

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon. 13 Jan	8.00 a.m	MONDAY MARKET 'Open Church'
Mon. 13 Jan	7.00 p.m	Monday Night House Group
Wed. 15 Jan	7.30 p.m	Sing for Joy Choir
Sun. 19 Jan	10.00 a.m	Sunday School (Resumes)
Thurs. 30 Jan	7.00 p.m	PCC Meeting

For your prayers/praise

Give thanks for answered prayers and the many blessings received.

Pray for those in need of healing.

For those who have just had operations or procedures, those waiting, those with other unpleasant situations and pressures in their lives.

For all who work in healthcare and the Emergency services.

For our outreach during the coming year and especially all the Monday Market team .

Please uphold our church hall, for the group leaders and for all who attend the classes, events.

As our Sunday School resumes next weekend please pray for the leaders and young folk—for many to be drawn to the love of Jesus.

We pray for the comfort of Your presence for those who mourn the death of a relative or friend. Blessed are they who mourn for they will be comforted.

HALL TO HIRE!

We have two halls in St John's Church Hall which are available to rent out for events, meetings, social groups, exercise classes etc. Two of our long-standing groups have moved and so we are looking for new groups to fill the gaps! If you would like to know more please contact the office—
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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 12 January 2025

We warmly welcome you to our Morning Worship.

The Baptism of Christ.

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.

Music

Sing to the Lord

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind

Let your living water

Offertory Come down, O Love divine **114**

Communion O let the Son of God enfold you **506**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh **615**

Lord, the light of your love is shining **419**

Bishop Mike's New Year Prayer for 2025

Lord Jesus we ask in this New Year that; by your grace flowing into our hearts you enable us to be lights in the dark places of this world. By your love flowing into our hearts you enable us to pursue ever more energetically the flourishing, safety and security of all your children. By your joy flowing into our hearts you enable us to witness your truth and grow in your image and likeness. In Your name we pray, Amen.



As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives
tell Your story
Shine on me, shine on me

The First Reading

Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. ¹⁵When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.



*Kind Jesus
Shelter me
From the storms that alarm me.*

*Shepherd me
and in safety enfold me.*

*Shine your light
on the path that you show me.*

*Lord Jesus, you are my light In the darkness,
You are my warmth In the cold,
You are my happiness In sorrow.*

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-17

¹⁵The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶John answered them all, 'I baptise you with^[a] water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with^[b] the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.'

Luke 3:21-22

The baptism and genealogy of Jesus

²¹When all the people were being baptised, Jesus was baptised too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'



Christmas Flowers

We thank all members of our wonderful flower team for making the church look so beautiful to celebrate Christmas and Epiphany together. Through these flowers we remember and cherish all our loved ones.