

Congratulations!

Our heartfelt congratulations to Sophie and James who were married at St George's last week. We share their joy and wish them every blessing in their life together. May theirs be a marriage where "each asks of each what each most wants to give, and each awakes in each what else would never be".



Our Christmas Services:

Christingle - 3 pm Sunday 22nd December

Crib Service - 3 pm Tuesday 24th December

Midnight Mass - 11 pm Tuesday 24th December

Christmas Day - 10 am Wednesday 25th December



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

22nd—28th Dec. 2024

✦ Following Christ ✦ Serving Community ✦ Welcoming All ✦

Sunday 22nd Dec. 2024 4th Sunday of Advent

10.00am Sung Parish Eucharist
3.00pm Christingle Service
7.30pm Advent Course



Monday 23rd December

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom only.

No Little Dragons toddler group—Christmas Break

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 24th Dec: Christmas Eve

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom.

3.00pm Crib Service

11.00pm Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25th Dec: Christmas Day

10am All Age Eucharist

Thursday 26th Dec: Boxing Day

Bank Holiday

Friday 27th 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=ODN0SUxMMVEzZ0F0eSsxeHpFZ3FkQT09>

User ID: 898 1412 8311

Password: 58L79A



Sunday 29th Dec. 2024 1st Sunday of Christmas

10.00am Sung Parish Eucharist

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

Woodland Way; Woodmere Avenue; Woodmere Close;
Woodmere Gardens.

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

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

...those in acute need; among them:

Julie; Sheila; Martin; Brenda Ward; Brian McGinnis;
Gloria Dallas; Margaret Ziolk; Chris Reynolds; Verity Johnson;
Ian Cordery; Alison Stiff; Mike Wilkins; Jill Hollamby; Doreen Offergelt.

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

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

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

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

...any who have died recently:

Maureen Fenner; Paul; Leon Bidgood.

...those whose anniversary of death falls soon:

Hodder Diplock; Margaret Steed; Ernest Aylett; Nellie Eunice Bregazzi;
Christina Rose Clarke; Roy Knowles; Gillian Jones; Nellie Amelia Warner.

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 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!



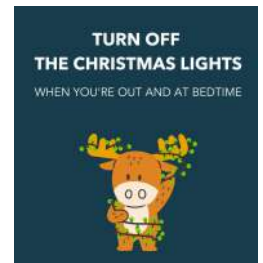
Decorating our Church for Christmas



We need more people to help decorate our Church to celebrate Christmas. You don't need to be an experienced flower arranger—just come along, enjoy the companionship and learn as you go!! We'll be meeting in Church at 10am on Christmas Eve and refreshments will be provided. Make this the year you try something new!!

EcoTip 2024 No: 101 - Turn off your Christmas lights when you're not in/overnight

You might already be doing this, in which case, yay you! If you're not, this will save energy (carbon) and pennies, so it really is a win-win! If you're like me and pretty useless at remembering to turn stuff off, you can get timers that you can fit to plug sockets - these are especially good for outside lights and save you trudging outside in the dark in your PJs.



Foodbank Gifts

Shrublands Foodbank have done their last deliveries for Christmas and won't be collecting again until the New Year. However as we stock up for our celebrations we can still help others. Why not think about a donation to the Trussell Trust <https://www.trussell.org.uk/> or Crisis at Christmas <https://www.crisis.org.uk/>?

Little Dragons

Little Dragons welcomed 32 children to their last gathering of the year. They all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas party and the children, parents and carers went home very happy. This welcoming group is much valued by local people and is a very important part of our Church ministry to our local community. A big thank you to regina and her team and to all those of you who stay behind each week to get the church set up for the Monday morning. A happy Christmas to all. Little Dragons will resume on 13th January 2025.