

## WHAT'S ON AT ST. JOHN'S

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon. 19 Jan.	06.30	Early Morning Prayer/s (Tell Torbay Group)
Mon. 19 Jan.	19.00	Monday Night House Group
Thur. 22 Jan.	19.00	PCC Meeting

PCC Members—please note new PCC date Thursday 22 January, 7.00 p.m  
Agenda to follow.

### Suggestions for your prayers/praise

Please continue to uphold Gordon...

Pray for patience, strength, and steady healing as he recovers.

Ease his pain, lift his spirits, and reassure him of your nearness.

Bless those who care for him, and surround him with love and prayer.

May he know your peace holding him fast each day.

For Christian unity—churches and Christian communities worldwide are invited to use this week to pray together for the unity among churches throughout the year.

For all who are in poor health and those with long term—terminal illnesses, that they feel Your gentle and comforting presence with them and we ask that the Spirit of Jesus be a source of courage and strength to their families and all who walk this journey with them.

For the forthcoming PCC meeting and all who will attend.

For the Children's Society—their works for the very young and vulnerable in our communities.

I praise You, Lord, because You are faithful even when I am faithless.

Let's enjoy the beauty and wonder of God's creation, and give thanks for these blessings.

**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 18 January 2026**

Welcome to worship on this Second Sunday of Epiphany. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks, "What are you looking for?" and invites us with the words, "Come and see." May this time of worship help us recognize Christ among us and respond to his call to follow.

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**

One shall tell another 526

Blessed be Your Name

All my days

There is a Redeemer

**658**

Offertory 374

Just as I am, without one plea

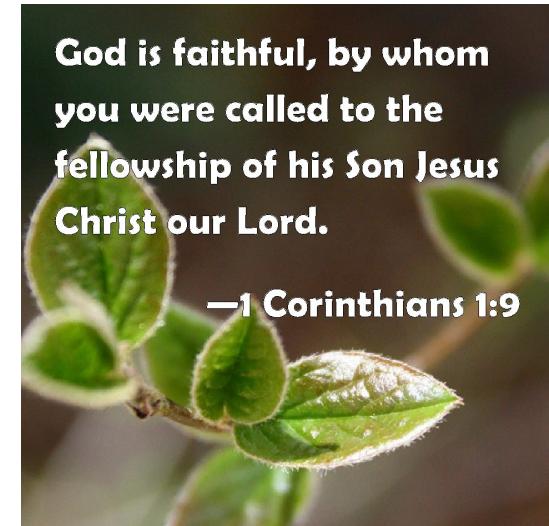
**374**

Faithful One

There's a place where the streets shine

**God is faithful, by whom  
you were called to the  
fellowship of his Son Jesus  
Christ our Lord.**

**—1 Corinthians 1:9**



**The First Reading**  
**I Corinthians 1:1-9**

I Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,<sup>2</sup> To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ – their Lord and ours:  
<sup>3</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Thanksgiving**

<sup>4</sup> I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. <sup>5</sup> For in him you have been enriched in every way – with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge – <sup>6</sup> God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. <sup>7</sup> Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. <sup>8</sup> He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his  
pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures  
forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all  
generations.

Psalm 100

Bishop  
New Year  
for 2025  
Lord Jesus

Mike's  
Prayer  
we ask in

**Gospel Reading John 1:29-42**  
**John testifies about Jesus**

<sup>29</sup> The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is the one I meant when I said, “A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.” <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptising with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.’

<sup>32</sup> Then John gave this testimony: ‘I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. <sup>33</sup> And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water told me, “The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>34</sup> I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.’<sup>[1]</sup>

**John's disciples follow Jesus**

<sup>35</sup> The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup> When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God!’

<sup>37</sup> When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Turning round, Jesus saw them following and asked, ‘What do you want?’ They said, ‘Rabbi’ (which means ‘Teacher’), ‘where are you staying?’

<sup>39</sup> ‘Come,’ he replied, ‘and you will see.’

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

<sup>40</sup> Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup> The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (that is, the Christ). <sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas’ (which, when translated, is Peter<sup>[2]</sup>).



**Children's Society**

Our Christingle service raised £226.74! Well done—we are thankful to all involved.