

UPDATING ELECTORAL ROLL

In preparation for this year's Annual Parish Meeting we will be revising and updating the Church Electoral Roll. We are aware that there are parishioners on the Church database who are not on the Roll who may wish to be included in this revision. It is important that the Roll should reflect members of the church family. If you're not sure whether you are on the Roll or not, there are copies of the current Roll at the back of the Church (addresses redacted) for you to check. There are also application forms there as well. If you have any questions, please speak to Owen Whalley, our Electoral Roll Officer after the service or by dropping him an email: owenwhalley@icloud.com

Holy Week

This coming week is a real opportunity to grow in faith and to prepare to celebrate Easter with our whole heart. Try not to get caught up in the secular consumer rush and instead to make a little more time for you and God this week. Pick up one of our 'Holy Week and Easter Leaflets' to find out more about what's going on at St George's.

Holy Week Posters

Please take one of the Holy Week posters from the back of church to display in your porch or on a window visible from your street. The posters should be displayed, with the bottom section folded out of view, from today and then the bottom section made visible on Easter Sunday. It is a simple way to witness to our faith in our community.



Little Dragons—Important Update

Following some safeguarding updates please can we ask everyone to try to avoid coming into Church during the Little Dragons session on Monday mornings. If you do need to come into church during this time please wait by the door at the back of the church having entered for Regina to come and meet you and take you to whichever part of the building you need to access. Thank you for your help and co-operation in keeping our church a safe and welcoming place for all.

Wanting to make an offering?

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

Advert for our New Incumbent

As the advert goes into the Church Times in April for our new vicar please pray that the right person will hear God's call to come and share in ministry and mission in this place.



The Parish of
St George the Martyr
Shirley

NEWSLETTER

24th—30th March 2024

✱ Following Christ ✱ Serving Community ✱ Welcoming All ✱

Sunday 24th March 2024 Palm Sunday

10.00am Sung Parish Eucharist
2.30pm Lent Study Group today



Monday 25th March

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

Tuesday 26th March

9.00am Morning Prayer on [Zoom](#) only
7.30pm Lenten Devotions in Church
7.30—8.10 Lent Group on Zoom. Contact Brian McGinnis for the zoom link dunaigh2@btinternet.com

Wednesday 20th March

9.00am Morning Prayer on [Zoom](#) only
11.30am Said Holy Eucharist in the Lady Chapel
3.00pm Men of George's (MoGs) meeting today
7.30pm Lenten Devotions in Church

Thursday 21st March

9.00am Morning Prayer on [Zoom](#) only
7.00pm Passover Meal & Eucharist in Church

Friday 22nd March

9.00am Morning Prayer on [Zoom](#) only. Please see Holy Week leaflet for the rest of Good Friday & Holy Saturday events.



Sunday 31st March 2024 Easter Sunday

10.00am Sung Parish Eucharist with the lighting of the New Fire & the Paschal Candle.

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

... all those who live in

Darley Close; Edgewood Green; Elstan Way

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

The Church of God Apostolic (Pentecostal); St. John the Evangelist (CofE)
Shirley Methodist Church

...those in acute need; among them:

Gillian Longlands; Jill; Margaret Ziolek; Alison Stiff; Dan Pretty;
Margaret & Martin Easton; Mike Wilkins; Brian Jacobs;

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

Bill Gibson; Garth Smith; Elizabeth Lovell; Sheila Dennis; Julie; Brian;
Dave & Shirley Ashdown; Sarah-Jane Herbert; Heidi Alsop; Ellen Maden;
Paul Oates; Andy Hamilton; Ann Hobbs; Nahshon; Jean Wells; Sue Moore;
Mark Hare; Helen McMullan; Christina; Yvonne Sussex; Heather Orton;
Helen Aylward; David Lawn; Sonia; Jean; Christine Lutman; Pauline Russell;
Lindsay Morgan; Dave & Terry Boyland; Livingston Dallas; Maureen Fenner;

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

Yvonne Harris, Pam Purkis

...any who have died recently:

...those whose anniversary of death falls soon:

Leonard Eric Pearson; James Cecil Pearson; Raymond Michael Fenner;
Barbara Dorothy Ramschit; Jean Clark; Betty Pendry

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**

There will be no flowers in church in Lent but use the opportunity of this
time to grow your faith. Borrow another Lent Book, get the C of E daily
email, look at our 'Ideas for Lent 2024' booklet or try to find a way to
spend more time in prayer.



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

Welcome:

We welcome the Lead Chaplain at CUH, the Revd Andy Dovey as our Celebrant this morning.



A Date for Your Diary

Croydon Churches Forum, chaired by Bishop Rosemarie invites us to join them in celebrating Christ's Resurrection with brothers and sisters from different church traditions, giving glory to God and thanking Him for Croydon's year as the Borough of Culture. This will be on Sunday 31st March from 6:30- 8:45pm at New Life Croydon, Cairo New Road, CR0 1XP. Many different churches will be participating and we would love to see representation from all Croydon's churches. All are welcome to attend. There is parking in the Jubilee Bridge Car park opposite the centre.

Easter Raffle

It's not too late to buy your Easter Raffle tickets! All the proceeds will be going to maintain our Church buildings and further our mission in our community. You can see the prizes at the back of church!



Alternatively why not think about setting up a regular gift to the church through our Parish Giving Scheme. Speak to our wardens for details or follow this link to the PG page

www.parishgiving.org.uk and then type in the parish code 370637372

Shrublands Trust Foodbank—Most Needed Items

<input type="checkbox"/> Custard	<input type="checkbox"/> Meat	<input type="checkbox"/> Soap
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish, in water	<input type="checkbox"/> Milk, whole	<input type="checkbox"/> Spaghetti in Sauce
<input type="checkbox"/> Fruit, in juice or dried	<input type="checkbox"/> Noodles	<input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste
<input type="checkbox"/> Hot Dogs	<input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables

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.

EcoTip 2023 No: 64—Help the Planet—Get a Veg Box

If you're keen to avoid supermarkets and are after organic, planet-friendly food, then veg box deliveries will be right up your street.

Ordering an organic veg box helps keep our pollinators safe from chemicals. It also invites less plastic waste into your home, and can help cut down on separate car journeys – reducing your carbon emissions.