

SHIRLEY PARISH



KNOWING CHRIST  
MAKING HIM KNOWN

8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March

### Lent 3

The Parish of Shirley

St James the Great and St John the Divine

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<b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup></b>	8am	Eucharist (St James)
	9am	Eucharist (St Johns)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (St James)
<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	Coffee Morning (St Johns)
	8pm	Compline & Parish Prayers (Zoom)
<b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup></b>	10am	Welcome Café (Church House)
	11.30am	Craft Club (Church House)
<b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm	Lent Conversations (Church House)
<b>Thurs 12<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	Eucharist (St James)
	2pm	Lent Conversations (Church House)
<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup></b>	10am	Jimmy Tots (Church House)
<b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Eucharist (St James)

Vicar – in vacancy

Contact the Parish Office

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(Rest Day is Friday)

#### FOR PRAYER

Those who are tasked with keeping our communities safe.

Our friends at the Shirley Baptist and Shirley Methodist Churches

#### YEARS MIND

Eleanor Green

#### THOSE TO BE BAPTISED

Isla Warburton, Cora Gardiner & Grayson Rutter

#### THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Emma Ditchfield & Alice Pitt

#### Parish Notices

★ **Mothers Union Lent Appeal** ★ After the very successful collection last year, we are again collecting sanitary towels for **Period Poverty**. Toothpaste for adults and children is also needed for the foodbank. Please donate generously.

**Security** There have recently been some issues with security in the church, Church House, Parish Office and in the wider community. Because of this, we are installing CCTV to monitor the Parish Office door and church porch. **There will not be any cameras inside the church.** There is now a doorbell on the frame of Church House main door. If you are attending an event and the door is closed, please use the bell. Thank you for your understand and support 🙏

**Lent Coverations** are taking place on Wednesdays at 7.30pm and on Thursdays at 2pm in Church House. All are welcome – it's not too late to join.

**March 100 Club winners** - £50 Sarah Penfold - £25 Debbie Blunt.

**Coffee Morning** – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30am at St John's Church. All welcome 🍰🍰🍰🍰🍰

**Gardening Group** Weather permitting, we will start meeting again on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 10am - noon (ish)** New members are very welcome and there is a big variety of tasks which need to be done. Come along and see! 🌸🌿🌻🌷🌺🌹

**Have you filled in the form?** If you are a key holder, **please fill in the form available at the back of Church.** Once complete, **please give to a warden or deliver to the Parish Office.** If you have any Church or Church House keys and no longer need them, please return them. Thank you 🗝️🔒🗝️

#### Collect for 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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.

**Amen**

#### Donations During Services

+ 🙏 We do not pass an offertory plate around the congregation during our services. You can make one-off or regular donations using the Parish Giving Scheme Thank you for your support 🙏 +

Registered Charity Number:

**1131912**



Please scan the QR Code to access to the Parish Giving Scheme. Thank you

## Readings 8<sup>th</sup> March

### Exodus 17.1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

### Romans 5.1-11

Now that we have been put right with God through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. He has brought us by faith into this experience of God's grace, in which we now live. And so we boast of the hope we have of sharing God's glory! We also boast of our troubles, because we know that trouble produces endurance, endurance brings God's approval, and his approval creates hope. This hope does not disappoint us, for God has poured out his love into our hearts by means of the Holy Spirit, who is God's gift to us. For when we were still helpless, Christ died for the wicked at the time that God chose. It is a difficult thing for someone to die for a righteous person. It may even be that someone might dare to die for a good person. But God has shown us how much he loves us—it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us! By his blood we are now put right with God; how much more, then, will we be saved by him from God's anger! We were God's enemies, but he made us his friends through the death of his Son. Now that we are God's friends, how much more will we be saved by Christ's life! But that is not all; we rejoice because of what God has done through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has now made us God's friends.

### John 4.5-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'