



The Parish of
St George the Martyr
 Shirley

PEWSHEET

15TH – 21ST MARCH 2020

✧ *Following Christ* ✧ *Serving Community* ✧ *Welcoming All* ✧

This Week at St. George's

TODAY: Sunday 15th March - Third Sunday of Lent

7.15am Morning Prayer
 8.00am Said Eucharist
 10.00am Sung Eucharist with Junior Church
 4.00pm Lent Group (see flyer)

Monday 16th March

9.00am Morning Prayer
 9.30-11.30am NO Little Dragons
 10.30-12.00 Pop-In & Lady Chapel
 open
 8.00pm Bible Reading Group

Tuesday 17th March

9.00am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 18th March

9.00am Morning Prayer
 9.30-11.30am Patchwork Palette
 1.30pm Lent Group (see flyer)
 3.30-5.00pm Patchwork Palette (7
 years and up) Church Hall

Thursday 19th March

CLEARANCE WORKING PARTIES

9.00am Morning Prayer
 9.30am Said Eucharist
 10.30am Lent Group (see flyer)

Friday 20th March

CLEARANCE WORKING PARTIES

*Please note that this is now Barry's regular
 Day Off – please only contact him in an
 emergency*

Saturday 21st March

9.30am Morning Prayer
CLEARANCE WORKING PARTIES
 10.00am-12noon Church Open

Next Sunday 22nd March – Mothering Sunday

7.15am Morning Prayer
 8.00am Said Eucharist
 10.00am All-Age Sung Eucharist with Church Parade
 4.00pm Lent Group (see flyer)
 Deadline for Magazine submissions

Dates for your Diary:

Georgettes: Thursday 26th March at Susan Wheeler's -NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Thursday 1st April 7.30pm Churches Together in Shirley AGM – All Saints

Saturday 25th April 10.00am Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Sunday 26th April 10.00am Patronal Festival celebrating St. George

Saturday 20th June - Summer Fete

PLEASE TAKE THIS PEWSHEET HOME WITH YOU



If you would like a copy of this pewsheet in advance each week,
 please email barryhengist@gmail.com

We take the safeguarding and care of children and vulnerable adults very seriously at St George's, Shirley – see over for details

Our Parish Safeguarding Officers are

Susan Wheeler phone 020 8777 5271 & Mike Bloss phone 020 8656 9008

Our Churchwardens are:

Jan Payne phone 020 8776 0185 & Alexander Baldwin-Smith phone 020 8656 8335

Our Vicar is: Revd. Barry Hengist phone 020 8654 8747 or 07947 068209

Information about this morning's service

COVID19 CORONAVIRUS – LATEST ADVICE

*We will be following the latest advice from the Church of England which is for communicants to receive **only the bread** at communion and for it to be **received standing**. Please follow the Churchwardens' directions.*

There are no flowers in church during Lent

Please note that all donations towards flowers can be Gift-Aided which makes them worth 25% more at no extra cost to you. Please use a yellow envelope and mark it "flower fund".

If you would like to make a donation for flowers one Sunday in memory of someone or for a special occasion please contact Marion Sheehan on 020 8777 7308

Your prayers are asked for ...

...those in acute need, among them:

Rosemary; Reg; Catriona; Sheila Dennis; Elaine Cook; David Lawn; Robyn; Elsie Lennall; Claire; Janet Pitt; Brian Walton; Doreen Jansen; Brenda Lloyd; Angela Perry; Tracy; Pam Hooks

...those whose need is ongoing, among them:

Bill Gibson; Clare Piner; Garth Smith; Emma-Jane; Jean; Elizabeth Lovell; Valerie Duncan; Lindsey Morgan; Brian; Martin Pitt; Julie; Ann Bloss; Hugh Aylward; George Wheatley; Ellen Maden; Sheila Dennis; Claire; Ian Cordery; Hazel Styles;

...those who are no longer able to attend church:

Valerie Hambling; Barbara Ramschit; Jean Wells; Eric Webb; Mark Hare; Ron Parsons; Clive King; Doreen Wash; Doris Hazelwood;

Please let Barry know (barryhengist@gmail.com or 020 8654 8747) of any changes in the prayer needs of those listed above or of new people to be added.

