



The Parish of
St George the Martyr
Shirley

NEWSLETTER

29th Dec 2024—4th Jan. 2025

✦ Following Christ ✦ Serving Community ✦ Welcoming All ✦

Sunday 29th Dec. 2024 1st Sunday of Christmas

10.00am Sung Parish Eucharist



Monday 30th 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 31st December

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom.

Wednesday 1st Jan: New Year's Day

Bank Holiday

Thursday 2nd January

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom.

Friday 3rd January

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 5th January

2025

Epiphany

10.00am Sung Parish Eucharist

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

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

... all those who live in

Aldersmead Avenue; Ash Tree Close; Ash Tree Way

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

The People of St. George's living in and out of the Parish

...those in acute need; among them:

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

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

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;
Brian McGinnis; David Lawn; Sonia; Christine Lutman; Lindsay Morgan;
Brian Jacobs; Livingston Dallas; Bill Gibson; Garth Smith; Mark; Paul.

...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:

Lily May Rose Peak; David Walter Worth; Bessie May Williams; Edith Turk;
Edna Doris Redford; Arthur Thomas Blackall; Edna Ruth Hayne;
William George Walter Hilliard; Harry Bodenham; Ron Payne.

If you would like the name of a friend or loved one included in the prayer list, please let Revd. Jenny know at

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Our thanks to Marion Sheehan and all her team for decorating the church so beautifully for Christmas,





A Very Big Thank You!

The staff team, Jenny, Hilary, Liz and Ray would like to thank all of you for our Christmas gifts. It is a joy and privilege to share in ministry at St George's and your kindness in giving us these generous gifts is much appreciated.

And another Thank You...

Your donations enabled us to organise cards and gifts for all our housebound church family members. These were delivered in the days leading up to Christmas Day and were received with joy. Yvonne, Margaret, Sonia & Brian, Jean, Yvonne, Heather, Pam and Brian have all asked that we convey their thanks to you, the assurance of their prayers for the on-going mission and ministry of St George's and their hopes that 2025 will be a year of blessing for each of you.

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!



EcoTip 2024 No: 102 - Plan End of Year Events that are Eco-friendly

Opt for digital invitations—not only will you save paper, but you'll also reduce the energy and materials used in printing and shipping. Choose local, seasonal foods to reduce the carbon emissions associated with transportation, support producers & boost the local economy. Use biodegradable or reusable options like bamboo cutlery, glassware, or ceramic dishes. Think about using reusable or repurposed decorations rather than glitter and balloons. Finally encourage people to share cars to get to your event.



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/>?

New Year Resolutions

As a new year approaches many of us start drawing up a list of resolutions. Why not consider focussing on your faith and including some of all of the following:

Pray

This is by far the most important thing, regular prayer helps us know the heart of God more. Commit to a time of prayer each day, in whatever way that works for you. It could be joining Morning Prayer on Zoom, going to the Wed. Communion, using a prayer app, arriving earlier or staying later after the Sunday Eucharist. Praying with and for others is a wonderful way to develop your prayer life. It could be as simple as texting a friend to see how you can pray for them or joining with someone to meet regularly to pray together.

Serve

St George's wouldn't function without those who do so much, often helping in multiple roles. How could you help? Could it be that you are being called to one of the Lay Ministries in the Church of England or to our coffee rota?

Learn

There are endless ways to discover and explore the beauty of our faith. Reading is a good way to begin but talk to one of the staff team about other resources available or look on our diocesan website.

Connect

It is important to take time out of our busy lives to reconnect with God and our brothers and sisters in Christ. Retreats or pilgrimages are great ways to open our hearts to the Lord and renew our relationship with Him.

Whatever you choose to do in 2025, make a small commitment to opening your heart a little more to God's love and His will for your life.

The Parish Giving Scheme:

Have you joined yet or do you need to transfer your existing standing order / direct debit to this new scheme? We are hoping a many people as possible will do this as it will enable us to manage our finances in a much more efficient and manageable way. If you have any questions, please speak to one of our Finance team or our wardens. The correct code is **370637372** Just follow this link to get to the P.G. page: www.parishgiving.org.uk and then type in the parish code above. *Thank you.*

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.

