

**Please remember in your prayers during the week**

**All those who live in:**

Lorne Avenue; Lorne Gardens; Lyconby Gardens

**Churches Together in Shirley:**

Shrublands Christian Fellowship

**Those in acute need, among them:**

Paul Oates; Steve Barrett; Eric Webb; Jill Hollamby; Alison Stiff;  
Mike Wilkins; Yvette Oburu; Chris Reynolds; Debbie Bell;  
Verity Johnson; Jay Tuggey; Louise Tuggey

**Those whose need is ongoing, among them:**

Bill Gibson; Garth Smith; Elizabeth Lovell; Mark; Sheila Dennis;  
Christine Lutman; Sue Moore; Shirley & Dave Ashdown; Gloria Dallas;  
Pauline Russell; Ann Hobbs; Joyce & Arthur Edgar; David Lawn;  
Lindsey Morgan; Sonia; Jean; Livingston Dallas; Ellen Maden; Paul;  
Louise Maurer; Brian Jacobs; Andy Hamilton; Brian; Poppy;  
Stephen Dhonau; Doreen Offergelt; Jean Wells; Pat Barrett  
Shirley; Mike & Chris Wareham; Andrea Cordery

**Those who are no longer able to attend church:**

Pam Purkis and Heather Orton

**Those who have died recently**

Margaret Ziolek; Rance Millward

**Those whose anniversary of death falls soon:**

Eleanor McCleish; Rosemary Worth; Irene L. Wessell; Annie Wenn;  
Leslie Cledwyn Board; George Thomas Nixon; Harry Bodenham;  
Dorothy Louisa Hodges; George Baldock; Gwen Stotter;  
George Charles Rawlins (Priest); Edmund Thomas Jenner;  
John James Smith; Wilfred Skirving Wareham; Millicent Caroline Shears

**The flowers in the sanctuary have been arranged have been  
arranged and donated by Jan Payne in loving memory of  
her husband, Ron, and for our dear Margaret Ziolek - a much  
loved and very special lady.**



The Parish of  
**St George the Martyr**  
Shirley

# NEWSLETTER

✠ *Following Christ* ✠ *Serving Community* ✠ *Welcoming All* ✠

**Wishing you a Happy New Year**

**Sunday 4th January 2026**

10am Sung Eucharist for the Feast of the Epiphany



**Monday 5th January**

9am Zoom Morning Prayer  
No Little Dragons (Toddler Group) today  
10:30am Pop-In (Senior's club in Hall)

**Tuesday 6th January**

9am Zoom Morning Prayer

**Wednesday 7th January**

9am Zoom Morning Prayer  
11.30am Eucharist in Lady Chapel

**Thursday 8th January**

9am Zoom Morning Prayer  
12 noon: Margaret Ziolek's Funeral

**Friday 9th January**

9am Zoom Morning Prayer

**Sunday 11th January**

10am Sung Eucharist for the Baptism of Christ



Why not join us for  
Morning Prayer on Zoom?

User ID: **898 1412 8311**  
Password: **58L79A**

Priest in Charge: Revd. Jenny Walpole  
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Email: [rev.jennywalpole@gmail.com](mailto:rev.jennywalpole@gmail.com)

### Dismantling Christmas Decorations

We need help after the service today to take down the Christmas Tree and other decorations. Please let Jan Turner know if you can stay and help.

### Churches Together in Shirley: Christian Unity Service

Sunday 18th January at 5pm, St George's will be hosting a service during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. All Christians and denominations are welcome to attend. Choirs and musicians in Shirley are invited to come together in a united musical offering to lead our worship.

### Lay Ministry Taster Day

Saturday 31st January 2026, 10am - 2pm. Come to Trinity House and find out more about the different types of ministries including Pastoral, Reader, Pioneer, Church Army, Children and Young People. With guest speaker Adjoa Andoh MBE (actor, writer, director and Licensed Reader). To book your place email: [learning@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:learning@southwark.anglican.org)

### Support Aid for Jamaica

Donation drop off centre: Fishers Christian Centre @ Socco Cheta  
44b Portland Road, South Norwood, London, SE 25 4PQ.

Contact: 07307 870387. Items needed:

*Non-perishable foods, children pampers, adult pampers, tissues/toilet paper, feminine hygiene, toiletries, solar lights, torches, can opener.*

Financial donations can be made directly to the Red Cross:

[Donate to Jamaica](#) | [Hurricane Melissa](#) | [Disaster Fund](#)

### New Job: Caretaker

Longheath Community Centre are recruiting a Caretaker.  
8 - 15 hours a week. Email: [longheathcentre7@gmail.com](mailto:longheathcentre7@gmail.com)

### REGULAR GIVING

Please join the Parish Giving Scheme and set up a direct debit on this page:  
[www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk) and then type in this parish code: **370637372**

### ONE OFF DONATION

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.



### A Date for Your Diaries

Ray Wheeler will be giving a talk on our church architect, John Leopold Denman, on Sunday 1st February at 4pm. This will be a fund-raising event for St George's. More details to follow but keep the date.

### Our Community Library

Shirley Community library opens for Library Services on Wednesday 7th January from 10.30am to 2.30pm.

### Margaret Ziolek: Funeral Details

The Funeral of Margaret Ziolek will be held here at St George's Church on Thursday 8th January at 12pm. Followed by a reception in the Church Hall. All are welcome.

The Coffin will be received into the Lady Chapel the day before on Wednesday 7th January at 4pm. Again, all are welcome.

Donations to: St Christopher's Hospice.

Dress code: Black with a splash of colour

**Holiday:** Rev Jenny will be away from Fri 26th Dec to Mon 5th Jan

### Eco Tip: No.271: Open the oven after cooking

Cooking a meal in the oven uses a lot of energy, but it's an essential part of daily life for many of us. So, when you turn the oven off, open the door – the residual heat as it cools will warm the room, rather than staying in the oven behind the door seal. You're not using any extra energy, but you're warming your home and potentially won't need to turn the heating on or up either.

### Shrublands Trust Foodbank—Most Needed Items

<input type="checkbox"/> Baked Beans	<input type="checkbox"/> Instant Desserts	<input type="checkbox"/> Pulses
<input type="checkbox"/> Cereals	<input type="checkbox"/> Jam / honey / marmite	<input type="checkbox"/> Soup: tin / packet
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish, preferably in water	<input type="checkbox"/> Meat balls / meat meals	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables
<input type="checkbox"/> Fruit Juice or Squash	<input type="checkbox"/> Milk: UHT / Powdered	<input type="checkbox"/> Washing-up Liquid

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.