

WHAT'S ON

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wed 2 Sept	19.30	Sing for Joy Choir (Resumes)
Thur 3 Sept	09.30	Holy Communion/prayers
Thur 3 Sept	19.00	PCC MEETING with Archdeacon Douglas Dettmer
Fri 4 Sept	10.00	Church Shop - St Matthew's
Sun 6 Sept	10.00	Morning worship—Sunday School (Resumes)
Mon 7 Sept	08.00	MONDAY MARKET
Sat 26 Sept	13.00	SHIPHAY FESTIVAL <i>Please speak with Olivia Downes if you would like to become involved and offer support</i>

For your prayers and praise

Please continue to uphold and pray for young people in the knowledge of their exam results and concerns for their futures; for wisdom in making decisions — also for those preparing to leave for college or university soon and those who will study locally in new schools or colleges.

For those unwell at present—struggling physically and/or mentally.

For those with poor mobility, the housebound.

We pray for the people of Nepal-Tibet affected by the catastrophic flooding, especially those living near the Bhote Koshi River area. Give them safety, strength, and shelter, and guide the rescue teams helping those in danger. Bring comfort to families who have lost loved ones or homes, and may the waters recede soon.

Thank You for the beauty of this world—for the skies above, the flowers that bloom, the people we love, and the gift of each new day. Help us to pause, to notice, and to be grateful. Fill our hearts with wonder, kindness, and praise, so that we may look around and truly say:

“What a wonderful world You have made.” 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 30 August 2026

Good morning, everyone, and a very warm welcome on this Bank Holiday weekend.

As we gather together, let us come with thankful hearts, remembering God's goodness and faithfulness throughout the summer and always.

May our worship today be filled with joy, gratitude and praise.

Whether you are a regular member of our congregation or visiting us today, we're so glad you're here.

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



Music

Love divine, all loves excelling 428

As we are gathered, Jesus is here; 47

God of grace

All I once held dear 18

Offertory O Lord our God

Communion Brother, let me be your servant 88

In my life Lord, be glorified

Father, we love you 167

Jesus put this song into our hearts

The First Reading

Romans 12.9-end **Love in action**

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practise hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.^[c] Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,'^[c] says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

'If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.'^[c]

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Shiphay Festival – Food Donations

Saturday 26 September | 1.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

We would be very grateful if you could bring along a food donation for the buffet at the **Shiphay Festival**. Please bring your food donations along to the church on the morning of **Saturday 26 September, between 10.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.**

Thank you very much for your support and generosity. It is greatly appreciated.

Olivia & team.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16.21-end **Jesus predicts his death**

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 'Never, Lord!' he said. 'This shall never happen to you!'

²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling -block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.'

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life^[c] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

²⁸ 'Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

We thank You for Revd Gordon Percy, and for the many years of faithful service, love and care he has given to Your Church. As he celebrates his 80th birthday, we ask You to bless him richly - surround him with Your peace, strengthen him in body and spirit. May he be comforted by the prayers and love of all who care for him, and may Your presence be especially near to him today and always. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

