



The Parish of
St George the Martyr
Shirley



NEWSLETTER

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

25th October 2026
Last Sunday after Trinity
10am Sung Eucharist

Monday 26th October:

No Little Dragons (half term holiday)

10:30am Pop-In (seniors in the Hall)

Wednesday 28th October:

10am Church Cleaning

11:30am Eucharist in the Lady Chapel

Next Week: Sunday 1st November

10am Parish Eucharist

4pm All Souls Service

Eco Tip: No. 826 Trojan Horse

Don't bring plants or animals home from your holidays. Releasing non-native species into the environment can be disastrous, as they may carry disease or dominate local species.

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.

All Souls Service 1st November 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.

Fairtrade Advent Calendars

Liz and Andy Bebington are coordinating a bulk order of Fair Trade Advent calendars. Please contact them to place an order by 1st November. A sign up list will be at the back of church. To find out more please con-tact: lizbeb@gmail.com

Autumn Fayre: Saturday 21st November 11am until 2.30pm.

Please bring donations of jewellery and books to church on Sundays, all types of books welcome. All stalls except one have someone to run them. Are you the person who could answer this call and run the toy stall? Please speak to Jan T, Anne-Louise, Heather or Jan P if you can help.

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. Payment will be collected in advance and arrangements for payments will be sent out nearer the time.

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

Advent Course

We will be doing a 4-week Anti-Racism course together. The course will begin on Monday 29th November at 7:30pm. Sign up at the back of Church.

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 below which contains the items requested.

Shrublands Trust Foodbank—Most Needed Items		
☐ Cereal	☐ Jam / honey	☐ Rice Pudding
☐ Custard	☐ Laundry Tablets	☐ Shower Gel
☐ Fruit Squash	☐ Pasta Sauces	☐ Sugar
☐ Hot Dogs	☐ Peanut Butter	☐ 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.

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: Ham View, High Trees, Homer Road

Churches Together in Shirley:

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

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; David Giles

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Percival George Keyes; Mary Frances Nixon; Phyl Lemmy; Dorothy Whitebill; Douglas John Jones; Alfred Herbert Rogers; George Edwin Frank Lake; Mildred Weyland; Douglas John Jones; Doris Irene Hazelwood; Antony Finbar Healy; George Arthur Grice

This week the flowers have been arranged and donated by Heather Barker

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