

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

We'll be meeting in Bywood Avenue at the entrance to the woods. We are called to be good stewards of the environment and this is one part of our Parish that needs some TLC. All are welcome. 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. Contact Jan Turner or Brian McGinnis if you are able to come. Anyone under 16 must bring their adult with them.

Churches Together in Shirley (CTiS) AGM

This will be 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. 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.

Fair Trade Easter Eggs

The Divine Chocolate Company have decided not to produce any Easter eggs this year and so supplies of Fairtrade Easter Eggs are limited. If we order in bulk we can share the cost between us. The eggs are plastic free and the milk chocolate is palm oil free. Andy and Liz Bebington (0208 777 4840 or lizbeb@gmail.com) will co-ordinate for us with an order form. Please let them know by 3rd February if you're interested. Prices vary but the more orders the lower the price!

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
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Shirley

NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 2nd February 2025 Candlemas

10.00am Sung Parish Eucharist

Monday 3rd February

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom.
9.30-11.30 Little Dragons toddler group
10.30-12.00 Pop-In Seniors Club

Tuesday 4th February

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom.
7:30pm CTiS AGM in Lady Chapel

Wednesday 5th February

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom.
11.30am Eucharist in Lady Chapel

Thursday 6th February

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom.

Friday 7th February

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

Next Sunday 9th February 2025

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

Fairford Avenue, Fairford Close, Fairhaven Avenue, Fairway Close

Those who worship at one of the Churches Together in Shirley

Shrublands Christian Fellowship, All Saints (CofE)

...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; Mark Humphreys.

...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:

...those whose anniversary of death falls soon:

William John Hawkins, Maria Ottlyk, Beatrice Richards

We pray for Heather & Steve Barker who have decided to leave St George's after many years. We give thanks for all they have contributed to the life of this Church, especially Heather in her role as Church Warden.

We will miss them both and wish them well.

If you would like the name of a friend or loved one included in the prayer list, or for a pastoral visit please contact Revd. Jenny Walpole on:

rev.jennywalpole@gmail.com / 07947 585 326



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 about offering your services, the maintenance of our church is a shared responsibility. Speak to Jan or Jenny if you can help, even in a small way.

Quizfest Evening at St George's: Saturday April 26th

We'll be marking St Georges Day that evening and enjoying diverse quiz and puzzle challenges. Individual tickets are £10 on sale from Liz Bebington from Feb 1st. A maximum 8 people in each team.

EcoTip to help the planet: Salt for wine

Do you drink red or fruit juice? Do you occasionally spill a glass or two? Rather than using a commercial product, try using a saline solution of salt and water to remove the red wine or fruit juice stains.

Handmade Cards on Sale Today

Thank you to everyone who has supported Jan Turner's handmade cards. Between July 2023 and January 2025 we raised £484.40 for the Eco funds. £100 of this has offset part of the Church's Carbon Footprint for 2023. Further proceeds will be used to purchase our Gold Award Plaque. We shall be offsetting our Carbon Footprint shortly for 2024.

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.