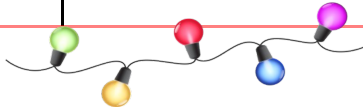


WHAT'S ON AT ST JOHN'S /DATES FOR DIARIES

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon. 16 Dec.	10.00 a.m	FESTIVE MINCE PIE MONDAY
Mon. 16 Dec.	7.00 p.m	Monday Night House group
Wed. 18 Dec.	7.30 p.m	'Sing for Joy' Choir singing in The Devon Dumpling. All welcome to come along.
Sun. 22 Dec.	10.00 a.m	Morning Worship—The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sun. 22 Dec.	6.00 p.m	CHRISTMAS CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
Christmas Eve	4.00 p.m	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



Suggestions for your prayers/praise

As schools break up for the Christmas holidays, we pray for pupils and staff, that this break would be a time of rest and restoration. We give thanks for churches across Devon that will be hosting activities over Christmas and pray that children and young people attending would know more of who you are. For St John's and all our forthcoming Christmas events and services – that many will attend.

For all who gather to worship here over the Christmas season and that the Holy Spirit will stir up again with the awe and wonder of God becoming Man. We pray that we shall persevere in working towards unity in our own relationships – for the healing ministry of Christ in church, community and society. As we approach Christmas we seek God's care and comfort for those for whom, whatever reason, Christmas is a time of loneliness or unhappiness. Finally, please pray for all those, worldwide, that are in need of the touch of God's healing hand and that God's peace will prevail in all areas of conflict around the globe.

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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 15 December 2024

Advent greetings!

We warmly welcome you to our Sunday Morning Worship - The Third Sunday of Advent—Gaudete or 'Rose Sunday' and when we hear the Christmas story with our Nativity presentation 'The Family Business'.

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

Go, tell it on the mountain
From heav'n you came, helpless babe
O little town of Bethlehem
Child in the manger born
Joy to the world!



On the third Sunday in Advent

As three candles are lit someone says:

One candle to remind us of the prophets, the second for John the Baptist, and the third for Mary, who gladly responded to the call of God.

Someone reads: 'I am the Lord's servant,' said Mary; 'may it happen to me as you have said.' (Luke 1:38)

ALL: STARTLING GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR THE JOYFUL OBEDIENCE OF MARY. WE ASK YOU TO FILL US WITH YOUR GRACE, SO THAT WE, TOO, MAY ACCEPT YOUR CALL, AND REJOICE IN YOUR SALVATION. **AMEN**



**For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his
shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.
Of the greatness of his government
and peace
there will be no end.**

In a world where worry, not peace, prevails, stir up that good news again. This Christmas, make it real in our hearts. Never have we needed Your joy and peace more than now. Thank You for the gift of Jesus, our Immanuel, the Word made flesh. Forgive us for forgetting—that Your love never changes, never fades, and that You never abandon the purpose for which You came: to save us from our sinful condition and to give us life eternal, the joy of a relationship with a holy God. Your birth—and Your death—sealed Your promise to us forever.

Amen.



**ST JOHN'S CHURCH
FESTIVE MINCE PIE MONDAY
TOMORROW 16th DECEMBER!**

10.00 a.m—1.00 p.m

Please come along and join us and see our beautifully decorated festive church. Mince pies, Tea, Coffee & a friendly chat. There will be a Christmas Hamper Raffle!

All welcome.



**ST JOHN'S CHURCH
CHRISTMAS CAROLS BY
CANDLELIGHT
SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER
6.00 P.M**

A wonderful evening with a chance for all to sing a festive feast of traditional carols. Refreshments will be available/ mulled wine. Everyone is welcome.

