

WHAT'S ON

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon 17 Aug	19.00	Monday Night House Group
Thur 20 Aug	09.30	Holy Communion/prayers
Fri 21 Aug	10.00	Church Shop St Matthew's Chelston
Sun 23 Aug	10.00	Morning worship
Thur 3 Sept	19.00	PCC MEETING
Mon 7 Sept	08.00	MONDAY MARKET
Sat 26 Sept	13.00	SHIPHAY FESTIVAL  <i>Please speak with Olivia Downes if you would like to become involved and offer support</i>

For your prayers and praise

We give thanks for the baptism of baby Lillia last Sunday. May she grow to know Your grace, walk in Your truth, and always feel the comfort of Your presence. Bless her parents, Joseph & Ursula with wisdom and love as they raise her in faith.

We uphold all workers who are exploited, mistreated, underpaid, or made to work in fear. Give them strength, protection, and hope, and help them find people who will stand with them. Touch the hearts of those who hold power, that they may act with justice, compassion, and respect. Help us all to recognise the dignity of every worker and to speak up when others are treated unfairly. May every worker know safety, fairness, dignity, and the freedom to live without fear.

We pray for the Shiphay Festival and all those who organise - may it be a joyful and successful celebration that brings our community together, builds positive friendships and connections, and strengthens our sense of belonging. 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 16 August 2026

Welcome to our congregation this Sunday!
We give thanks for the continued beautiful weather and for
God's many blessings.

May today's worship bring us joy, fellowship, and
renewed faith.

Whether you are a regular member of our congregation or
visiting us today, we're so glad you're here.

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



Music

To God be the glory! **695**
Purify my heart **574**

Offertory

Blessed be Your Name

Communion

Cornerstone **374**
Just as I am, without one plea
Living under the shadow of His wing
All who are thirsty
He is the Lord

The First Reading

Romans 11:1-2a

The remnant of Israel

11 I ask then: did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. ²God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew.

Romans 11:29-32

²⁹for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now^[a] receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. ³²For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.



Please consider having a go at our Summer Crossword, £1.00, on the table at the rear of church.

All proceeds to church funds.

Completed entries to Sonia. Thank you.

Gospel Reading Matthew 15:10-20

¹⁰Jesus called the crowd to him and said, 'Listen and understand. ¹¹What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.'

¹²Then the disciples came to him and asked, 'Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?'

¹³He replied, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. ¹⁴Leave them; they are blind guides.^[a] If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.'

¹⁵Peter said, 'Explain the parable to us.'

¹⁶'Are you still so dull?' Jesus asked them. ¹⁷'Don't you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body?' ¹⁸But the things that come out of a person's mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil thoughts – murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them.'

Matthew 15:21-28

The faith of a Canaanite woman

²¹Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²²A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, 'Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.'

²³Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, 'Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.'

²⁴He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.'

²⁵The woman came and knelt before him. 'Lord, help me!' she said.

²⁶He replied, 'It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.' ²⁷'Yes it is, Lord,' she said. 'Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table.'

²⁸Then Jesus said to her, 'Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.' And her daughter was healed at that moment.

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All donations will be very gratefully received. Thank you!