WHAT'S ON AT ST JOHN'S /DATES FOR DIARIES			
DATE	TIME	EVENT	
Wed. 20 Nov.	7.30 p.m	'Sing for Joy' Choir	
Sat. 7 Dec.	7.30 p.m	'Sing for Joy' Variety Christmas Concert. In loving memory of Geoffrey Jordan. There will be Refreshments & Raffle.	

Christmas Flowers

If you would like to have a Christmas Floral Remembrance of your loved one/s, please contact Janet Thomson who will be pleased to receive your donations. Tel:01803 431495. Thank you.

Suggestions for your prayers/praise

Please pray for the COP28 summit -

Loving God, We pray for the global church, your body here on earth. That she would be salt and light in every community. And that she would be a prophetic voice, both locally and globally, on climate change. We pray for your people who are at COP28 right now. Give them the words to say and the love to say it with, that they may indeed be salt and light

God of all life, we pray that decisions made at COP28 will protect the lives of animals and plants, those which cannot be represented or heard in discussions. We pray for those from places contributing the least to the climate crisis, but affected the most by it We pray for peace makers and 'bridge builders' in places of conflict

Please uphold all St John's Church Hall users – pray that each group will continue to flourish and create a positive community

We give thanks and praise for those you have called to minister to children in our Sunday school - May all Sunday school classes be venues for uplifting the Lord Jesus. In Jesus' name, 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 17 November 2024 The Second Sunday before Advent We warmly welcome you to our Morning worship.

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. Every blessing to you all.



<u>Music</u>

Sing to the Lord	(Awaken the dawn)	
All my days (Beau	utiful Saviour)	
Within the veil		
All hail the Lamb		
Offertory	Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine	74
Communion	I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus	300
	Here is love, vast as the ocean	
O Heaven is in my heart		



And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching. -Hebrews 10:24-25-

The First Reading Hebrews 10:11-14

¹¹ Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. ¹⁴ For by one sacrifice he has made perfect for ever those who are being made holy.

Hebrews 10:15-18

¹⁵ The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:

¹⁶ 'This is the covenant I will make with them

after that time, says the Lord.

I will put my laws in their hearts,

and I will write them on their minds.'

¹⁷ Then he adds:

'Their sins and lawless acts

I will remember no more.'[b]

¹⁸ And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.

Hebrews 10:19-25

A call to persevere in faith

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 11:1 Faith is the Confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.

Give us, O God, the vision which can see Thy love in the world in spite of human failure. Give us the faith to trust Thy goodness in spite of our ignorance and weakness. Give us the knowledge that we continue to pray with understanding hearts, and to do what each one of us can do to set forward the coming of the day of universal peace. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Mark 13:1-8

The destruction of the temple and signs of the end times

13 As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!'

² 'Do you see all these great buildings?' replied Jesus. 'Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.'

³ As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ 'Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?' ⁵ Jesus said to them: 'Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶ Many will come in my name, claiming, "I am he," and will deceive many. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁸ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth-pains.

