

WHAT'S ON

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon 3 Aug	08.00	MONDAY MARKET 'OPEN CHURCH
Mon 3 Aug	19.00	Monday Night House Group
Thur 6 Aug	09.30	Holy Communion/prayers
Fri 7 Aug	10.00	Church Shop St Matthew's Chelston
Sun 9 Aug	10.00	Morning Worship - Baptism of baby Lillia Jordan with family & friends
Thur 3 Sept	19.00	PCC MEETING

For your prayers and praise

For all who visit Torbay this season — travellers, families, swimmers, walkers. Bless those who work in tourism, sustaining our community with their labour. Let this place be a haven of welcome and safety.

We give thanks for this beautiful warm summer — for golden sun on our skin, for the long light of July, for the earth in full bloom. The hills and the sea declare your goodness; every warm breeze carries your kindness. We praise you for the gift of creation, and for the joy of living in it.

For our Monday Market 'Open Church' and its ministry to our community.

Please pray for our new Prime Minister, Andy Burnham and his new Cabinet.

Uphold all who struggle with their mental health. Quiet the anxious mind, lift the heavy heart, and bring light to those who feel only darkness. Give them patience for the journey, courage to reach out, and the knowledge they are never alone. Surround them with kindness — from friends, family, and those trained to help.

Lord, thank you that you never turn away from us. In every whispered prayer, you listen. In every weary moment, you sustain us. Through the hardest days, you have carried us — and we know we did not walk alone.

*Thank you for your faithful love, for strength we didn't have on our own,
and for the quiet ways you make a way.*

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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 2 August 2026

Good morning and welcome.

This summer has blessed us with such beautiful weather — warm sunshine, long days, and clear skies. We give thanks for this gift of creation and for the joy of gathering together on this summer morning.

Let us worship with grateful hearts.

Whether you are a regular member of our congregation or visiting us today,
you are warmly welcome.

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



Music

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer **252**
Lord I come to You
Faithful One

Offertory I am the bread of life **299**

Communion Break Thou the bread of life
Living under the shadow of your wing
Jesus, Name above all names **355**
I, the Lord of sea and sky **332**

The First Reading

Romans 9:1-5 Paul's anguish over Israel

9 I speak the truth in Christ – I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit – ²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, ⁴the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. ⁵Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, for ever praised!^[a] Amen.

NEW ROTA

Please collect your new Rota August—end October from the back of Church today. Thank you.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:13-21 Jesus feeds the five thousand

¹³When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed those who were ill.

¹⁵As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so that they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.'

¹⁶Jesus replied, 'They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.'

¹⁷'We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,' they answered.

¹⁸'Bring them here to me,' he said. ¹⁹And he told the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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