The Parish of
St George the Martyr
Shirley

NEWSLETTER

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

8th November 2026
Remembrance Sunday
10am Parade Eucharist

Monday 9th November
9:30am Little Dragons
10:30am Pop-In (seniors in the Hall)
Wednesday 11th November
10am Church Cleaning
11:30am Eucharist in the Lady Chapel
Next Week: Sunday 15th November
10am Safeguarding Sunday

Eco Tip: No. 544 Re-release an album
Impress a music-loving friend by giving them a decorative bowl made from a recycled vinyl record. Vinyl is the second most produced plastic in the world and desperately needs a retirement home.

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.

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

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 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: Lavendar Way, Littlebrook Close, Long Lane, Longheath Gardens
Places of learning and care in our Parish: Orchard Park High School
Churches Together in Shirley:
West Wickham and Shirley Baptist Church; Our Lady of the Annunciation
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: Ethel Emily Knight; Ann Emma Fry; Ellen Redford; Michael Leslie Walforn; Charles Thomas John Roberts; Beatrice May Evenden Hogarth

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

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