

5th - 12th July

Trinity 5

The Parish of Shirley

St James the Great and St John the Divine

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Sun 5th	10.30am	Parish Eucharist & Baptism (St James)
	3.30pm	Reflective Worship (St James)
Mon 6th	2pm	Book Club (Church House)
	8pm	Compline (Zoom)
Tue 7th	10am	Welcome Café (Church House)
Wed 8th	12pm	Ploughmans Lunch (Church House)
Thurs 9th	10.30am	Eucharist (St James)
Fri 10th	10am	Jimmy Tots (Church House)
Sun 12th	8am	Eucharist (St James)
	9am	Eucharist (St Johns)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (St James)

Parish Notices

Coffee Morning: – 10.30am, Monday 13th July at St John's Church. All welcome!

Work for Yuliia: My Ukrainian guest is now living in an apartment in Solihull and is looking for some work. She is offering cleaning or 'home help' services. If you are interested please speak to Rev'd Wendy Carter or phone 0121 744 6315.

Pew Slip Post: Due to forthcoming changes in postal delivery schedules, we are reviewing how we send out pewslips. If you currently receive your copy by post and would be happy to receive it by email instead, please let the Parish Office know. It is not our plan to withdraw posted copies, but it will be more cost effective and prove more reliable to use email where possible 📧

150 Years Of Mothers Union:

On 25th July there is a Promotional Event & Service of Thanksgiving for Mothers Union at Birmingham Cathedral. Pre-loved scarves & tombola prizes are required. Any donations would be gratefully received, with all money raised going to support the work of Mothers Union locally & around the world. Donations please by 19th July – Thank you

Vicar – in vacancy

Contact the Parish Office

Curate – Rev'd Richard Haynes

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(Rest Day is Friday)

FOR PRAYER

All those ordained at our Cathedrals, especially Lydia Padfield (nee Watson)

THOSE TO BE BAPTISED

Liam Cummins & Louie Morris

THOSE TO BE MARRIED

Clare & Jonathon

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Mark Townsend, Godfrey Chambers & Brian Stevens

YEARS MIND

Sandra Perrin

Collect for 5th July

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 for Sunday 5th July

Zechariah 9: 9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand what I do; for I don't do what I would like to do, but instead I do what I hate. Since what I do is what I don't want to do, this shows that I agree that the Law is right. So I am not really the one who does this thing; rather it is the sin that lives in me. I know that good does not live in me—that is, in my human nature. For even though the desire to do good is in me, I am not able to do it. I don't do the good I want to do; instead, I do the evil that I do not want to do. If I do what I don't want to do, this means that I am no longer the one who does it; instead, it is the sin that lives in me. So I find that this law is at work: when I want to do what is good, what is evil is the only choice I have. My inner being delights in the law of God. But I see a different law at work in my body—a law that fights against the law which my mind approves of. It makes me a prisoner to the law of sin which is at work in my body. What an unhappy man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is taking me to death? Thanks be to God, who does this through our Lord Jesus Christ! This, then, is my condition: on my own I can serve God's law only with my mind, while my human nature serves the law of sin.

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end

'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.' At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Monday Office Closure: As many of you will be aware, the work carried out in the Parish Office is extremely varied and comes in all shapes and sizes. Some of this work requires extra care, attention and concentration. Mondays are reserved for these tasks to ensure that deadlines are met and to offer protected time which is vital in enabling the smooth running of the Parish. We appreciate that this may not be ideal but we really do appreciate your cooperation in keeping disruption to a minimum on a Monday so that Emily is able to offer you the time you may need during the remainder of the week. **Therefore we would be grateful if you would only visit the Parish Office on a Monday for something that is either urgent or that cannot wait until Tuesday.** Thank you for your support and understanding.