The Parish of
St George the Martyr
Shirley

NEWSLETTER

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

1st November 2026
All Saints Day
10am Sung Eucharist
4pm All Souls Service

Monday 2nd November
9:30am Little Dragons
10:30am Pop-In (seniors in the Hall)
Wednesday 3rd November
10am Church Cleaning
11:30am Eucharist in the Lady Chapel
Next Week: Sunday 8th November
10am Remembrance Parade Service

All Souls Service today at 4pm
There will be a service to remember those who have died. If you would like the name of a loved one read out during this All Souls service, please add their name to the list at the back of Church.

Eco Tip: No. 1004 Co-op compostable bags
You can buy compostable bags for food waste from the Co-op for 10 pence. All their single use plastic carrier bags have been replaced with compostable ones in Co-op stores, with profits from these sales donated to good causes including the Local Community Fund which helps improve communities across the UK.

Join the choir for the Carol Service
The choir will be rehearsing after Sunday services. We would love some extra singers to join in. The Carol Service will take place at 5pm on December 13th.

Handmade Cards for sale today
Jan Turner will be selling her cards in the Hall after the service. Proceeds to the Church Hall Project.

Autumn Fayre: Saturday 21st November 11am until 2.30pm.
A request for the following: books, jewellery, raffle prizes, tombola prizes. Please give to Jan Turner. Donations for the cake stall should be given to Anne-Louise on the morning of the Fayre.

Carvery Lunch on Sunday 29th November
At the CDMC, (Oakfield Road, Croydon) is planned for the last Sunday in November (29th). The cost, £29 covers the meal, gratuity and prize draw, but not drinks. Any small surplus is donated to St George's. If you are interested please book the date in your diary and email Eric: ericbs@btinternet.com indicating how many places you require and any special dietary requirements.

Flowers for Remembrance Day
You are welcome to join the team decorating the Church from 9 am on Saturday 7th November

Thank you to Mike and Evan for re-seeding the trench area in the Memorial Garden

Advent Course: We will be running a 4-week course for Advent - this includes Bible study sessions on Anti Racism (our Area Dean, Fr Prem is a contributor). This will be led by members of the Ministry Team. The course will be on Monday evenings at 7:30pm beginning on Monday 29th November at 19 Greenview Avenue. Please sign up at the back of Church.

Shirley Singers Christmas Concert
Several members of our congregation are part of the Shirley Singers. Their Christmas Concert 'Hope at Christmas' will be held on Saturday, 28th November 2026 at the Shirley Methodist Church at 7:30pm. Tickets are £15 and can be booked by emailing shirleysingers@gmail.com

Foodbank
Why not consider bringing one item for the Foodbank every Sunday? The box is in the Porch and is delivered to the Food bank on Thursdays. See this list which contains the items requested:

Instant desserts; Custard
Jelly; Peanut Butter
Marmite; Pasta Sauces
Sanitary towels; Shampoo;
Spaghetti in sauce; Stock cubes

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.

PARISH GIVING (regular donations)
Please join the Parish Giving Scheme and set up a direct debit on this page: www.parishgiving.org.uk and then type in this parish code: 370637372

ONE OFF DONATIONS
We recommend that one off donations are given through the Parish Giving Scheme.
You can still give directly to our bank account. 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

Please remember in your prayers

All those who live in: Kaine Close; Kelvington Close; Kempton Walk
Places of learning and care in our Parish: The Bethlem Royal Hospital
Churches Together in Shirley: Shrublands Christian Fellowship
Those in acute need, among them: Linda Shuker; Pauline Russell; Andy; Verity; Robin; Ken; Shirley Hibbert; David Collingham; Mr & Mrs Brett; Anne
Those whose need is ongoing: Paul Oates; Christine Lutman; Mark and Paul Hare; Steve & Pat Barrett
Those who are no longer able to attend Church: Pam Purkis; Heather Orton
Those who have recently died: Anne Lister
Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Frank Sydney Fitt; Rev. Oliver Whyman; William Bernard Clarke; Harry Upson; Betty Maud Ireland; Dorothy Russell; Leslie Frederick James Gascoine

This week the flowers have been arranged and donated by
Janet Fitt in loving memory of her husband Sam

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