

WHAT'S ON AT ST JOHN'S

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon. 15 July	7.00 p.m	Monday Night House Group
Sun. 21 July	10.00 a.m	Morning Worship
Sun. 4 Aug	10.00 a.m	Morning Worship Arch. Douglas Dettmer

Why not have a look at Helen's wonderful knitted toys on the side table!
Raising much needed funds / The Living Parable of the Talents.

Our Sunday School team will break for Summer holidays **next week** (Sunday 21st July will be last session - to return during September).

Suggestions for your prayers/praise

Pray for all those preparing to marry—that their union be blessed.
Pray for our Nation in light of the General Election results, for our new Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer, those who are in government, high positions that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. As always, we pray “Thy kingdom come” and commit our country to the mercy and protection of God.
Please pray for those who battle with mental health...when life seems too difficult for their strength and self-worth.
For all the sick and bereaved known to us, particularly those in our own church fellowship.
As we approach the summer holidays pray for school children, teachers and students and continue to uphold those sitting exams and awaiting results.
Pray for those who will be holidaying in Torbay over the next couple of weeks, to show hospitality.
Give thanks and praise for answered prayer.
“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord” Ps 150v6
Praise God for his creation and all the good things he has given us.

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is He Who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, SHIPHAY

*‘A caring fellowship seeking to share the life and love of God’
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‘WELCOME’

We warmly welcome you to our Worship this morning.

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

Make way, Make way	438
All heav'n declares	17
Such love	620
We'll walk the land	717
Jesus stand among us	361
By your side	90
These are the days of Elijah	



Eph. 1. 3-14 Spiritual Blessings in Christ

³ Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! For in our union with Christ he has blessed us by giving us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly world. ⁴ Even before the world was made, God had already chosen us to be his through our union with Christ, so that we would be holy and without fault before him.

Because of his love ⁵ God^[a] had already decided that through Jesus Christ he would make us his children—this was his pleasure and purpose. ⁶ Let us praise God for his glorious grace, for the free gift he gave us in his dear Son! ⁷ For by the blood of Christ^[a] we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven. How great is the grace of God, ⁸ which he gave to us in such large measure!

In all his wisdom and insight ⁹ God did what he had purposed, and made known to us the secret plan he had already decided to complete by means of Christ. ¹⁰ This plan, which God will complete when the time is right, is to bring all creation together, everything in heaven and on earth, with Christ as head.

¹¹ All things are done according to God's plan and decision; and God chose us to be his own people in union with Christ because of his own purpose, based on what he had decided from the very beginning. ¹² Let us, then, who were the first to hope in Christ, praise God's glory!

¹³ And you also became God's people when you heard the true message, the Good News that brought you salvation. You believed in Christ, and God put his stamp of ownership on you by giving you the Holy Spirit he had promised. ¹⁴ The Spirit is the guarantee that we shall receive what God has promised his people, and this assures us that God will give complete freedom to those who are his. Let us praise his glory!

summer prayer

Dear God, Why did You give us the languorous sun of a summer's day if not to use it to pay homage to You? Perhaps You made July a lesson—we, all of us, could use a break. Even You. In this new month, I affirm to still my grumbling tongue and deliver to You only the accolades of an appreciative child of God.



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Mark 6:14-29 John the Baptist beheaded

¹⁴ King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying,^[a] 'John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him.'

¹⁵ Others said, 'He is Elijah.'

And still others claimed, 'He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago.'

¹⁶ But when Herod heard this, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!'

¹⁷ For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. ¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' ¹⁹ So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, ²⁰ because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled^[a]; yet he liked to listen to him.

²¹ Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²² When the daughter of^[a] Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, 'Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you.' ²³ And he promised her with an oath, 'Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom.'

²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, 'What shall I ask for?'

'The head of John the Baptist,' she answered. ²⁵ At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: 'I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a dish.' ²⁶ The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, ²⁸ and brought back his head on a dish. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. ²⁹ On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

