

## Please remember in your prayers

### All those who live in:

Fairford Avenue; Fairford Close;  
Fairhaven Avenue; Fairway Close

### Churches Together in Shirley:

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

### Those in acute need, among them:

Barbara Brown; Ken; Verity Johnson; Paul Oates;

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

Camilla Harley; Mark and Paul Hare  
Peter Collingham; Steve Barrett; Pat Barrett  
Catharine Wilkinson; Ruth and Tony  
Fiona Sibley; Jill Hollamby; Alison Stiff  
Mike Wilkins; Chris Reynolds; Debbie Bell

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

Pam Purkis, Heather Orton

### Those who have died recently

Jean Wells

### Those whose year's mind falls at this time:

Gladys Annie Baker; Leonard Joseph Kitteringham;  
Ronald Arthur Stimson; Sidney Herbert Head;  
Ernest Wilfred Hanslip; Betty Pendry;  
Frank Russell; Janet Gathercole; Charles Henry Eastwood



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

# NEWSLETTER

✱ Following Christ ✱ Serving Community ✱ Welcoming All ✱

## Sunday 26th April 2026 10am Parish Eucharist Patronal Festival

We welcome Mother Joyce Forbes as our preacher today.

### Monday 27th April

9.30am Little Dragons (Toddler Group)

10:30am Pop-In (Senior's club in Hall)

### Tuesday 28th April

9am Zoom Morning Prayer

### Wednesday 29th April

9am Zoom Morning Prayer

10am Church Cleaning

11:30am Eucharist in the Lady Chapel

### Thursday 30th April

9am Zoom Morning Prayer

### Friday 1st May

9am Zoom Morning Prayer

10.30am Funeral –Jean Wells

### Next Week: Sunday 3rd May

5th Sunday of Easter

Parish Eucharist.



Why not join us for  
Morning Prayer on Zoom?

User ID: 898 1412 8311  
Password: 58L79A

Priest in Charge: Revd. Jenny Walpole  
07947 585326

## Electoral Roll Revision 2026

We need to revise and update our Electoral Roll. It is important that the Roll accurately reflects those of us who worship here. Being on the Roll means that you can attend and vote at the Annual Parish Meeting, stand for the PCC or become a Deanery Synod representative on behalf of St. George's. If you are not already on the Roll please do apply. This can be done online using Churchsuite or by completing a paper application form, copies of the which are available at the back of the church. To apply you need to be over 16, be baptized and have worshipped at St. George's regularly over the last 6 months. If you're not sure whether you are on the Roll already, there are copies of the existing Roll at the back of the church for you to look at. The revision must be done soon so please consider making an application today.

**Parish Giving** offers a simple and cost-effective way to support our church's mission. Unlike traditional standing orders, using Parish Giving reduces the banking fees the church has to pay, so a greater proportion of every donation goes directly towards ministry, outreach, and maintaining our buildings, rather than covering administrative costs. If you are able to sign up for Gift Aid, they claim this for us monthly which reduces the burden on our volunteers and improves our cash flow. Parish Giving is secure, flexible, and easy to manage, allowing you to adjust your giving as circumstances change. By choosing Parish Giving, you help us to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us, ensuring that more of your generosity is put to work serving our parish and wider community.

### PARISH GIVING (regular donations)

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 DONATIONS

*Please put your name as a reference.*

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St George the Martyr, Shirley  
Sort code: 60 - 23 - 22  
Account number: 44558422

## APCM: Sunday 17th May

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 17th May in the Church Hall after the morning service. We are looking for a variety of people to join our PCC who can help us look back, support us to engage with the present, and look to the future. We are also seeking one new Churchwarden. Please speak to Rev Jenny Walpole or Jan Turner for a conversation or further information.

## The Funeral of Jean Wells

Jean's funeral will be held at St George's Church on Friday 1st May at 10:30am followed by cremation at Beckenham Crematorium. All are most welcome to join Jean's family on this occasion to give thanks for her.

## Eco Tip: No 225

Celebrate new life this Easter and have a go at growing something! April is the perfect time to try to grow something edible or, if you are a seasoned gardener, to encourage someone else to try. Salad leaves or herbs are a great place to start and will reduce your reliance on those oh-so-convenient supermarket salad bags.

## Parish Trip to Winchester

Ray Wheeler and Rev Jenny are organising a Parish Trip (pilgrimage) to Winchester on Saturday 27th June. The cost will be transport, your own lunch and £10 entry to the Cathedral. More details to follow soon.

## Save the date

Saturday 18th July from 4pm "Summer Gathering with hog roast".

## Shrublands Trust Foodbank—Most Needed Items

<input type="checkbox"/> Cereals	<input type="checkbox"/> Hot Dogs	<input type="checkbox"/> Tomatoes
<input type="checkbox"/> Custard	<input type="checkbox"/> Meat	<input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste
<input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant	<input type="checkbox"/> Soup, tin/packet	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian Meals
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish, preferably in water	<input type="checkbox"/> Spaghetti in sauce	<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.