

WHAT'S ON AT ST. JOHN'S

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon. 17 Nov.	7.00 p.m	Monday Night House Group
Wed. 19 Nov.	7.30 p.m	'Sing for Joy' Choir
Thurs. 20 Nov.	9.30 a.m	Holy Communion/prayers
Sun. 23 Nov.	4.00 p.m	A Service of Remembrance of Our Loved Ones Lost

A Prayer of Hope

*L*ord Jesus, I pray this day for strength, because there are times when things get tough and I feel like quitting.

*L*ord Jesus, I ask this day for the comforting reassurance of Your love, because there are times when people fail me, and I am tempted to lose hope.

*L*ord Jesus, I seek this day for Your light to guide my steps, because there are times when life is confusing and difficult, and I lose my way.

*H*elp me, O Lord, to pick up the pieces, wipe my tears, face the sun, and start over again, for all is possible when I place my faith and trust in You, my Saving God.

*A*men.

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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 November 2025

We warmly welcome you to our morning worship the second Sunday before Advent.

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

Music	Love divine, all loves excelling	428
	There's a place where the streets shine	
	All hail the Lamb	
Offertory	In Christ alone	
Communion	God forgave my sin	212
	When I survey the wondrous cross	738
	Great is the darkness	

An Act of Hope
O my God I hope in you for grace and for a share in your life because of your mercy, your promises and your power.



The First Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Warning against idleness

⁶ In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching^[a] you received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, labouring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: 'The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.' ¹¹ We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. ¹² Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. ¹³ And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

ST MATTHEW'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER

- *Let's show our support by attending, or spreading the word. Together we can strengthen the bonds within our wider faith community.*
- *Gill Cranch has a table at the fair and all proceeds will be going to St John's. Also, Derek has a table selling various wood crafts.*
- *Further details to follow.....watch this space*



The Gospel Reading

Luke 21.5-19 The destruction of the temple and signs of the end times

⁵ Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, ⁶ 'As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.'

⁷ 'Teacher,' they asked, 'when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?'

⁸ He replied: 'Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, "I am he," and, "The time is near." Do not follow them. ⁹ When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.'

¹⁰ Then he said to them: 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.'

¹² 'But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. ¹³ And so you will bear testimony to me. ¹⁴ But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. ¹⁵ For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ Everyone will hate you because of me. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ Stand firm, and you will win life.'

APPEAL FOR RAFFLE PRIZES

If you would like to donate any Raffle or Tombola prizes for our forthcoming Christmas events please kindly pass them to Sonia in the Church Office for distribution. Thank you so much.

St. John the Baptist Church, Shiphay A Service of Remembrance of Our Loved Ones Lost

You are warmly invited to join us for a special service of Remembrance, as we come together to honour and celebrate the lives of those we have lost.

Sunday 23 November, 4.00 p.m.

Please put your loved ones name/s on the list at the back of church if you will be coming along.

Thank you.