The Parish of
St George the Martyr
Shirley

NEWSLETTER

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

22 November 2026
10am Sung Eucharist
Christ the King

Monday 23 November
9:30am Little Dragons
10:30am Pop-In (seniors in the Hall)
Wednesday 25 November
10am Church Cleaning
11:30am Eucharist in the Lady Chapel
Thursday 26 November
7:30pm PCC in the Choir Vestry
Next Week: Sunday 29 November
10am Advent Sunday, Sung Eucharist

Eco Tip: No. 685 Clear winner
If you have the option, always choose products that come in glass rather than plastic containers. Glass is far less resource hungry to produce and easier to reuse and recycle than plastic.

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 which includes Bible study sessions on Anti Racism. 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. The subsequent Monday evenings will be hosted at 79 Shirley Way, Please sign up at the back of Church.

Christmas Services at St George's:
Carol Service on Sunday 13th December at 5pm
Blue Christmas on Sunday 20th December at 5pm
Crib Service on Thursday 24th December at 4pm
Midnight Mass on Thursday 24th December at 11pm
Christmas Day on Friday 25th December at 10am

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

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: Mardell Avenue; Meadow Avenue; Mere End; Merewood Close
Places of learning and care in our Parish: Monks Orchard Primary School
Churches Together in Shirley: The Church of God Apostolic; The Parish of Shirley, St John the Evangelist with All Saints
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: Joanna Ebner; Patricia
Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: James Edward Davies; Valerie Westcott; Brian Walter George Cook; Mary Cameron Jenden

The flowers this week have been arranged by Toyin Magbagbeola
dedicated to those who have Sickle Cell Disease

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