

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

This week: 31st October – 6th November
4 before Advent



Sun 31st	10.30am Parish Eucharist (St James) 12.30pm Baptism (St James) 3.30pm Forest Church (St John's)
Tues 2nd	10am Welcome Café (Church House) 11.30am Funeral (St James)
Weds 3rd	12.00pm Ploughmans (Church House) 2.00pm Mother's Union (Church House)
Thurs 4th	10:30am Eucharist (St James) 2.30pm Moving On (Church House)
Fri 5th	10.00am Jimmy Tots (Church House) 11.45am Funeral (St James)
Sat 6th	9am Parish Prayers (Zoom)
Sun 7th	8am Eucharist (St James) 9am Morning Worship (St John's) 10.30am Eucharist (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>

Alternatively, you can listen by using the telephone number 0121 798 0196

Coming Up.....

*****TODAY*** Forest Church** - The next Forest Church will be at 3:30pm on **Sunday 31st October** in the St John's garden. It will be held outside whatever the weather so please dress appropriately and bring a chair if you wish to sit!

Reflective Worship next Sunday 7th November will be at 3:30pm in St John's Church – not 6pm. This will be the case throughout the dark winter months.

Remembrance Sunday 14th November: The Shirley Remembrance Parade and Act of Remembrance will this year take place at the War Memorial in Shirley Park at 11am - not in the St James Churchyard. (The change is because of issues with closing the road).

The **St James Morning Service will begin at 9:30am** on Remembrance Sunday to enable us to get to the Park afterwards. On Thursday 11th November there will be a short Act of Remembrance at the Memorial in the Churchyard at 11am.

Church Cleaning Working Party On Tuesday 23rd November at 9.30am we will be having a working party to clean St James' Church. Please come and help us. There will be all sorts of jobs to be done including brass cleaning (some of this can be done sitting down). Many hands make light work so we need your help – don't forget to bring your dusters etc. Thank you.

Parish Notices

We are still collecting for the food bank on a weekly basis – please help if you can
ADAVU: thank you very much for your wonderful response to the emergency appeal to kit out three babies, all items packed and delivered. No more needed at present.

FOOD BANK: longlife orange juice, dried milk and tinned fruit.

Phil Kew - The funeral will take place at St James Church at 11.30am on 2nd November, followed by a short service at Robin Hood Crematorium at 12.30, all are welcome.

Mother's Union invite you to 'Desert Island Discs' with special guest Reverend Paul Day and presenter Ray Speakman. Wednesday November 3rd at 2 o'clock in Church House. All are welcome to join us for this very special occasion.

Remembrance Sunday Choir We are putting together a group of singers as a robed choir to support the Remembrance Service at 11 am in Shirley Park. We have 9 volunteers so far, but it would be good to have more. We will simply lead the congregation in usual 3 well known hymns, accompanied by brass band. Contact Kate Crocker 07562664163

Jigsaw sale See the November magazine, pick up a leaflet from church or look on the website for details. The money raised will buy a bench for the garden at Church House.

Churchyard working party. We will continue to meet on Wednesday mornings between 10 and 12 if the weather is OK. There will be a lot of leaf clearing in the next few weeks! Many thanks to all helpers. Kate C

U3A Computer course This is a free online course which builds on skills and is particularly useful for anyone experimenting with photos, videos, audio, video and making flyers or posters. It is run by Bob Ireland who is leading our computer basics course. contact: rjireland.ri@gmail.com.

For sale – desk calendar (A5 size) for 2022 featuring local photos – profits from sales will be donated to the Parish. £5 each or 3 for £10. Gill Hanton – 07973 942145 or gill.hanton@btinternet.com

Real Advent Calendar – As in previous years these can be ordered through the Parish Office at £4.50 each. They contain fairly traded chocolate and a Christmas activity / story book. Please order by 31st October! Ideal for grandchildren (and grandparents!!)

For Prayer – Those caring for loved ones, Eleanor Green

The departed and those who mourn them

Years Mind: Monica Stevens, Lorenzo Downes, George Fisher, Rita Markey, Amy Lloyd, Joan Matthews, Olive Indge

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.

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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>

COP 26 Climate Change Summit

The summit in Glasgow starts today (31st October) and last for two weeks. It is seen as vitally important in addressing the climate change threat facing the planet. There are a couple of events locally which you might like to join in.

Saturday 6 November is the Global Day of Action for the Climate, and all are invited to join the Faith block as part of the **Birmingham March for the Climate**. Meet at **Millennium Point at 12pm**, and at 3pm there will be an Interfaith Blessing and open mic at the Priory Rooms in the city centre.

Also on **Saturday 6 November, 7-9pm, at St Philips Church Centre (B93 8DX) – Science, Politics and Faith event**

Join us to explore crucial questions about:-

- The climate crisis and what we need to do
- What the science tells us
- The role of faith in tackling the emergency

Facing and tackling the climate crisis – the facts; followed by light refreshments and the chance for informal discussion; then a panel discussion – **Saving the Planet needs Science, Politics and Faith?**

You can submit your questions in advance, or ask them on the day.

And you might like to use this prayer:

Loving God,

We praise your name with all you have created.

You are present in the whole universe,

and in the smallest of creatures.

*We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us
as stewards of your creation.*

*May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they
seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society.*

*Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions
for the poorest and most vulnerable,*

and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son.

Amen