WELCOME TO ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, SHIPHAY

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

Sunday 25 October 2026



Praise the Lord!

A very warm welcome to everyone on this special and blessed occasion of **Bible Sunday**.

Today, we gather to celebrate the Word of God, which is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Psalm 119:105).

The Bible is our guide for living, our source of wisdom, our comfort in times of trouble, and our foundation of faith.

As we celebrate this special day, may we be encouraged not only to read the Bible but also to study it, meditate on its teachings, and put God's Word into practice in our daily lives.

May God's presence be with us throughout this service, and may His Word richly dwell in our hearts.

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

	What a friend we have in Jesus	**727**
	King of Kings, Majesty	
	Light of the world	
Offertory	I want to walk with Jesus Christ	
Communion	Spirit of God, unseen as the wind	
	Father, I place into your hands	**162**
	Abba, Father	**1**
	These are the days of Elijah	

The First Reading **Colossians 3:12-17**

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:30-35 New International Version - UK

30 'Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth[a] will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.[b] 31 And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

32 'Now learn this lesson from the fig-tree: as soon as its twigs become tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. 33 Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it[c] is near, right at the door. 34 Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

WHAT'S ON AT ST JOHN'S		
DATE	***TIME***	***EVENT***
Mon 26 Oct	**19.00**	**Monday Night House Group**
Tues 27 Oct	**14.00**	***St Matthews Open Church***
Wed 28 Oct	**19.30**	**Sing for Joy Choir**
Thur 29 Oct	**09.30**	**Holy Communion/prayers**
Thur 29 Oct	**19.00**	**PCC Meeting**
Fri 30 Oct	**10.00**	***St Matthews Coffee Morning & Church Shop – lots of bargains for all. This week at 10.45 - Flower demonstration***
Sun 1 Nov	**10.00**	**Morning worship *All Saints' Day* No Sunday School**
Mon 2 Nov	**08.00**	**MONDAY MARKET- something for everyone!**
Sun 8 Nov	**08.00**	**Holy communion/prayers**
Sun 8 Nov	**10.00**	**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE** **3rd Torbay Scout Group in attendance**

You are warmly invited to join us for our **Remembrance Sunday Service**
8 November at 10.00
as we honour and remember the
courage, sacrifice, and service of all those who have served – and continue to serve –
in times of war, conflict, and peace.
Act of Remembrance at 10.45 followed by a two minute silence at 11.00.
3rd Torbay (Shiphay) Scout group will be in attendance.

Our Annual **Service of Remembrance of Our Loved Ones Lost** will take place on
Sunday 22 November at 16.00.
Please put your loved ones name/s on the list at the back of church if you will be coming along.
Thank you.

Suggestions for your prayers/praise

We thank You for the generous donations of food received from our congregation and Shiphay Learning Academy for the Harvest Food Bank. Bless all those who have given so generously, and those who will receive and benefit from these gifts. May this harvest be a sign of Your love, kindness and provision for all.
As the clocks have changed and the nights draw in, we ask Jesus to shine his light so we can see the way ahead when all feels dark around us.
Pray for all those worldwide, that are in need of the touch of God's healing hand.
Please uphold COP17 and COP31 – for those countries meeting in Armenia and Turkiye regarding Biodiversity and Climate Change.
In everything give thanks and praise. **Amen.**

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