The Parish of
St George the Martyr
Shirley

NEWSLETTER

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

29 November 2026
10am Sung Eucharist
Advent Sunday

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
Next Week: Sunday 6 December
10am Sung Eucharist, 2nd Sunday of Advent

Eco Tip: No. 458 Green, clean shaving
The average man spends five months of his life shaving, Choose a razor that requires you to replace only the blade head, not the whole body of the razor or try a rechargeable electric razor.

Carvery Lunch Today
At the CDMC, (Oakfield Road, Croydon). The cost, £29 covers the meal, gratuity and prize draw, but not drinks. Any small surplus is donated to St George's.

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

Singsmiths Christmas Concert
Rev Jenny will be singing in a Christmas concert at 4pm on Sunday 6th December at All Saints Church, Bark Hart Riad, Orpington, BR6 0QD. The concert is called "Have Yourself a Merry Singsmiths Christmas" and will include: Singsmiths Community Choir, Singsmiths Chamber Choir, Highfield Singsmiths, Scotts Park Singsmiths, Singsmiths Year 6-7. Tickets cost £8 on the door.

Croydon Philharmonic Choir: Christmas Carol Concert
The Croydon Philharmonic are holding their annual Christmas Carol Concert on Tuesday 22nd December at St Matthew's Church, Croydon at 7:30pm. Tickets £20 available on the door to include mince pies and mulled wine.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the Autum Fayre!

Handmade Cards
Jan Turner will be selling her card on Sunday 6th December after the morning service with the proceeds going to the new Church Hall.

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

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:

Custard; Rice; Rice Pudding;
Fruit in juice or dried;
Jam/Honey; Meat;
Whole Milk; Tomatoes;
Shampoo; Toothpaste; 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.

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: Morris Close, Oak Way, Oakview grove
Places of learning and care in our Parish: The Bethlem Royal Hospital
Churches Together in Shirley: The people of St George's living outside the Parish
Those in acute need, among them: Linda Shuker; Verity; Ken; Shirley Hibbert; Robin
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: Joanna Ebner
Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Horace Southam Privett; James Albert Cornell; Doris May Pitt; Esther Tyler; Dick Stoneham; Arthur George Stanley Glover; Philip Brightwell; Winifred Olive Alice Reeman; Marion Elizabeth Averill Smith

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