The Parish of
St George the Martyr
Shirley

NEWSLETTER

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

15th November 2026
10am Sung Eucharist
Safeguarding Sunday

Monday 16th November
9:30am Little Dragons
10:30am Pop-In (seniors in the Hall)
Wednesday 17th November
10am Church Cleaning
11:30am Eucharist in the Lady Chapel
Next Week: Sunday 22nd November
10am Christ the King

Eco Tip: No. 854 Don't drown your food
Unless you're going to use the cooking water to make soup, to save energy use only enough water to cover the food you're boiling.

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 rather than leave in the Porch as they might be missed. 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.

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 30th 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

Croydon Philharmonic Choir
Members of St George's will are singing Handel's Messiah on 19th December at the Fairfield Halls. The concert begins at 2:30pm. Tickets can be obtained at a cheaper rate from Jan Turner (£25) or direct from the Box Office at Fairfield Halls.

Job Vacancy
The Parish of Shirley, St John the Evangelist and All Saints are recruiting a Parish Administrator. 15 hours a week, London Living Wage. Application and enquiries: office@stjohnshirley.org.uk

Croydon Winter Shelter – volunteers wanted
The winter night shelter will open at West Croydon Baptist Church on Monday 23rd November. We are very excited to be able to cover the whole winter season this year, but the extra weeks will require extra support from our wonderful volunteers. If you are interest in being part of this work please visit the webpage: MyImpactPage - Croydon Night ShelterThere are many different wats to support the shelter and not everyone has to stay overnight. Thank you in advance for your support. Simon Ramsbotham, Night Shelter Steering Group.

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: Lorne Avenue, Lorne Gardens, Lyconby Gardens
Places of learning and care in our Parish: Orchard Way Primary School
Churches Together in Shirley: St George's – the people of this Church and Parish
Those in acute need, among them: Linda Shuker; Verity; Ken; Shirley Hibbert;
Those whose need is ongoing: Pauline Russell; Andy; Robin; David Collingham; Mr & Mrs Brett; Anne; 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: Patricia
Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Geoffrey Lewis Stacey; Alice Emily Jennings; Iren Isabella Verge; Frank Clement; Ethel Muriel Keyes; Charles Bertram Houghton; William Redford; Ken Brown; Audrey Mary Williams

Many thanks to all who have arranged flowers and contributed to the amazing poppy display

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