



**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. Contact Jan Turner or Brian McGinnis if you are able to come. Anyone under 16 must bring their adult with them.

What do you need?

Bring your own litter picker, if you have one. If not, please let us know, so one can be organised for you. Please wear Gloves & Sturdy Shoes. Bags are provided

Churches Together in Shirley (CTiS) AGM

This will be held here in St George's at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th February. There will be a time of prayer first followed by the AGM which will begin at 8pm. At this meeting a key topic of discussion and prayer will be the future shape, role and purpose of CTiS and the personnel who could take this forward. We are called to be witnesses to Christ's gospel in our community—where we do this together across our denominational divides that witness is arguably far more powerful, plus we can learn from each other and develop our own faith in working together. As our society becomes increasingly secular it is ironic that numbers of those actively involved in shared witness through CTiS have dropped dramatically. If you think shared witness is important please make every effort to attend the AGM. If you can't be there but have ideas of how to encourage inter-denominational co-operation please speak to or send your ideas to Revd Jenny or Liz Bebington.



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

26th Jan—1st Feb. 2025

✦ Following Christ ✦ Serving Community ✦ Welcoming All ✦

**Sunday 26th Jan. 2025
Epiphany 3**

10.00am Sung Parish Eucharist



Monday 27th 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 28th January

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom.

Wednesday 29th January

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

Thursday 30th January

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom.

Friday 31st 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 2nd February 2025
Candlemas**

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

Darley Close; Edgewood Green; Elstan Way.

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

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

...those in acute need; among them:

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:

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;
Elizabeth Lovell; Sheila Dennis; Brian; Ann Hobbs; Jean; Dan Pretty;
Dave & Shirley Ashdown; Ellen Maden; 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:

Paul; Stuart Knight.

...those whose anniversary of death falls soon:

Cyril Edward Gooch; Albert Mould; Leslie William Vosper; Lawrence Coell;
Arthur Victor Marles; Leonard Frank Saxton; Minnie Redford;
Evelyn Alice Greenwood; Eileen Hare; Amelia Florence Mayne;
Lilian Jessie Mills.

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 by Sheila Fenner and
arranged by Jan Payne in loving memory of Maureen and Julie Fenner.



Will YOU join our new cleaning team?

Our Church and Hall cleaner is currently off sick and likely to be so for quite a while. We are keen to form a cleaning team to share the responsibility for keeping our premises clean and welcoming. Can you help? Many hands make light work and could turn this necessary task into an occasion that is also sociable. Our priest Jenny has already stepped up and joined the team—please think carefully about offering **your** services, the maintenance of our church is a **shared** responsibility. Speak to Jan or Jenny if you can help—even if it is only in a small way.



Quizfest Evening at St George's

If you enjoy Quizzes, save the date of Saturday April 26th for our next QuizFest evening at St Georges. We'll be marking St Georges Day that evening and enjoying diverse quiz and puzzle challenges. Tickets on sale from Liz Bebington from Feb 1st. A maximum 8 people in each team please.

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.

EcoTip 2024 No: 106: Help the planet. Get a veg box

If you're keen to avoid supermarkets and are after organic, planet-friendly food, then veg box deliveries will be right up your street. Ordering an organic veg box helps keep our pollinators safe from chemicals. It also invites less plastic waste into your home, and can help cut down on separate car journeys – reducing your carbon emissions.

Shrublands Trust Foodbank—Most Needed Items

<input type="checkbox"/> Cereals	<input type="checkbox"/> Marmite	<input type="checkbox"/> Soup, tin/packet
<input type="checkbox"/> Chick peas / Beans / Peas	<input type="checkbox"/> Meat	<input type="checkbox"/> Spaghetti in sauce
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish, preferably in water	<input type="checkbox"/> Potatoes, tin / instant	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables
<input type="checkbox"/> Fruit, in fruit juice or dried	<input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian Meals

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.