

WHAT'S ON

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon 14 Sept	19.00	Monday Night House Group
Wed 16 Sept	19.30	Sing for Joy Choir
Thur 17 Sept	09.30	Holy Communion/prayers
Thur 17 Sept	19.00	PCC Meeting
Fri 18 Sept	10.00	Church Shop - St Matthew's
Sun 20 Sept	10.00	Morning worship
Sat 26 Sept	13.00	SHIPHAY FESTIVAL 

FINAL REMINDER!

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!

For your prayers and praise

Loving God, bring hope to those who are hurting, and help us to notice, reach out, and ask, "Are you okay?" May we remind one another that we are never alone.

Please continue to uphold our PCC.

His faithfulness is unto all generations. — Psalm 119:90 Amen.

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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 13 September 2026

Good morning and a very warm welcome to you all.

It is lovely to gather together today as we continue our journey through
the **Season of Creation**, with the theme "**Living Water.**"

Water is essential for life, and in Scripture it also reminds us of God's
life-giving love. Jesus invites those who are thirsty to come to him and
receive living water.

As we worship today, let us give thanks for the gift of water, remember
our responsibility to care for God's creation, and open our hearts to be
refreshed by God's presence.

Whether you are a regular member of our congregation, a visitor, or
joining us for the first time, you are very welcome,
we're so glad you're here.

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

Prayer for Education Sunday

Loving God,
bless all those involved in education:
children and young people, teachers and staff, parents and carers,
and all those in schools, colleges, universities and further education.
Give them wisdom, patience and joy,
and help all places of learning to be filled with kindness, hope
and opportunity.
May everyone have the chance to learn, grow and flourish.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music

Great is thy faithfulness 249

In Christ Alone

Light of the world

Offertory

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven! 565

Communion

Be still and know that I am God 66

As the deer pants for the water 45

My Lighthouse



The First Reading

Romans 14:1-12 **The weak and the strong**

14 Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarrelling over disputable matters. ²One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. ⁴Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. ⁶Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. ⁸If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister?^[a] Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹It is written:

"As surely as I live," says the Lord, "Every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God."^[b]

¹²So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35 **The parable of the unmerciful servant**

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?'

²² Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.'^[a]

²³ 'Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold^[b] was brought to him. ²⁵Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶ 'At this the servant fell on his knees before him. "Be patient with me," he begged, "and I will pay back everything." ²⁷The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ 'But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins.^[c] He grabbed him and began to choke him. "Pay back what you owe me!" he demanded.

²⁹ 'His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, "Be patient with me, and I will pay it back."

³⁰ 'But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² 'Then the master called the servant in. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?" ³⁴In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. ³⁵'This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Shiphay Festival – Food Donations

Saturday 26 September 1.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

We would be very grateful if you could bring along a food donation for the buffet at the **Shiphay Festival**. Please bring your food donations along to the church on the morning of **Saturday 26 September, between 10.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.**

List at the back of church.

Volunteers are also required throughout the day for setting up, Buffet, Café and clearing away.

Please speak with Olivia/Team.

Thank you very much for your support and generosity - it is greatly appreciated.