

WHAT'S ON

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon 21 Sept	19.00	Monday Night House Group
Wed 23 Sept	19.30	Sing for Joy Choir
Thur 24 Sept	09.30	Holy Communion/prayers
Fri 25 Sept	10.00	Church Shop & Coffee morning- St Matthew's
Sat 26 Sept	13.00-	SHIPHAY FESTIVAL
Thur 8 Oct	19.00	PCC Meeting
Sun 11 Oct	10.00	Harvest Celebration



Suggestions for your prayers and praise

We thank You for the **Shiphay Festival** and pray that it will be a joyful and successful day for our whole community.

Bless everyone who attends, and may each person feel welcomed, valued and experience the love of God through our church family. We pray that many will come, make new friendships and feel drawn closer to You.

Thank You for everyone who has worked so hard to organise and prepare this special day. Bless them for all they have given.

May Your love, joy and peace be at the heart of everything we do.

We pray for all who are unwell at this time, remembering especially Revd Gordon Percy and Ann White. Surround them with your love and presence. Bring comfort to those who are anxious, strength to those who are weary, healing to those who are suffering, and peace to those who are afraid. Be close to them and to all who care for them. Give wisdom and compassion to those who provide treatment and support and help each person to know that they are not alone.

May your healing presence bring hope, courage and renewed strength to all who are unwell. 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 20 September 2026

A warm welcome to everyone joining us today,
as we continue our journey through the
Season of Creation.

Let us worship together with grateful hearts and remember
our calling to care for God's beautiful creation.

Whether you are a regular member of our congregation, a
visitor, or joining us for the first time, you are very welcome,
we're so glad you're here.

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



SHIPHAY FESTIVAL

Saturday 26 September, 1:00pm – 6:00pm

Come along and enjoy a wonderful afternoon for the whole community:

Lots of fantastic **stalls and displays**, **Fun activities for all ages**,

Wonderful Entertainment throughout the afternoon

FREE BUFFET, Tea & Coffee, Soft drinks available throughout the afternoon

And best of all...

FREE ENTRY!

Bring your family, friends and neighbours and join us as we celebrate our wonderful
community together.

**Everyone is welcome — come along, have fun, enjoy the festivities and
make some great memories!**

We look forward to seeing you there!



Music

Offertory

Communion

Tell out, my soul, A Thousand Generations We bow down and confess	631
Amazing grace!	29
I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus, Broken for me, broken for you	300
Jesus, Jesus, holy & anointed One	87
You shall go out with joy	353
	766

The First Reading

Philippians 1.21-end

²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labour for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

Life worthy of the gospel

²⁷ Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit,^[a] striving together as one for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved – and that by God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

Gospel Reading

Matt. 20.1-16 **The parable of the workers in the vineyard**

20 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius^[a] for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³ 'About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the market-place doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, "You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." ⁵ So they went.

'He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, "Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?"

⁷ "'Because no one has hired us," they answered.

'He said to them, "You also go and work in my vineyard."

⁸ 'When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first."

⁹ 'The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius.

¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner.

¹² "These who were hired last worked only one hour," they said, "and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day."

¹³ 'But he answered one of them, "I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶ 'So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

