

## Easter Eggs:

Easter is early this year so we are thinking about orders for fair trade eggs from the Meaningful Chocolate Company. Speak to Liz or Andy Bebington if you'd like the eggs you give and enjoy to be fairly traded and to contain the real message of Easter.



See <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/real-easter-egg> for more details of the products available.

## Lent Books

Don't forget to choose, or lend, a Lent Book at our 'Lent Books on Loan' table! Grow your faith this coming Lent.



Each year, the Bishop's Lent Call raises funds for local community projects in Southwark and our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem, as well as calling parishes to a time of prayer and contemplation.

The Bishop's Lent Call for 2024 is raising funds for projects that focus on peace with justice in the Diocese of Jerusalem

and the Middle East, and resilience and well-being across our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe. You can find more information on this year's projects and how to donate - as well as read blogs and watch videos from previous Lent Call projects - by following this link:

<https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/events/lent-call/>

## 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.

**Is your red envelope still waiting to come back??**

## Georgettes

The Georgettes' February gathering will be a showing of the Oscar nominated film 'Maestro' (about the life of Leonard Bernstein) hosted by Toyin at 5 Fullers Wood, Croydon CR0 8HZ.

Date: Friday 16th Feb.

@ 7.30pm.

Snacks or small plates of food, as well as a bottle, would be very much appreciated.



The Parish of  
**St George the Martyr**  
Shirley

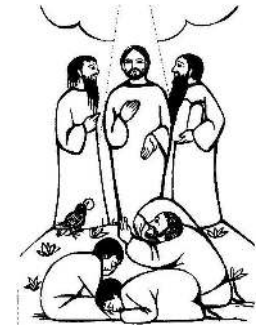
# NEWSLETTER

11th—17th February 2024

✦ Following Christ ✦ Serving Community ✦ Welcoming All ✦

## Sunday 11th February 2024 Sunday before Lent

10.00am All Age Eucharist  
We welcome Revd Canon Dr Barry Goodwin  
as our Celebrant and Preacher today



### Monday 12th February

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

**No** Little Dragons toddler group today

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](mailto:dunaigh2@btinternet.com)

### Tuesday 13th February Shrove Tuesday

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

### Wednesday 14th February Ash Wednesday

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

11.30am Said Holy Eucharist in the Lady Chapel with Ashing

3.00pm Men of George's (MoGs) meeting today

8.00pm Sung Holy Eucharist with Ashing

### Thursday 15th February

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

### Friday 16th February

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



## Sunday 17th Feb. 2024 1st Sunday in Lent

10.00am Sung Parish Eucharist  
With Archdeacon Greg Prior

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

... all those who live in

Woodland Way; Woodmere Avenue; Woodmere Close;  
Woodmere Gardens

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

West Wickham & Shirley Baptist Church  
Our Lady of the Annunciation

...those in acute need; among them:

Jean Wells; Yvonne Sussex; Christina; Dan Pretty; Andy Hamilton;  
Ann Hobbs; Margaret & Martin Easton; Mike Wilkins; Brian Jacobs;  
Nahshon

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

Maureen Fenner; Bill Gibson; Garth Smith; Elizabeth Lovell; Sheila Dennis;  
Dave & Shirley Ashdown; Heidi Alsop; Ellen Maden; Paul Oates;  
Margaret Ziolk; Sue Moore; Julie; Brian; Mark Hare; Helen McMullan;  
Keith Haslem; Helen Aylward; David Lawn; Sonia; Jean; Christine Lutman;  
Pauline Russell; Dave & Terry Boyland; Livingston Dallas; Lindsay Morgan;

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

Yvonne Harris, Heather Orton, Pam Purkis

...any who have died recently:

Diane Lowe; Michael Matthews

...those whose anniversary of death falls soon:

Robert Bernard Shears; Eileen Barbara Bennett; Frank Kenneth Trickey;  
Desmond O'Connor Roe; Sidney William Bransby; George Hanslip;  
Mark Darren Corcoran

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](mailto:vicarstgeorge@gmail.com) or **020 8776 0185**

The flowers in the sanctuary have been donated and arranged by Toyin Magbagbeola.

There will be no flowers in church from next Sunday as Lent will have begun but use the opportunity of this time to grow your faith.



Croydon **LAY CONFERENCE**  
Episcopal Area  
**SATURDAY 2 MARCH 2024**  
**9.30AM TO 5PM**

*Magnificat! From Praise  
to Passionate Action*



This will be the 4th Lay Conference organized by the Croydon Episcopal Area Office. It's a wonderful day of Christian fellowship, worship, learning and encouragement. Do

sign up if you can. You won't regret it! The theme for the conference is **Magnificat! From Praise to Passionate Action**. We hope that you will have much to bring back to our parish. Please [click here to view the Lay Conference Information Booklet](#) to find out more about the conference. The cost is £11.55 – including the booking fee and lunch. We hope to organise car sharing to help everyone who wants to attend to get there easily. Speak to Ray, Susan or Liz if you're keen to go and would like to offer or request transport. **If you haven't yet registered today is your last chance!!!**

### Shrublands Trust Foodbank—Most Needed Items

<input type="checkbox"/> Baked Beans	<input type="checkbox"/> Fruit, in juice or dried	<input type="checkbox"/> Shower Gel
<input type="checkbox"/> Biscuits, savoury	<input type="checkbox"/> Jam / Honey	<input type="checkbox"/> Sugar
<input type="checkbox"/> Biscuits, sweet	<input type="checkbox"/> Pasta Sauces	<input type="checkbox"/> Tomatoes
<input type="checkbox"/> Cereals	<input type="checkbox"/> Pulses	<input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste

If you would like to make a cash or cheque donation (payable to St. George's Shirley PCC), please place it in an envelope marked "Foodbank" and place it in the offertory bag during the collection. Thank you.

**Well Done!** Congratulations to all who worked so hard on the litter pick last week. The huge pile of bags of rubbish were a witness to your efforts and the area was transformed. Let's hope that this proves a powerful witness to those who so casually discard their rubbish in this beautiful space.



### EcoTip 2023 No: 58—Go zero-waste or plastic-free.

See how little garbage (including recycling!) you can generate between now and Easter. If that's too much, focus simply on eliminating plastic as much as possible. Pledge to take your own coffee cup to work each day.