

Advent Quiet Day—7th December

From 9.45am to 4pm at St John's Church, Shirley Church Road.
Leader Gillian Fenner. Poetry, music, art, and sacred texts – with time for quiet reflection. A great opportunity to tune in to Advent and Christmas. Please bring your own lunch. Drinks provided. There is no charge, but we aim to restrict numbers to about 20, so please book early. Contact Brian McGinnis (Churches Together Chairman): dunaigh2@btinternet.com or 020 8654 6190

Join one of Our Advent Groups.

In our Advent Groups this year we're following the theme 'Ready and Waiting'. The groups meet on Wednesday mornings at 10 am and Sunday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Lady Chapel. Come along and make this Advent a time to learn and grow.



Nine Lessons and Carols

More singers are wanted, all welcome. Never sung in a choir before? Make this year the year you try it! Rehearsals will take place after the 10 am service at 12 pm. Please speak to Sophie for more details.

Carol Singing at Croydon University Hospital

Revd Andy Dovey warmly invited us to come and join them on Wednesday 18th December from 18:00 to commence singing carols on the ward at 18:30. The evening will start with a carol in the worship centre and then we'll go round the wards singing, returning by 19:30 for another carol in the worship centre and then mince pies, mulled wine etc.

Card Sales—8th & 15th December

Jan Turner will be selling lovely, hand-made Cards after the service on 8th and 15th December. Looking for a Christmas Card, or other greeting card, for that special person? Come and have a look. Please remember to bring some cash to pay for your purchases.



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.

You can also use this QR code which will enable you to make a donation to Church Funds.



The Parish of
St George the Martyr
Shirley

NEWSLETTER

1st—7th Dec. 2024

✦ Following Christ ✦ Serving Community ✦ Welcoming All ✦

Sunday 1st Dec. 2024 Advent Sunday

10.00am Sung Parish Eucharist
7.30pm—Advent Course



Monday 2nd December

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 Bible Study Group on Zoom. Contact Brian McGinnis for the zoom link and study notes dunaigh2@btinternet.com

Tuesday 3rd December

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom.

Wednesday 4th December

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom.
10am Advent Course
11.30am Said Eucharist in the Lady Chapel
3.00pm Men of George's (MoGs) meeting
7.30pm Georgettes meeting in the Lady Chapel

Thursday 5th December

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom.

Friday 6th December

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom.

Why not join us for Morning Prayer on Zoom?
The link is: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89814128311?pwd=ODN0SUxMMVEzZ0FTeSsxeHpFZ3FkOT09>
User ID: 898 1412 8311
Password: 58L79A



Sunday 1st Dec. 2024 2nd Sunday of Advent

10.00am All Age Worship

Priest in Charge: Revd. Jenny Walpole: 020 8654 8747 / 07947 585326

Email: rev.jennywalpole@gmail.com

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

... all those who live in

Regency Walk; The Rosary; Round Grove/

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

Shrublands Christian Fellowship; All Saints (C of E)

...those in acute need; among them:

Gloria Dallas; Margaret Ziolek; Chris Reynolds; Verity Johnson;
Ian Cordery; Alison Stiff; Mike Wilkins; Jill Hollamby; Doreen Offergelt;
Stuart Knight; Tony Bynoe.

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

David Lawn; Sonia; Christine Lutman; Lindsay Morgan; Brian Jacobs;
Livingston Dallas; Maureen Fenner; Bill Gibson; Garth Smith; Mark Hare;
Elizabeth Lovell; Sheila Dennis; Julie; Brian; Ann Hobbs; Jean; Dave & Shirley
Ashdown; Viv Barracliffe; Ellen Maden; Bishop Christopher; Helen Aylward;
Andy Hamilton; Sue Moore; Baby Leon Kennedy; Joyce & Edgar Arthur;
Louise Maurer; Pauline Russell; Helen McMullan; Paul Oates; Dan Pretty.

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

Yvonne Harris, Pam Purkis; Yvonne Sussex; Heather Orton; Jean Wells

...any who have died recently:

Ronald George Francis; Bryan Phillips.

...those whose anniversary of death falls soon:

Doris May Pitt; Esther Tyler; Raymond Miles Mitchell; Dick Stonham;
Philip Brightwell; Arthur George Stanley Glover;
Winifred Olive Alice Reeman; Marion Elizabeth Averill Smith.

If you would like the name of a friend or loved one included in the prayer
list, please let Revd. Jenny know at
rev.jennywalpole@gmail.com / 07947 585326

Traditionally there are no flowers in Church during Advent.



The Georgettes—Dates for Your Diary!

Wednesday 4th December - Christmas Crafts led by Jan Turner in the Lady Chapel. Please bring Christmas paper, sharp scissors, a ruler and a pencil



Saturday 14th December - our Christmas Gathering at Jan Payne's house (16 Albany Court, Sloane Walk). As usual please BAB and BAP, feel free to also bring a silly game and/or some kind of Christmas fun!



We look forward to seeing you at one or both of these evenings - both of which start at 7.30pm.

Carol Singing at Peter Kennedy Court

On Tuesday 3rd December our Brownies are singing carols at Peter Kennedy Court, 180 Orchard Way, CR0 7LX from 6pm to 7.30pm. Members of St George's congregation are welcome to join us at this annual sing with the residents.



Shrublands Trust Foodbank—Most Needed Items

<input type="checkbox"/> Baked Beans	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Treats	<input type="checkbox"/> Marmite
<input type="checkbox"/> Biscuits, sweet	<input type="checkbox"/> Coffee	<input type="checkbox"/> Pasta Sauces
<input type="checkbox"/> Chick Peas / beans / peas	<input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables
<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Cake	<input type="checkbox"/> Fruit, in juice or dried	<input type="checkbox"/> Washing Up Liquid

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 2024 No: 98—Think before you go shopping

The use of single-use plastic bags has gone down by 95% since the start of the 5p charge for bags—so remember to bring your own when you're out shopping for pressies for Christmas. Also why not give your local shops and markets some love this Christmas. It could save you money, travel, stress and give you the warm glow of knowing that you're helping a small business. Remember to look for locally made gifts or those made from recycled materials as they are likely to have a lower carbon footprint too.