

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon. 24 Feb.	7.00 p.m	Monday Night House Group
Wed. 26 Feb.	7.30 p.m	Sing for Joy Choir
Thur. 27 Feb.	7.00 p.m	PCC Meeting
Sat. 1 March	9.00 a.m	Men's Breakfast @ Teaspoons Café

For your prayers/praise

Heavenly Father, we come before You with hearts full of praise and thanksgiving. You are the Creator of all things, and Your love endures forever. We glorify Your holy name and lift You high in our lives and in our church community. Bless all school children during this half-term—keep them safe, happy, and healthy. Fill their days with joy, their hearts with peace, and their minds with curiosity. May they return to school refreshed and ready for the journey ahead. We bless those who mourn with the comfort of your loving embrace. Please pray for the appointment of the new Archbishop of Canterbury, the spiritual leader of the Church of England and the Anglican Communion—for the Crown Nominations Commission, whose role is to discern whom God may be calling to this vital ministry.

Lord, we bring before you the Gaza ceasefire—

A Prayer for Peace and Comfort

O God of compassion, we grieve the return of lives lost.

Hold their families in Your embrace, bring them comfort.

Let their memory call us to peace, not more pain.

Turn sorrow into resolve to end hatred and war.

As we go into this week, Lord, we ask for Your presence to be with us in all we do. May we live lives that glorify You and reflect Your love. Bless our families, and our worship. **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 23 February 2025

We warmly welcome you to our Sunday 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.



Music

I will sing the wondrous story 337

Worthy is the lamb ("Revelation Song")

Let our praise to You be as incense

Offertory O Lord our God

Communion Worthy, O worthy are You Lord

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord 285

Now when peace like a river (It is well with my soul)



The First Reading

Revelation 4

The throne in heaven

4 After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' **2** At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. **3** And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne. **4** Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. **5** From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits^[a] of God. **6** Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

In the centre, round the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and behind. **7** The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. **8** Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all round, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

"Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty,"^[b]
who was, and is, and is to come.'

9 Whenever the living creatures give glory, honour and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, **10** the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

11 'You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they were created
and have their being.'

Electoral Roll

There is a complete revision of our roll this year.

If you are over 16, a baptised member of the Church of England and worship with us or live in the parish, you are eligible. We appreciate those who want to show their commitment to our parish in this way. Enrolment forms are available from the back of church or online under heading 'News & Events', 'News'. Please return all completed forms to our Electoral Roll Officer, Sonia Collings. Thank you. Please be aware that all members on the previous roll need to apply to be included— inclusion is not automatic.

Gospel Reading

Luke 8:22-25

Jesus calms the storm

22 One day Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us go over to the other side of the lake.' So they got into a boat and set out. **23** As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

24 The disciples went and woke him, saying, 'Master, Master, we're going to drown!'

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. **25** 'Where is your faith?' he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, 'Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.'

Please see all our Easter Services on the
Easter Flyer.



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.

Iona Stroud

Please continue to pray for Iona and Alf's family and friends at this time. Iona has been released back home and Adam (Alf's son) is endeavouring to care for her with a Carer.

Any calls/visits would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.