

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon. 26 Jan.	19.00	Monday Night House Group
Thur. 29 Jan.	09.30	Holy Communion/prayers
Wed. 4 Feb.	19.30	Sing for Joy Choir ( <i>resumes</i> )

### Suggestions for your prayers/praise

*Please continue to uphold Gordon in your prayers.*

The theme for Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) 2026, 'Bridging Generations', is a call-to-action. A reminder that the responsibility of remembrance doesn't end with the survivors - it lives on through their children, their grandchildren and through all of us. This theme encourages us all to engage actively with the past - to listen, to learn and to carry those lessons forward. By doing so, we build a bridge between memory and action, between history and hope for the future.

Each year people from across the UK take part in our Light the Darkness national moment for Holocaust Memorial Day.

**At 8pm on 27 January people across the nation will light candles and put them safely in their windows to:**

- remember those who were murdered for who they were
- stand against prejudice and hatred today

Iconic buildings and landmarks will light up in purple during this powerful national moment of commemoration and solidarity.

### Prayer for Holocaust Memorial Day

God of memory and mercy,

We remember the six million Jewish men, women, and children murdered in the Holocaust,

and all those persecuted and killed by the Nazi regime and its collaborators.

We honour the survivors, whose voices carry truth across time,  
and whose lives bridge generations.

We remember, too, those murdered in genocides that followed the Holocaust:  
where persecution led in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur,  
and in other places where hatred and violence were allowed to grow.

As we remember, we commit ourselves to bridging generations—  
passing on stories with honesty and care,

listening to the voices of those who lived through horror,  
and teaching those who come after us why remembrance matters.

Help us to ensure that the suffering of the past is not forgotten  
and not repeated.

Give us courage to challenge antisemitism, racism, and all forms of hatred,  
and wisdom to recognise the warning signs of injustice in our own time.

May remembrance lead to responsibility, memory to action,  
and learning to a future shaped by dignity and peace. **Amen.**

## WELCOME TO ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, SHIPHAY

*'A caring fellowship seeking to share the life and love of God'*

**Sunday 25 January 2026**

Welcome to worship on this Third Sunday of Epiphany.

In this season of light, we remember that Christ is revealed among us and calls us to follow.

Wherever you are on your journey, we're 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

My Jesus, my Saviour **461**

O come, let us worship and bow down

Jesus, lover of my soul

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name **212**

Turn your eyes upon Jesus

We bow down and confess

To be in your presence

The splendour of the King **694**

### Offertory

### Communion



### **The First Reading**

#### **1 Corinthians 1:10-18 A church divided over leaders**

<sup>10</sup> I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. <sup>11</sup> My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is this: one of you says, 'I follow Paul'; another, 'I follow Apollos'; another, 'I follow Cephas<sup>[b]</sup>'; still another, 'I follow Christ.'

<sup>13</sup> Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I did not baptise any of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so no one can say that you were baptised in my name. <sup>16</sup> (Yes, I also baptised the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptised anyone else.) <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the gospel – not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

#### **Christ crucified is God's power and wisdom**

<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Please remember to support our friends at

**St Matthew's Church, Chelston**

**Weekly Church Shop**

Where you will find affordable items and friendly faces!  
This is a wonderful way to bless their ministry, build fellowship,  
and stand together as one body in Christ.

**When: Every Friday**

**Time: 10.00 a.m—12.00 noon**

*Everyone is warmly invited.*



### **What's On**

Please inform Sonia of any regular activities or events in order for them to be included on the weekly diary. Thanks.

### **NEW ROTA**

Please collect your Rota from the back of church today. Thanks.

### **Gospel Reading Matthew 4:12-23**

#### **Jesus begins to preach**

<sup>12</sup> When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali – <sup>14</sup> to fulfil what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

<sup>15</sup> 'Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,  
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,  
Galilee of the Gentiles – <sup>16</sup> the people living in darkness  
have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.'<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>17</sup> From that time on Jesus began to preach, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

#### **Jesus calls his first disciples**

<sup>18</sup> As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' <sup>20</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>21</sup> Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, <sup>22</sup> and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

#### **Jesus heals the sick**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and illness among the people.

