

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon. 17 Feb.	7.00 p.m	Monday Night House Group
Wed. 19 Feb.	7.30 p.m	Sing for Joy Choir
Thur. 27 Feb.	7.00 p.m	PCC Meeting



### **For your prayers/praise**

Pray that we Grow with God, Go with God and Give to God.

Bless those who mourn with the comfort of your loving embrace.

Pray for our finances—if we are to move forward with plans for our church, church hall and grow.

Praise the Lord, all you nations. Praise him, all you people of the earth. For he loves us with unfailing love; the Lord's faithfulness endures forever. Praise the Lord! Psalm 117:1-2

Please pray for the appointment of the new Archbishop of Canterbury, the spiritual leader of the Church of England and the Anglican Communion—for the Crown Nominations Commission, whose role is to discern whom God may be calling to this vital ministry.

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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 16 February 2025*

**We warmly welcome you to our Sunday Morning Worship.**

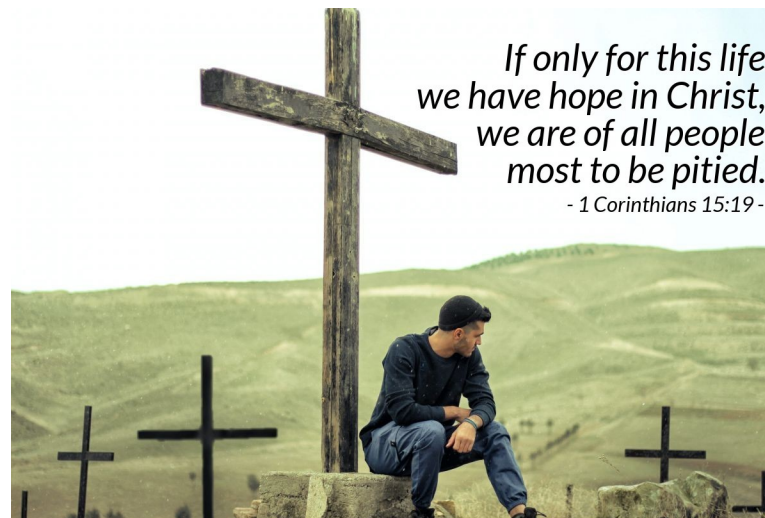
**We are glad you have chosen to come along to this service especially if this is your first visit to St. John's.**

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



### **Music**

Make way, make way	<b>438</b>
Blessed be Your Name	
Father, we love you	<b>167</b>
<b>Offertory</b> Blessed assurance	<b>74</b>
<b>Communion</b> Just as I am,	<b>374</b>
Give thanks with a grateful heart	<b>202</b>
He is the Lord (Show Your power)	



*If only for this life  
we have hope in Christ,  
we are of all people  
most to be pitied.*

*- 1 Corinthians 15:19 -*

### **The First Reading**

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

#### **The resurrection of the dead**

<sup>12</sup> But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. <sup>15</sup> More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. <sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.



### **HOPE 'Your Heart's Deepest Longings'**

**By Jack Kuhatschek**

#### **LENT COURSE**

**Monday Night House Group** (*commencing 3 March*)

repeated **Thursdays 2.00 p.m—3.30 p.m at The Vicarage.**

Please put your name/contact details on the sign up sheet at the back of church or speak with Revd Paul/Jon Harper if you are interested in joining the group/s. Thank you.

### **Alf Stroud**

The service to celebrate his life will be at

**Torquay Crematorium**

**Tuesday 18 February at 9.30 a.m.**

Please continue to pray for Iona and Alf's family and friends at this time.

Iona has been released back home and Adam (Alf's son) is endeavouring to care for her with a Carer. **Any calls/visits** would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.



### **Gospel Reading**

Luke 6:17-26

#### **Blessings and woes**

<sup>17</sup> He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup> who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, <sup>19</sup> and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

<sup>20</sup> Looking at his disciples, he said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> Blessed are you who hunger now,  
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> Blessed are you when people hate you,  
when they exclude you and insult you  
and reject your name as evil,  
because of the Son of Man.

<sup>23</sup> 'Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> 'But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have already received your comfort.

<sup>25</sup> Woe to you who are well fed now,  
for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,  
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

### **Electoral Roll**

There is a complete revision of our roll this year.

If you are over 16, a baptised member of the Church of England and worship with us or live in the parish, you are eligible. We appreciate those who want to show their commitment to our parish in this way. Enrolment forms are available from the back of church or online under heading 'News & Events', 'News'. Please return all completed forms to our Electoral Roll Officer, Sonia Collings. Thank you.

Please be aware that all members on the previous roll need to apply to be included— inclusion is not automatic.