

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This will be from 18th—25th January & Churches Together in South London (CTSL) warmly invite us to join a webinar on Tuesday 21st January 8pm-8.45pm entitled: **'Unity and Solidarity with Palestinian Christians – what are they asking of us?'** The guest speaker is Charlotte Marshall, Director of Sabeel-



Kairos, a Christian charity working for human rights, justice and equality for Palestinians in solidarity with the Christian community in the Holy Land. It will be an opportunity to examine the historical and current challenges facing the small Palestinian Christian community as they try to stay in their land amidst persecution and war. RSVP to claire@ctslondon.org.uk.

Calling all Georgettes!

The first Georgettes meeting of 2025 will be our New Year Planning and Social Evening at Jan's on the 31st January at 7.30.

As usual, please bring lots of ideas as well as your BAP and BAB to share.

Long Lane Litter Pick: Saturday 8th February 10am-12noon

We'll be meeting in Bywood Avenue at the entrance to the woods **Why do we do this?** As Christians, we are called to be good stewards of the environment and this is one part of our Parish that needs some TLC. **Who can take part?** All are welcome! Further details will follow but in the meantime please pop the date in your diary.



Saving Stamps

Don't forget to save the stamps from letters and cards and bring them to church to support the work of the Wood Green Animal Charity. All stamps are useful but pictorial ones, such as Christmas stamps, especially. Also, don't forget we collect old coins, postcards, corks and ink-jet cartridges (please see the list or ask Hilary which are suitable for recycling)! **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.



The Parish of
St George the Martyr
Shirley

NEWSLETTER

19th Jan—25th Jan. 2025

✦ Following Christ ✦ Serving Community ✦ Welcoming All ✦

Sunday 19th Jan. 2025 Epiphany 2

10.00am Sung Parish Eucharist

Monday 20th January

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 21st January

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom.

Wednesday 22nd January

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom.

11.30am Said Eucharist in the Lady Chapel

3.00pm Men of George's (MoGs) meeting

Thursday 23rd January

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom.

Friday 24th January

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom.

Saturday 25th January

10am—3pm PCC Planning Meeting



Why not join us for Morning Prayer on Zoom?

The link is: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89814128311?pwd=ODN0SUxMMVEzZ0FTeSsxeHpFZ3FkOT09>

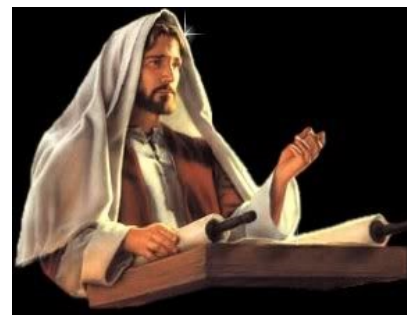
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Sunday 26th January 2025 Epiphany 3

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

Chaffinch Avenue; Chaffinch Close; Coverack Close

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

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

...those in acute need; among them:

Lucy; Sheila; Martin; Gloria Dallas; Margaret Ziolek; Yvette Oburu;
Chris Reynolds; Verity Johnson; Ian Cordery; Alison Stiff; Mike Wilkins;
Shirley; 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;
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:

Julie Fenner; Maureen Fenner; Paul; Stuart Knight.

...those whose anniversary of death falls soon:

Edith Belsham; William Redford; William Grant; Dorothy Mary Tyler;
Leslie Gordon Brown; Jean Raymond; Michael John Potts

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

The flowers in the sanctuary have been donated and arranged by
Marion Sheehan.



Congratulations!!

Our congratulations to Jenny who received her MA degree in the Graduation ceremony at Durham University on 9th January!



Maureen and Julie Fenner's Funeral

This has been arranged for Thursday 23rd January. We will be gathering at Church for the service at 2pm, moving to the Crematorium for the final committal at 3pm. All are most welcome to attend. If you do please try to wear a little something that is pink! Please hold Sheil and her family in your prayers.

Big Garden Birdwatch is getting closer

Spend an hour watching the birds in your patch, between 24 and 26 January, and record the birds that land. We are hoping that as well as considering doing this at home and signing up (follow the link below) to report your sightings a few of you will volunteer to spend an hour in the church garden doing the same. Please report any church garden birds seen to Brian McGinnis. You can find more about the Big Garden Birdwatch and a garden bird identification chart by clicking on the link.



<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

EcoTip 2024 No: 105: Brush Your Teeth without Wasting Water.

If half the population of Croydon ran the tap while physically brushing their teeth twice a day (i.e. other than when, for example, rinsing the brush), there would be a waste of almost 8 billion gallons of water a year. Turning off the tap when it's not needed while cleaning your teeth can help to cut waste of water (along with your water bills!). *Thanks to Andy Bebington for this eco-tip.*



Shrublands Trust Foodbank—Most Needed Items

<input type="checkbox"/> Baked Beans	<input type="checkbox"/> Honey	<input type="checkbox"/> Pasta Sauces
<input type="checkbox"/> Chick peas / Beans / Peas	<input type="checkbox"/> Instant Desserts	<input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo / Conditioner
<input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant	<input type="checkbox"/> Jelly, instant	<input type="checkbox"/> Spaghetti in sauce
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish, tuna preferably in water	<input type="checkbox"/> Milk, whole	<input type="checkbox"/> Sugar

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.