


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

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon. 3 Mar.	8.00 a.m	MONDAY MARKET
Mon. 3 Mar.	7.00 p.m	Monday Night House Group 'Hope' Lent Course
Wed. 5 Mar.	1.35 p.m	Bishop of Plymouth at St Matthias Church for Ash Wednesday Prayers
Wed. 5 Mar.	7.00 p.m	Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion All welcome.
		
Thur. 6 Mar.	2.00 p.m	The Vicarage 'Hope' Lent Course

For your Prayers/Praise

Lord Jesus, as we begin this Lenten journey, help us to turn our hearts toward You. Guide us in prayer, strengthen us in fasting, and open our hands in generosity. May this season deepen our faith, cleanse our souls, and prepare us for the joy of Your resurrection. We uphold all who will attend our Lent course at the Monday Night House Group and The Vicarage. Fill them with Your wisdom and grace. Help them to seek You with open hearts, to learn from Your Word, and to grow in faith.



We give thanks for the life and faith of your servant, Saint David.

May his example of kindness, humility, and devotion inspire us to walk in your ways.

Help us to live with compassion, to serve others with joy, and to remain steadfast in faith.

"Do the little things," as St. David taught, that we may bring light and love to the world.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

For the people of The Ukraine, Russia and Europe searching for peace.

We remember all those in psychiatric care.....

Lord, we lift up everyone who is struggling with an eating disorder. Help them to know that they are beautiful no matter what they look like. Help them to know that they are worthy of more than a disordered relationship with food. Help each person overcome their illness and seek professional help when necessary.

Bring comfort to those who are unwell, strength to those who are weak, and peace to those who are anxious. Surround them with Your love and healing presence. May they find rest, hope, and renewal in Your care. 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 2 March 2025

We warmly welcome you to our Sunday Morning Worship-The Transfiguration.

This week we enter the sacred season of Lent.

Let us use this time to draw closer to God and prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter.

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

Love divine, all loves excelling 428

He is exalted 273

The Splendour Of The King

King of Kings, Majesty

Offertory Be still, for the presence of the Lord 67

Communion May the fragrance of Jesus 445

Jesus, You are the radiance

We are marching in the light of God 709



The First Reading

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

¹²Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. ¹³We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. ¹⁴But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. ¹⁶But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate^[a] the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Present weakness and resurrection life

⁴Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

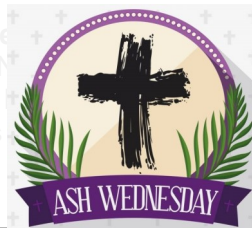
James Grier, the Bishop of Plymouth has felt called to undertake a day of fasting and prayer across the Plymouth and Totnes Archdeaconries on **Ash Wednesday (March 5th)**,

where he will be leading a half hour of prayer in each Deanery. He is doing this to focus on repentance and prayer.

All are invited to join him.

He is hoping to spend 40 minutes in each church, of which 30 minutes leading a time of informal prayer with those who join him. For our Deanery, this will be held at **St Matthias'** beginning at **1.35pm**. I will be going and I hope that as many from St John's as possible can join me, to make this start to Lent be a special one. I can offer a lift to anyone who needs one, but I can only take a maximum of 4 passengers! (So please let me know as soon as you can, either through the office, or on 07743 851999.

I'll look forward to your joining me for this event. Gordon.



The Gospel Reading

Luke 9:28-36 The transfiguration

²⁸About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendour, talking with Jesus. ³¹They spoke about his departure,^[a] which he was about to bring to fulfilment at Jerusalem. ³²Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, 'Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' (He did not know what he was saying.)

³⁴While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵A voice came from the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.' ³⁶When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

Luke 9:37-43a Jesus heals a demon-possessed boy

³⁷The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him. ³⁸A man in the crowd called out, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. ³⁹A spirit seizes him and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not.'

⁴¹'You unbelieving and perverse generation,' Jesus replied, 'how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? Bring your son here.'

⁴²Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the impure spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father. ⁴³And they were all amazed at the greatness of God.



HOPE 'Your Heart's Deepest Longings'

By Jack Kuhatschek

LENT COURSE

Monday Night House Group (commencing 3 March)

repeated **Thursdays 2.00 p.m—3.30 p.m** at **The Vicarage**.

Please put your name/contact details on the sign up sheet at the back of church or speak with Revd Paul/Jon Harper if you are interested in joining the group/s.

Thank you.