

WHAT'S ON AT ST. JOHN'S		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun 15 Mar	18.00	Holy Communion
Mon 16 Mar	19.00	Monday Night House Group
Wed 18 Mar	19.30	Sing for Joy Choir
Thurs 19 Mar	09.30	Holy Communion
Thurs 19 Mar	12.00	Lenten Soup Lunch
Sun 22 Mar	10.00	Morning worship
Mon. 23 Mar	09.15	Shiphay Learning Academy Easter Assembly
Sunday 29 Mar	09.50	Palm Sunday Service followed with a Bring & Share Brunch. The Cross procession will gather outside Hing's Chinese Takeaway at 09.50.

Suggestions for your prayers & praise

Please continue to pray for Gordon - may God restore his health, renew his strength, and fill him with healing and peace.

For the recently departed and for those who mourn.

We uphold all prisoners, especially those who are innocent.
Bring justice where there is wrong, hope where there is despair,
and freedom where truth has been hidden.

In a world filled with tension and conflict, bring calm where there is chaos.

Bring wisdom where there are difficult decisions. Bring compassion where hearts have grown hard.

Protect the vulnerable, shelter those who have lost their homes, and comfort those who grieve.

Strengthen peacemakers, aid workers, and all who risk their lives to help others.

Turn hearts away from hatred and toward understanding. Help leaders choose dialogue instead of destruction and justice instead of revenge. Let hope rise where despair has taken hold.

We trust in Your mercy and ask for healing for every land and every people affected.

We give thanks and praise you for hearing and answering our prayers. **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 15 March 2026

Welcome to our family worship on this special **Mothering Sunday.**

Today we give thanks for mothers and for all who show love, care, and guidance
In our lives.

May this time of worship be filled with gratitude, reflection, and joy as we celebrate
the gift of family and community.

We are glad you are here.

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

May God bless you all.

Music

Tell out my soul,

631

Living under the shadow of His wing

Lord, I lift Your name on high

Jesus, be the Centre

Now thank we all our God

Offertory

Distribution of cards:

Thank You for the love that our Mum's give to us

Jesus put this song into our hearts



The First Reading
Colossians 3:12-17

¹²Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Gospel Reading
John 19:25-27

²⁵Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing near by, he said to her, 'Woman, ^[a] here is your son,' ²⁷and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM VOWS

There will be the opportunity for those who wish to reaffirm their baptismal vows on Easter Sunday in the sea.

Please put your name and telephone number on the sign up sheet at the back of church if you are interested.

Loving God,

On this Mothering Sunday, we bring before You the fullness of our hearts —

for the mothers who have nurtured us with love,
for those who are like mothers to us,
and for all who offer care, guidance, and kindness.

We pray for those who rejoice in motherhood,
and for those who grieve — for children lost,
for mothers missed,
for dreams of family unfulfilled.

We remember those whose relationships with their mothers or children are strained, and those who carry pain, regret, or longing.

Bless the mothers who are tired, the carers who are unseen,

the foster and adoptive parents who open their hearts, and the communities who mother one another in love.

May Your comfort be near to the hurting,
Your joy be deep in the celebrating, and Your peace rest on us all.

Amen.



Thank God
for Mums!

FOOD BANK: Lent Offerings

A generous way of observing Lent is by making donations of food, toiletries etc. for the Food Bank. Please bring them to church for us to pass on. Monetary donations are also welcome. Thank you.

Easter flowers—If you wish to have an Easter Floral remembrance for your loved one/s, Janet Thomson will be pleased to receive your donations. Thank you. Tel. 01803 431495. Please remember the flower team rely on these donations and their fundraising events to enable them to beautify our church.

