

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon. 27 Jan	7.00 p.m	Monday Night House Group
Wed. 29 Jan	7.30 p.m	Sing for Joy Choir
Thurs. 30 Jan	7.00 p.m	PCC Meeting
Mon. 3 Feb	8.00 a.m	MONDAY MARKET 'OPEN CHURCH'

For your prayers/praise

For all who are in poor health and those with long term - terminal illnesses, that they feel Your gentle and comforting presence with them and we ask that the Spirit of Jesus be a source of courage and strength to their families and all who walk this journey with them.

We pray for the comfort of Your presence for those who mourn the death of a relative or friend.

For those visiting Lee Abbey this weekend—that they will deepen their relationship with God and return safely, renewed and refreshed.

Holocaust Memorial Day (27th January 2025) marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau and the 30th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia. We pray **For a Better Future** – Christians have a part to play, with others, to commemorate and educate as we aspire to grow following our Kingdom values of love, compassion, justice and freedom.

Pray for all those suffering the consequences of long term fighting and violence and all who broker for peace.

We pray today for peace in our world. May all those in power exercise their authority with integrity and goodwill.

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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 26 January 2025

We warmly welcome you to our 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

Will you come and follow me 752

All heav'n declares 17

There must be more than this

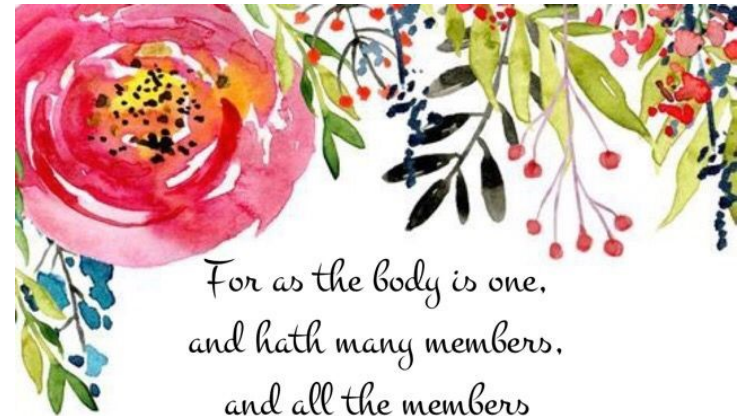
I love you, Lord 313

Offertory And can it be 32

Communion As the deer 45

Jesus, Jesus Holy and... 353

Great and wonderful are Thy wondrous deeds



For as the body is one,
and hath many members,
and all the members
of that one body,
being many, are one body:
so also is Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:12

The First Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Unity and diversity in the body

¹²Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For we were all baptised by^[a] one Spirit so as to form one body – whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴And so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

¹⁵Now if the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' And the head cannot say to the feet, 'I don't need you!' ²²On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and the parts that we think are less honourable we treat with special honour. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, ²⁴while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honour to the parts that lacked it, ²⁵so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. ²⁶If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. ²⁸And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues^[a]? Do all interpret? ³¹Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

We are saddened to inform you of Jim (James) Coughlan's death. The Service to celebrate his life will be here at St John's on Friday 7 February at 1.30 p.m. We pray for Joan and family at this time.



Gospel Reading

Luke 4:14-21

Jesus rejected at Nazareth

¹⁴Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

¹⁶He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸'The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'^[a]

²⁰Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹He began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'

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and support
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Worship and Coffee Bar teams.

