

WHAT'S ON AT ST JOHN'S /DATES FOR DIARIES		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon. 5 Aug.	8.00 a.m	'OPEN CHURCH' MONDAY MARKET
Mon. 5 Aug.	7.00 p.m	Monday Night House Group
Sat. 17 Aug.	8.00 a.m	'CAR BOOT SALE' CHURCH CAR PARK
Fri. 13 Sept.	6.00 p.m	Pudding Night / St John's Church
Sat. 28 Sept.	6.45 p.m	Quiz & Supper Night /Church Hall

Joyful Summer Prayers

*Dear God,
In this season of vitality, we pray for the gift of good health and happiness. May our bodies be strong, our minds at peace, and our hearts filled with joy. Bless us with the energy to embrace every moment and the gratitude to cherish each day. Amen.*

*Dear Lord,
Summer nights are adorned with a canopy of stars, a celestial masterpiece that ignites our wonder. We gaze upon the night sky, humbled by the vastness of the universe. May the stars above inspire us to dream, to reach for the heavens, and to find hope in the darkest of nights. Amen.*

*Heavenly Father,
In the great outdoors, we encounter the grandeur of your creation. From towering mountains to serene lakes, we stand in awe of the natural world. Bless us with opportunities to immerse ourselves in nature's beauty, to find solace in its serenity, and to protect it for future generations. Amen.*

*Pray for young people in the knowledge of their exam results and concerns for their futures: for wisdom in making decisions.
Those preparing to leave for college or university soon and also for those who will study locally in new schools or colleges.*

Please pray for our Harvest Celebrations—think and pray about who you might invite to church to 'Come and see'.

To be 'A caring fellowship within the community, seeking to share the life and love of God'.

For Southport—our hearts and prayers go to all those who have been affected, for those fighting for their lives in hospital, for those whose worlds have fallen apart, for those who are afraid, for those who first responded.

For our young people and Sunday School team on Summer break.

We pray for peace and the comfort of Your presence for those with terminal Cancer and illnesses.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, SHIPHAY

**'A caring fellowship seeking to share the life and love of God'
Sunday, 4 August 2024**

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**We warmly welcome you to our Worship this morning.
This morning we welcome The Archdeacon of Totnes,
The Venerable Douglas Dettmer.**

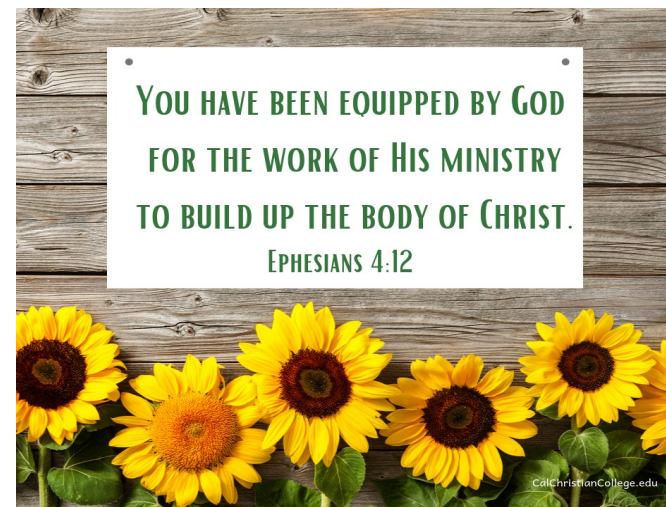
**We are glad you have chosen to come along to this service especially if this is
your first visit to St. John's.**

**We really hope you will stay and join us for Fairtrade coffee and refreshments
after the service this morning.**

Every blessing to you all.

Music

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Jesus we enthrone you
Bind us together, Lord, **72**
I am the bread of life **299**
Broken for me, **87**
Turn your eyes upon Jesus
We want to see Jesus lifted high



Ephesians 4:1-16 Unity and maturity in the body of Christ

4 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. **2** Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. **3** Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. **4** There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; **5** one Lord, one faith, one baptism; **6** one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

7 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. **8** This is why it^[a] says:

'When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.'^[a]

9 (What does 'he ascended' mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions^[a]? **10** He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) **11** So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, **12** to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up **13** until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. **15** Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. **16** From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.



HERE AT
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH,
CHURCH CAR PARK
SATURDAY 17 AUGUST
8.00 A.M — 2.00 P.M
TEA, COFFEE, REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE.
ALL WELCOME!
ALL PROCEEDS TO CHURCH FUNDS
3 CAR PLACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE

John 6:24-35

24 Once the crowd realised that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

Jesus the bread of life

25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, 'Rabbi, when did you get here?'

26 Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. **27** Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.'

28 Then they asked him, 'What must we do to do the works God requires?'

29 Jesus answered, 'The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.'

30 So they asked him, 'What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?' **31** Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."^[a]

32 Jesus said to them, 'Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. **33** For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

34 'Sir,' they said, 'always give us this bread.'

35 Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