...any who have died recently:

Sydney Ujunwa Amadi; Anthony Gerald Eyre

...those whose anniversary of death falls soon:

Victor Ronald Jones; Walter Charles Greenfield; Donald Towler; Robert Skillern (Priest)

... all those caught up in the spread of the Coronavirus

Lent – A time of Fasting, Prayer and Acts of Service

1) – If you drive to church and have a spare seat in your car, there are a number of less mobile parishioners who live locally that would be very grateful for a lift to church for the 10am service on Sundays either on a regular or emergency basis. Perhaps you might be willing to volunteer to pick them up from now until Easter? If so please let one of the staff team know and they'll put you in touch with a very grateful passenger.



The silence of the response so far has been deafeningly disappointing!

2) – Could you consider dropping a few of these cards into those who live in your neighbourhood? Imagine what it would be like to receive one if you found yourself self-isolating. You can indicate the ways in which you are offering to help. I have produced some sheets for volunteers to take and can always run off more.

HELLO! If you are self-isolating, I can help.

My name is

I live locally at

My phone number is

If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 I can help with:

Picking up shopping Posting mail

A friendly phone call Urgent supplies

Just call or text me and I'll do my best to help you (for free!)

Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every precaution to ensure you are spreading only kindness. Avoid physical contact (2m distance). Wash your hands regularly. Items should be left on your doorstep. **#ViralKindness**

APCM Reports - as the date of this year's APCM is rapidly approaching our PCC Secretary (Vivienne Windheuser) would appreciate all reports asap. If you cannot send these electronically please contact Jan Payne.

This year we will be selecting new **Deanery Synod representatives** who will in turn elect members of General Synod. With important topics on the horizon, not least the "Living in Love and Faith" report, it is important that General Synod reflects the views of congregations like St. George's. If you want to know more about the role of Deanery Synod Rep, please see Barry.

Christian Aid: Could all completed Christian Aid volunteer forms be returned to Brian McGinnis or Liz Bebington by TODAY please? Although May seems a long way off envelopes have to be ordered NOW! Thank you.

Summer Fete – 20th June 2020. Planning is now underway for this year's Summer Fete which, with your help, we would like to make the best ever. The theme is '**RED**' which you can interpret in any way you like and we would certainly like some innovative ideas as well as lots of help. More information available when you have your coffee or see Jan Payne with suggestions or offers of help.

SUNDAY LUNCH: As promised we are organising another Sunday Lunch this time at the Hisar Meze Bar, 68 High Street, West Wickham, on Sunday 29th March 2020 {From 12.30 for 1.00}. Price:- Sunday Set Menu £25 incl gratuity (ex drinks). Gluten free and vegetarian options available. Booking forms, the menu and details from Jan and Alexander. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served. Bookings must be made by Sunday 22nd March.

If you've had an invitation to sign up to MyChurchSuite please be assured that this is the software that St. George's is rolling out to help us communicate with you better and the invitation is genuine. If you are worried or are having trouble registering then please let **Barry Hengist** know on **07947 068209**. MyChurchSuite allows you to take control of your information –name; contact details; ethnicity; marital status; gender etc and how much of it other church members can see and the ways in which we can contact you. It helps us with GDPR (data protection) too and you'll soon be able to manage all your rotas in one place (with reminders!) It's a great tool, so please use it. If you want to know more, please contact Barry on barryhengist@gmail.com or 07947 068209.



Shrublands Food Bank

Priority Items

- Fish paste
- Ground pepper
- Instant desserts
- Jelly, instant
- Meat
- Nuts, unsalted
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Peanut butter
- Salt
- Vegetables
- Toilet rolls

Please make sure donations have a shelf life of at least six months
 Thanks to your generosity we currently have high stocks of soup

Donated goods can be brought to the Coffee Shop
 (please see Activities list for dates/times)
 Alternatively: CO-OP Orchard Way Shirley or CO-OP Wickham Road Shirley

CHOIR CHAIRS

A generous benefactor has offered to purchase 30 new chairs for the use, primarily, of the choir and servers and to restore the Lady Chapel chairs to their original purpose. The PCC have gratefully accepted the offer and 30 light oak Theo chairs with blue/grey seat pads have been ordered.



The 10-week lead time means we should see them by the feast of the Ascension in mid-May. Thank you 'benefactor'.