



International Transgender Day of Remembrance
 We will be holding a quiet, reflective service on **Monday 20th November at 5.30** in the Lady Chapel to remember those who have lost their lives this past year and to pray for a future where all God's people are safe and valued. The order of service can be downloaded from our Church website.

Retiring Collection Today

We will be holding a retiring collection today. This is for two reasons. Firstly we had to throw away most of our **Church Christmas Decorations** as they had been contaminated by rat droppings in the garage where they were stored. We hope to buy new garlands for this Christmas. Secondly we want to update our **Clergy Board** ahead of being able to advertise for our new priest. Please consider contributing if you can.

Georgettes' Christmas Party!

It's that time already - your first end of year party has arrived!
 Venue: 16 Wilks Gardens.
 Date: Friday 1st December Time: 7.30pm
 Bring a Plate (BAP) and BAB (Bottle).
This is primarily a social evening but if you have a silly/party game you would like to 'test' on us, please feel free to bring it!



Recycling & Fundraising!

We can now raise money for our Church & recycle ink cartridges from our printers! Not all cartridges can be recycled—laser & toner cartridges are not accepted. See if your cartridges are ok by checking the list at the back of church or emailing thefifes19@gmail.com. There is a collection box at the back of church.



Wanting to make an offering?

St George's Church bank details are: Sort code 60 - 23 - 22
 Account number: 44558422
 Please put your name as a reference.



The Parish of
St George the Martyr
 Shirley

NEWSLETTER
 19th November—25th November 2023

✦ Following Christ ✦ Serving Community ✦ Welcoming All ✦

Sunday 19th Nov. 2023
Safeguarding Sunday

10.00am Sung Parish Eucharist



Monday 20th November

9.00am Morning Prayer on [Zoom](#) only
 9.30—11.30am Little Dragons toddler group
 10.30-12.00 Pop-In Seniors Club
 7.30pm Bible Study Group on Zoom. Contact Brian McGinnis for the zoom link and study notes dunaigh2@btinternet.com

Tuesday 21st November

9.00am Morning Prayer on [Zoom](#) only

Wednesday 22nd November

9.00am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel and on [Zoom](#)
 11.30am Said Holy Eucharist in the Lady Chapel
 3.00pm Men of George's (MoGs) meeting on [Zoom](#) only

Thursday 23rd November

9.00am Morning Prayer on [Zoom](#) only

Friday 24th November

9.00am Morning Prayer on [Zoom](#) only



Sunday 26th November 2023
Feast of Christ the King

10.00am Sung Parish Eucharist

Please remember in your private prayers during the week...

... all those who live in

Glenwood Way; Great Gatton Close; Greenview Avenue & Gwynne Avenue

... those who worship at one of the Churches Together in Shirley

St. George's (this Church & Parish); Longheath Baptist Church

...those in acute need; among them:

Maureen Fenner; Mike Wareham; Andy Hamilton; Ann Hobbs; Margaret & Martin Easton; Mike Wilkins; Heidi Alsop; Brian Jacobs; Nahshon

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

Sheila Dennis; Diane Lowe; Dave & Shirley Ashdown; Margaret Ziolek; Sue Moore; Julie; Brian; Mark Hare; Helen McMullan; Helen Aylward;
David Lawn; Sonia; Jean; Christine Lutman; Pauline Russell;
Dave & Terry Boyland; Livingston Dallas; Lindsay Morgan; Frank;
Camilla Harley; Bill Gibson; Garth Smith; Elizabeth Lovell; Brenda Palmer;

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

Heather Orton, Yvonne Harris, Yvonne Sussex, Jean Wells

...any who have died recently:

Doreen Wash; Christine Haggart; Kemal Ibrahim

...those whose anniversary of death falls soon:

James Edward Davies; Frank Clement; Charles Bertram Houghton;
Ethel Muriel Keyes; William Redford; Valerie Westcott;
Ken Brown; Audrey Mary Williams; Brian Walter George Cook

If you would like the name of a friend or loved one included in the prayer list, please let the staff team know at

vicarstgeorge@gmail.com or **020 8776 0185**

The flowers in the sanctuary this week have donated and arranged by Gloria and Gwen in celebration of Gwen's special birthday at the end of this month.

Dates for your diary

Monday 20th Nov: International Transgender Day of Remembrance

Saturday 25th November—Christmas Market

Sunday 3rd December—Christingle Service

Christmas Market

This is **6** days from now! Donations of cakes, books, jewellery, toiletries and raffle prizes are **still needed**. The hall will be open from 8.30am on Saturday to set everything up but if you would prefer to access the hall or church on Friday evening please contact Jan!

We are also still very short of helpers and do not have any kind of tombola as no one has offered to organise and run one! Could **you** do this?

Please let Jan or Heather know if you are able to help in any way and leave donations for any of the stalls in the church porch. Thank you.

Thank you to all who contributed cakes and purchased cakes to raise funds for Medical Aid Palestine. Jaqualyn tells us that £415.65 was raised through sales, gift aid and an online donation!

Longheath Trustee Needed. We are still looking for someone to represent us on the Longheath Community Trust. We have been involved since its foundation and we don't want to lose that link. Can **you** help? Speak to one of our Church Wardens to find out more.

Gluten-Free? Do you need a GF communion wafer? You can now pick up a GF token at the same time as your hymn and service books to place on the offertory plate so we know how many GF wafers to consecrate.

Saving Paper. We will be printing fewer copies of the Readings Sheet and Newsletter from December. Please consider either printing yours at home if you want to have a paper copy for the service or making sure it is on your phone / tablet to refer to during the service.

Advent Prayers. We are looking for environmental projects to learn more about and pray for during Advent. Let us know of any you are aware of, especially local ones.

EcoTip 2023 No: 46—Damn Fine Coffee

Make sure your daily caffeine boost is supplied by coffee beans that have been fairly traded. Once a rarity in the shops, a huge range of Fairtrade coffee is now widely available. In recent years Fairtrade producer groups have received three times the international price for robusta beans and double the international price for arabicas. Why not try our St George's favourites—Waitrose Colombian and M&S FT Gold Decaf?

