

WHAT'S ON		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon 13 July	19.00	Monday Night House Group
Wed 15 July	19.30	Sing for Joy Community Choir
Thur 16 July	09.30	Holy Communion/prayers
Fri 17 July	10.00	Church Shop St Matthew's Chelston
Sat. 18 July	10.00	Vision Day—Bring & Share lunch
Sun. 19 July	10.00	Morning Worship
Wed 29 July	19.00	The Archdeacon's Visitation—St Luke's
Mon. 3 August	08.00	MONDAY MARKET

Sunday School will finish for the summer break on **Sunday 19th July**.
We wish the Sunday School team a happy, safe, and restful summer, and look forward to welcoming everyone back next term.



Suggestions for your prayers/praise

We pray for all who will attend our Vision Day next Saturday. Bless their conversations, inspire their hearts, and guide them together in your will for our church.

We give thanks for all seafarers, whose courage, dedication, and sacrifice keep our world connected and our communities supplied. We pray especially on this **Sea Sunday**, remembering this year's theme, **"With them in every storm."** Be their strength in times of danger, their comfort in loneliness, and their safe harbour in every trial. Bless all who support them and their families, and remind us to uphold them with gratitude, compassion, and prayer.

For all those recently bereaved, especially within our community – comfort them with Your loving embrace.

We uphold our Sunday School team and all they have given this year. As they soon begin their summer break, grant them rest, refreshment, and your continued blessing. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WELCOME TO

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, SHIPHAY

*'A caring fellowship seeking to share the
life and love of God'*

Sunday 12 July 2026

A warm welcome to our Sunday morning worship.
As we give thanks for the beauty and blessings of summertime,
may we also rejoice in God's love, find peace in his presence,
and be refreshed as we worship together.

Whether you are a regular member of our congregation or visiting us today,
you are warmly welcome.

Please do join us for Fairtrade coffee and refreshments after
the service this morning.

Music

And can it be **32**

In Christ alone

Jesus, Jesus, holy and anointed One **353**

We bow down and confess

Before the throne of God above

Offertory

Communion

The Spirit lives to set us free **666**

Jesus, take me as I am

You are my hiding place

You shall go out with joy **766**

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The First Reading

Romans 8:1-11 Life through the Spirit

8 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you ^[a] free from the law of sin and death.³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh,^[b] God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering.^[c] And so he condemned sin in the flesh,⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life^[d] because of righteousness.¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of^[e] his Spirit who lives in you.

ST JOHN'S

VISION DAY—ROOTS, SHOOT & FRUITS

Saturday 18 July 2026, 10.00 a.m.—2.00 p.m

Bring & Share lunch.

Please put your name on the sign up sheet
at the back of church if you plan to come along.

Thank you.



DIABETES UK

ONE MILLION STEP CHALLENGE 2026

1 JULY to 30 SEPTEMBER

PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING
'THE IRETON FAMILY'

WHO ARE UNDERTAKING THE CHALLENGE!

PLEASE USE THE LINK/OR CASH

<https://step.diabetes.org.uk/fundraising/the-iretons>

All donations will be very gratefully received. Thank you!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:1-9 The parable of the sower

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake.² Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore.³ Then he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A farmer went out to sow his seed.⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow.⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants.⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear.'

Matthew 13:18-23

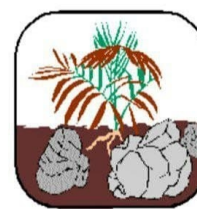
¹⁸ 'Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹ when anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path.²⁰ The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy.²¹ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.²² The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.²³ But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.'

The Parable of the Sower

The Seed is the Word of God



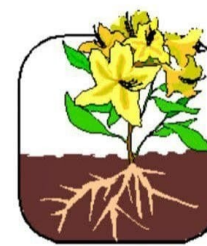
The Path



The Rocky Soil



The Weedy Soil



The Good Soil

What type of Soil are You?

Is God Growing in Your Heart?