

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


DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon. 10 Feb.	7.00 p.m	Monday Night House Group
Wed. 12 Feb.	10.30 a.m	Retired Clergy meeting with soup lunch
Wed. 12 Feb.	7.30 p.m	Sing for Joy Choir

 *God is love, and those who live in love live in God,  
and God lives in them.*

### *Valentine's Service*

9 February

Cockington Church, 3.00 pm.

Those planning weddings are specially invited,  
but all are welcome as we celebrate our God  
who is the source of love. 

### For your prayers/praise

God of love, you give us St. Valentine as an example of love—  
we ask you bless all those married in our church and all planning a wedding this  
year.

**'And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of  
these is love.' 1 Corinthians 13.13**

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

For the Retired Clergy meeting here in St John's this Wednesday—that they  
may experience peace and joy in their retirement.

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 unailing love; the Lord's faithfulness endures forever. Praise the  
Lord! Psalm 117:1-2

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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 9 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

Immortal, invisible, God only wise	314
We believe in God the Father	711
We bow down and confess	
Lord, I lift your Name on high	
<b>Offertory</b> I, the Lord of sea and sky	332
<b>Communion</b> Dear Lord and Father	144
A New commandment	35
I danced in the morning	305



**LOVE** is patient,  
It does not envy.  
it is not proud.  
not self-seeking,  
angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.  
**LOVE** does not delight in evil,  
but rejoices with the truth.  
It always trusts,  
always protects,  
always hopes,  
always perseveres.  
-1 Corinthians 13:4-6

### The First Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

#### The resurrection of Christ

**15** Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. **2** By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

**3** For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance<sup>[a]</sup>: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, **4** that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, **5** and that he appeared to Cephas, <sup>[b]</sup> and then to the Twelve. **6** After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. **7** Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, **8** and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. **9** For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. **10** But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them – yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. **11** Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.



**Monday Night House Group** will be running a **Lent Course** which will be repeated on **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. More details to follow.

#### Alf Stroud

The service to celebrate his life will be at

**Torquay Crematorium**

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

We continue to pray for Iona and Alf's family and friends at this



### Gospel Reading

Luke 5:1-11

#### Jesus calls his first disciples

**5** One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret,<sup>[a]</sup> the people were crowding round him and listening to the word of God. **2** He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. **3** He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

**4** When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.'

**5** Simon answered, 'Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.'

**6** When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. **7** So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

**8** When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!' **9** For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, **10** and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.' **11** So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

