

No More Milk Bottle Tops Please

With immediate effect, and with huge regret, Andy & Liz can no longer take milk-bottle tops for recycling. Please recycle any you have via the kerbside "plastics, tins & bottles" bin.



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

Rev'd 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 today. 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.



Gifts for our Housebound Church Family Members



Once again we will be sending cards and a gift to those members of our church family no longer able to join us at Church. If you would like to contribute to the cost there is a basket at the back of church for a cash donation or do a bank transfer with the reference 'Presents'.

Blue Christmas Service—Wednesday 18th 7pm

This will be a quiet, reflective service for anyone facing a difficult Christmas for whatever reason. All are welcome.



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

15th—21st Dec. 2024

✦ Following Christ ✦ Serving Community ✦ Welcoming All ✦

Sunday 15th Dec. 2024 3rd Sunday of Advent

10.00am Sung Parish Eucharist
7.00pm—Nine Lessons & Carols



Monday 16th 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 17th December

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom.

Wednesday 18th 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
7.00pm Blue Christmas Service.

Thursday 19th December

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom.

Friday 20th 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=ODN0SUxMMVEzZ0FTeSsxeHpFZ3FkQT09>
User ID: 898 1412 8311
Password: 58L79A



Sunday 22nd Dec. 2024 4th Sunday of Advent

10.00am Sung Parish Worship

Priest in Charge: Rev'd. Jenny Walpole:
020 8654 8747 / 07947 585326

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

... all those who live in

Stoneleigh Park Avenue; Tower View; Watlings Close; Wilks Gardens

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

St. George's – the people of this Church and Parish

...those in acute need; among them:

Julie; Brenda Ward; Brian McGinnis; 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:

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

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

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

...any who have died recently:

...those whose anniversary of death falls soon:

Tom McMullan; Edwin Ernest Philpotts; Winifred Knight; Ernest Jack Wenn;
Edith Clark; Betty May Giles; Brian Camp; Peter Fryer;
Vera Bance; Margaret Steed; Seymour Robert Brown

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.



Christmas Hamper Raffle

Tickets will be on sale from today at £1 each or £5 per strip.
The draw will take place during coffee on Sunday 22nd Dec.

Christmas Lucky Draw

We have a lovely selection of Christmas gifts looking for new homes. There are tins of biscuits, chocolates, puzzles, books, drinks.....and more! To have a chance to win one of these just put £2 in the pot, take a little envelope and a paper to put your name and contact number on, put the paper in the envelope, seal it up and pop it in the box. Lucky envelopes will be drawn out on 21st Dec. and prizes distributed on 22nd.

The 100 Club

Renewal forms are now at the back of church. This is the fund which currently helps pay for repairs and maintenance of the church hall. It's the intention of the Finance Committee and PCC that, as and when the hall comes down, it will serve the same purpose for the church where it is also desperately needed! Please renew if you can and consider joining if you haven't yet!



Shrublands Trust Foodbank—Most Needed Items

<input type="checkbox"/> Baked Beans	<input type="checkbox"/> Fruit Juice	<input type="checkbox"/> Pasta Sauces
<input type="checkbox"/> Cereals	<input type="checkbox"/> Meat Meals	<input type="checkbox"/> Rice Pudding
<input type="checkbox"/> Coffee	<input type="checkbox"/> Meat, plain	<input type="checkbox"/> Tea
<input type="checkbox"/> Custard	<input type="checkbox"/> Milk, whole	<input type="checkbox"/> Tinned 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.

Next week Monday and Tuesday 16th and 17th December will be the last days of delivery to the Shrublands Foodbank for this year.

EcoTip 2024 No: 100 - Make Christmas travel greener

This Christmas we'll be hoping to meet up with family and friends if we can. If you're travelling this Christmas then make it a little greener by sharing shopping trips and lifts. Remember to use public transport where it's possible to do so.

