

FEBRUARY NEWS

St John's Shirley 2020



Visit our Website:
stjohnsshirley.org.uk

Churchyard snowdrops 2020 bm

St John's church Shirley have agreed to become an ECO CHURCH

Eco Church is a scheme managed in England and Wales by A Rocha UK to help Churches demonstrate care for God's Earth. ... It's about incorporating the biblical ethic of environmental stewardship into the spiritual values, practical action and community involvement of Church congregations.

Churches complete the unique online Eco Survey about how they are caring for God's earth in different areas of their life and work. The answers a church provides will collect points towards an Eco Church Award – the more your church does, the more points you get!

The survey takes you through five key areas of church life:

- **Worship and teaching**
- **Management of church buildings**
- **Management of church land**
- **Community and global engagement**
- **Lifestyle**

It takes into account whether or not your church has buildings or land, and you can save your survey responses at any point and return to update them as your church completes additional actions.

More information as the year goes on.

Did you complete a wild bird watch in your garden or the churchyard last weekend?

You have until 11th February to submit your return to RSPB. It's what you see—or what you don't see that gives them a picture of the state of our wildlife.

But if you did or did not, you can still take pleasure in spending some time in St John's churchyard., there are several seats there. The identification chart is still up in the Tamberlin Room and there were several additional species not illustrated, including woodpecker, nuthatch and, of course, ring-necked parakeet! (see churchyard project within. bm.



*****Breaking News!***** The French trip will live on this year on **Friday 9th October**, with hopefully a later start time. Please put this in your diary! Steve Gorman has kindly agreed to head up this legendary event which will have a bit of an overhaul. This was a unanimous decision taken by members who attended our AGM. So whilst the UK is leaving the EU (Brexit), the

FKs will be maintaining Entente Cordiale Chez Jules. More on this in the coming months.

*****Next Event***** Friday February 14th - The Fiendish FKs Quiz with our very own Quizmaestro Mike Pardon. Venue: The Tamberlin Room 8pm please. £5 to cover food. Non members are most welcome provided you are male. High IQs are definitely not a requirement. There will be an interval when some sustenance ("grub") will be provided. Recently sausages have been going down well, but it could be bread and cheese! Teams get formed on the night so there's opportunities to join up with others when you arrive. It's great fun and you are guaranteed to expand your knowledge.



(Photo shows last year's winners - Team 2 with Mike Pardon Quizmaster)

For any info regarding The Friday Knights group please contact Paul or Charles. email address: sjfridayknights@gmail.com

Next Church Clean-up Dates
For your calendar
Come along and help us to clean our beautiful church 9am to 11am
Inside and out 14 March 2020

Editorial Please visit the notice boards in the porch and Tamberlin Room to see details of the many local community events this month.

If you are on a church rota the new details for February are on a separate sheet available at the rear of church. Items for February News to Bernard Maguire by 22/02/20 bernardj.maguire@btinternet.com

Weekly 'Pews News' Items to Lu please by Thursday each week

FEBRUARY SERVICES

+ Holy Communion * Incense

2nd Sun	8am+	10.00am +	5.00pm Informal Service	Candlemas SEE BELOW **
5th Wed	10.30am+			
9th Sun	8.00am+	10.00am +		3rd Sunday before Lent
12th Wed	10.30 am +			
16th Sun	8.00am +	10am +		2nd Sunday before Lent
19th Wed	10.30am +			
23rd Sun	8 am+	10.00am+ Baptism	5.00pm Healing Service	Sunday next before Lent
25th Tues	8am Take Time	For God		
26th Wed		10.30am +	7.30pm +	ASH WEDNESDAY
28th Fri		11.30 am Funeral		
SUN 1st March	8.00am+	10.00am+ Followed by pancakes		LENT 1

** CANDLEMAS: Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple at Jerusalem. The 40th day after Christmas. Candles lit to signify the carrying of Christ, the true light into the Temple.

Nunc Dimittis (*Latin= now let depart*) is sung: The Song of Simeon on seeing the infant Christ

Luke 2.29-32 ' Now, Lord, you are letting your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation.' see also *our east window 'and a sword will pierce through your own soul also'*

TAMBERLIN TEA ROOM



Open every Sunday 3-5.30pm

Home-made cakes and beverages in great company

Details of this months book club on website

Whilst doing your shopping,

Please remember a donation or two into the basket by the font for

Shrublands Food

Bank and make sure that donations have a shelf life of at least six months.



St John's

Community Cinema

Saturday 7th March

In church

14.00 DUMBO

19.30 JUDY

tickets £5 available

@ stjohnsshirley.org.uk/cinema

Sweets , hot dogs

and Bar available



We now have wi-fi. Name: SJCPublic

Password: sjcwifi2019

The 2020 Bishop's Lent Call launches in parishes.

The projects supported are in Zimbabwe, The Holy Land, Kenya and in each of Southwark's Episcopal Areas.

Look out at rear of church for more details.



ST JOHN'S CHURCHYARD

John Talbot White described 'the churchyard', God's acre, as one of the most enduring features of the landscape. Together with the church it forms the physical as well as the spiritual centre of the community. It is the most sacred and usually the most ancient enclosure in the parish.

The memorials, public and private, are a tangible link between the inhabitants today and their forebears. The churchyard is the centre of communal worship and celebration, the site of the most important occasions of life, baptism, marriage and burial.

Here at St. John's we have an opportunity with the launch of our 'Eco-Church', to promote our wonderful amenity in a sensitive and positive way.

Enlisting the help of our grounds management team we are working on a plan to develop areas within the churchyard where we can cultivate "Plants of The Bible" . Planting these in discrete areas and labelling them gives us the added opportunity to create a leaflet which can be a guide to a churchyard ramble, maybe with a check list, rather like our 'historic churchyard trail'.

Work has started clearing some unkempt areas and as funding becomes available we look forward to the scheme enhancing this community conservation area.

The daffodils and other spring bulbs and plants are coming through this month which encourages us on. Spring will soon be here.

Bernard

