

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon. 17 Mar.	7.00 p.m	Monday Night House Group 'Hope' Lent Course
Tues. 18 Mar.	11.30 a.m	Funeral Service - to celebrate the life of Rob McGovern
Wed. 19 Mar.	7.30 p.m	Sing for Joy Choir

Food Bank: Lent offering

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. Thank you.

For your prayers/praise

The Bishop of Exeter, the Rt. Rev'd Dr Mike Harrison's prayer for his five priorities: - **Missional leadership, Missional DNA, Vocation Culture, Children & Young people and Mixed Ecology.**

God of mission

Who alone brings growth to your Church

Send your Holy Spirit to give Vision to our planning,

Wisdom to our actions,

Power to our witness.

Help your Church here in Devon to grow deeper in faith and prayer,

To grow new disciples, to grow leaders, to grow younger and to grow in joyful service

Of our local community, Through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

Praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy!

Springtime bursts forth as a reminder of His creation, a symbol of renewal and the hope we have in Christ. Lent calls us to reflection, repentance, and deeper communion with Him. May this season bring you peace, strength, and a heart overflowing with gratitude.

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!" —

Psalm 118:24

We pray for those who mourn - Lord, comfort the grieving and fill their hearts with Your peace. 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 March 2025

We warmly welcome you to our Sunday Morning Worship.

A joyful Lent to you all—may this season of growth and renewal deepen your relationship with God and one another.

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

Be thou my vision

70

Purify my heart

574

One thing I ask of You, Lord

Offertory We know that all things work

Communion Wait for the Lord

The Lord is my Light

Living under the shadow of His wing

Blessed be the Name of the Lord

Dear God,

In the gentle embrace of spring's warmth, I come before you with a humble heart, seeking the blossoming of hope within my soul.

Just as the flowers emerge from the earth, let my spirit rise with the optimism and renewed faith that this season brings.

Grant me the wisdom to see the beauty in each new day, even in the face of life's challenges.

As I stand in awe of your creation, may this season of renewal remind me that hope is the eternal spring that flows from your boundless love.

Amen.

The First Reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Closing appeal for steadfastness and unity

4 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

AGM—Our AGM this year is on **Sunday 18th May at 10.40 a.m.**

AGM REPORTS—Please would wardens and people leading in all areas of church life such as house groups, music, flowers, who usually give a report please let Sonia have a typed copy (if possible) by **Sunday 4 May** latest. Thank you.

ELECTORAL ROLL

There is a complete revision of our roll this year. If you are over 16, a baptised member of the Church of England and worship with us or live in the parish, you are eligible. We appreciate those who want to show their commitment to our parish in this way. Enrolment forms are available from the back of church or online under heading 'News & Events', 'News'. Please return all completed forms to our Electoral Roll Officer, Sonia Collings. Thank you.

Please be aware that all members on the **previous roll** need to apply to be included— inclusion is not automatic.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 13.31-end Jesus' sorrow for Jerusalem

³¹ At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, 'Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.'

³² He replied, 'Go and tell that fox, "I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal."' ³³ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day – for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

³⁴ 'Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. ³⁵ Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."'^[a]

