

WHAT'S ON AT ST JOHN'S /DATES FOR DIARIES

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon. 2 Sept.	8.00 a.m	MONDAY MARKET 'Open Church'
Wed. 4 Sept.	7.30 p.m	Sing for Joy Choir
St. 7 Sept.	9.00 a.m	Men's Breakfast Teaspoons Café
Fri. 13 Sept.	6.00 p.m	PUDDING NIGHT
Thur. 26 Sept.	7.00 p.m	PCC Meeting with Arch. Douglas Dettmer
Sat. 28 Sept.	6.45 p.m	Quiz & Supper Night /Church Hall

PUDDING NIGHT
 FRIDAY 13th SEPTEMBER, 6.00 P.M
 £2.50 for a Pudding and a Drink
 All welcome!
 All proceeds to church funds.



Suggestions for your prayers/praise

We pray for Rev Gordon Percy, Rev Charles Doidge, Rev Nicholas Pearkes and Rev David Lewis.

We pray for Bertie, that he may grow strong in faith, love and health and for his family.

Pray for all those being baptised this weekend..

For our young people and Sunday School team on Summer break..

For our Merchant Navy Seafarers, past and present..

Eternal God, Giver of joy and source of all strength, we pray for all the athletes, coaches, and supporters participating in the Paralympic Games. May they experience the joy of competition, the spirit of camaraderie, and the strength to overcome challenges.

Bless their efforts and grant them safety, perseverance, and a sense of accomplishment. May these games be a celebration of human potential and a testament to the resilience and determination of all participants. Amen.

'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble' Psalm 46:1



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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, SHIPHAY

'A caring fellowship seeking to share the life and love of God'

Sunday 1 September 2024

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

A very warm welcome today as we gather to witness the baptism of baby 'Bertie Thomas' with his Family and friends. We are glad you have chosen to come along to this service especially if this is your first visit to St. John's.

We really hope you will stay and join us for Fairtrade coffee and refreshments after the service this morning.

Every blessing to you all.



Music

Give me joy in my heart (Sing hosanna)

My Jesus, my Saviour

Lord, I lift Your Name on high

Offertory: All things bright and beautiful

Communion: Jesus stand among us

River wash over me

Lord, the light of Your love (Shine, Jesus, shine)



The First Reading

Ephesians 4:14-16

¹⁴ Then we shall no longer be children, carried by the waves and blown about by every shifting wind of the teaching of deceitful people, who lead others into error by the tricks they invent. ¹⁵ Instead, by speaking the truth in a spirit of love, we must grow up in every way to Christ, who is the head. ¹⁶ Under his control all the different parts of the body fit together, and the whole body is held together by every joint with which it is provided. So when each separate part works as it should, the whole body grows and builds itself up through love.

Ephesians 4:22-24

²² So get rid of your old self, which made you live as you used to—the old self that was being destroyed by its deceitful desires. ²³ Your hearts and minds must be made completely new, ²⁴ and you must put on the new self, which is created in God's likeness and reveals itself in the true life that is upright and holy.

Ephesians 5:1-2 Living in the Light

⁵ Since you are God's dear children, you must try to be like him. ² Your life must be controlled by love, just as Christ loved us and gave his life for us as a sweet-smelling offering and sacrifice that pleases God.

**Dear God,
Bless the generations: the tiny babies,
fresh from heaven's sunrise;
the growing children, exploring the bright new world;
the grown-ups, travelling life's dusty road;
the older people,
enjoying the colours of the setting sun where earth's horizon touches
heaven.**

**May we walk gently among the animals
Respecting their grazing
Respecting their hunting.**

**May we walk gently among the forests
Respecting their seasons
Of growing and falling.**

**May we walk gently beside the waters
Respecting their flooding
Their ebbing and flowing.**

**May we walk gently upon our planet
Its lands and its oceans
Their shifting and drifting. Amen.**



Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 That which defiles

⁷ The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus ² and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴ When they come from the market-place they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.^[a])

⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, 'Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?'

⁶ He replied, 'Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

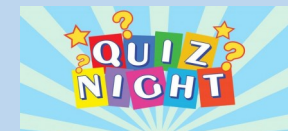
“These people honour me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.

⁷ They worship me in vain;
their teachings are merely human rules.”^[b]

⁸ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.'

¹⁴ Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, 'Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. ¹⁵ Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.'

²¹ For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come – sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²² adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³ All these evils come from inside and defile a person.'



**SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER
DOORS OPEN 6.30PM FOR 7PM START**

St John's Church Hall, Cadewell Lane, Shiphay

TICKETS £5.00 EACH INCLUDES CHEESE SUPPER

- LICENSED BAR (CASH ONLY)
- TEA/COFFEE AVAILABLE TO BUY
- RAFFLE
- PRIZE AND BRAGGING RIGHTS FOR WINNING TEAM

Tickets available now from Simon and Pauline Benney

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All monies raised for Church Funds – connecting Church to the Community.

