



APRIL NEWS 2019

St John the Evangelist, Shirley

APRIL LENT LUNCHESES 2019

From Saturday 9th March, the six Saturdays leading to Easter (13th April) will each feature a charity lunch between 12pm and 2pm in The Tamberlin Room.



Six different charities will be supported by your donations as you join the friendly group of diners for a hot meal and dessert. Please bring family and friends.

Saturday March 30th: Kidney Research, Karen Dovey and Team

Menu: Lasagne, Thai Curry (Chicken and Vegetable Option) Soup, Salad, Selection of Desserts

Saturday April 6th: Demelza House Charity, Anne Pardon and Team

**Menu: Sausage Casserole, Beef Stew, Vegetarian Cottage Pie, Jacket Potatoes and Fillings
Selection of Desserts. Fruit Juice or Bring your own drinks.**

Saturday April 13th: Royal Marsden Cancer Charity, Angeline Rackett and Team

TUCKER'S TOMATOES

Helen Tucker will be selling her famous Tomato Plants after the 10am Sunday Service in church in early May. All profits to the church spire



Shirley Players latest Production

5th-6th April, Shirley Parish Hall

Three comedic one-act plays

**Sound Choice / Anger Management /
Last Tango in Little Grimley**

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 April are on a separate sheet available at the rear of church.
Items for May News to Bernard Maguire by 21/04/19

Weekly 'Pews News' Items to Lu please



Many of you may know that following [REDACTED]
last year, the British government is stepping up it's recruitment of code-breakers from the community. The Friday Knights have been identified as a potential [REDACTED] team to assist with this important job. To this end we are holding a selection evening to enlist men in this task.

We may already have spooks in our presence as [REDACTED] Korea are out of the norm for most of us.

The secret event will be held on Friday 12th April in the Tamberlin room starting at 8.30 prompt. MI6 funds are ~~low~~ ^{non existant} at present so the cost will be £5 but Chernobyl cheese and [REDACTED] bread will be provided. Attendees need only bring themselves and some "safe" beverages. Geiger Counters are not required.

non alcoholic drinks
may be screened

Your country needs you.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 28th APRIL 2019

Will be held in church at 11.30am on the last Sunday in April.

This will include the usual elections and two new deputy wardens are needed and two new members of PCC. In addition the number of volunteers for sidespersons duties seems to have depleted over the past year.

Please have a chat with one of the wardens if you feel that you may be able to serve in this way or indeed one of the many other roles within the church. You will need to be on the electoral roll to stand for election and a full revision of the roll is due this year, so please ensure you complete an electoral roll application form.

"THE WILDERNESS" at Hall Grange.

Is being revitalised to provide the 7acre historic ecological garden as an accessible amenity for residents of Hall Grange and the local community.

Bernard, on behalf of St John's Fellowship Group, is arranging a link with Alice Henry, Head Gardener, which will give us the opportunity to be involved via our Rev. Wilks "Shirley Poppy" connection. We are replanting the Wilks grave plot and we will be organising another Sunday Ramble later in the spring visiting the Hall Grange gardens and returning to the Tea Room for refreshments. More details soon.

LOOK at LUKE in LENT

Join Rev. Barry Goodwin each Sunday in Lent between Services starting at 9.00am when we can listen to and discuss in church, Luke's Gospel.

IMPORTANT NOTE

A full revision of the Church Electoral Roll takes place every six years and will be carried out THIS YEAR. This means that everyone has to REAPPLY for admission to the new roll, as the existing roll will be replaced. There are new forms for completion, available at the rear of church and the deadline for receipt of these forms in **SUNDAY 31st MARCH**

Claire Barracliffe won the poetry section in the Methodist Festival of Talents last month. Her lovely poem is published below

By the Waters

She gave me a single, silver leaf,
From the branch of the willow tree;
As it bowed down to touch the pool
Of the tears that were both her and me.

She smiled as I gave her my blessing;
She sang as I looked on her heart;
She danced on the bank by the willow tree
And wept when she knew we must part.

But I can go back to the willow tree;
To the place where I found that lost child;
I can speak kind words and reclothe her

And she will not be betrayed or beguiled.

Her rags are no longer her garment,
She has something more fitting to wear
And the shame and the grief that subsumed her
Are held in the love and the care

Of another, who offers her blessing,
Another, who knows we must part,
Another who weeps as I weep by that tree,
Another, both child and apart.

So I will go down to the willow tree,
Where the branches dip guileless to see;
I'll bear my silver leaf in my hair,
As it drops gold in the pool by that tree.

APRIL SERVICES

+ Holy Communion

3rd Wed	10.30am+			
7th Sun	8.00am+	900am Look at Luke in Lent	10.00am +	5.00pm Informal Worship
10th		10.30 am+		
14th Sun	8.00am+ Tony Collier	9.00am Look at Luke in Lent	10.00am + 6pm Passion Sequence	Palm Sunday
15/16/ 17/18	7.30pm each night	Holy Communion+		
17th W	10.30am+			
19th	9am morning prayer	1pm meditation & reflection	2pm Final Hour	GOOD FRIDAY 3pm Hot Cross Buns
21st Sun	5.30am Dawn Mass 8.00am+	10am +	10.00am+	
24th Wed		10.30 +		
28th Sun	8.00am+	10.00am +	6.00pm Healing	12md.APCM
30th Tu	8.00am Take Time for God			

TAMBERLIN TEA ROOM

Open every Sunday 3-5.30pm
Home-made cakes and beverages in
great company



This month's book club on 28th at
3.30pm

"Master Georgie"

By Beryl Bainbrige

Visit our Website:
stjohnsshirley.org.uk

CONCERTS / EVENTS IN CHURCH

See posters in porch for more details

Saturday 13th April at 7.30pm

CONCERT BY CROYDON MALE VOICE CHOIR

Raising funds for Demelza Hospice Care for

Children Charity

Friday 26th April in Tamberlin Room

Mary Twyman's Rock & Roll Bingo event for

Women v. Cancer Charity