a result of a warm welcome when seeking marriage in a Methodist Church. I began to learn to follow Jesus by listening to sermons, being part of a homegroup and helping to run the church creche. After ten years, as a result of attending a Christianity exploratory course, I understood more fully who Jesus was, what He had done for me on the Cross, and made a deeper commitment to follow Him. I began to pray and read the Bible more. I felt very inadequate when, within a year, I felt Jesus, calling me to preach and 'shepherd his people'. I began the long journey, for me, towards ordained ministry, as a Methodist Local Preacher.

Now, 24 years later, while life has been very tough at times, God has been faithful and 'an ever-present help in times of trouble'. God has encouraged, sustained, healed and provided for me, and my family, through much adversity. For this, I am eternally thankful. I have learned much about different Christian spiritualities and churchmanships and have trained to be a Spiritual Accompanier. I am an Associate of the Iona Community and try to live within a Rule of Life which includes simplicity, sustainability and contemplative prayer. I am passionate about helping others come to know Jesus for themselves, helping to develop their faith and sharing the abundant love God has for all people. I am also passionate that our churches should be welcoming and accessible places for all, whatever their background, gender identity, dis/ability, ethnicity and sexuality. My pronouns which I use are she/her.

Following a call to Birmingham, I have been here 10 years now, and live in Ward End, not far from Heartlands Hospital. I was ordained Deacon in 2019, priest in 2020, and served my curacy in Garretts Green. My two sons live in West Sussex, and this October, I will become a Grandma for the first time! I enjoy my self-employed work as a Companion to Older people very much, and for relaxation, my interests include, exploring new places, researching my family history and making greeting cards.