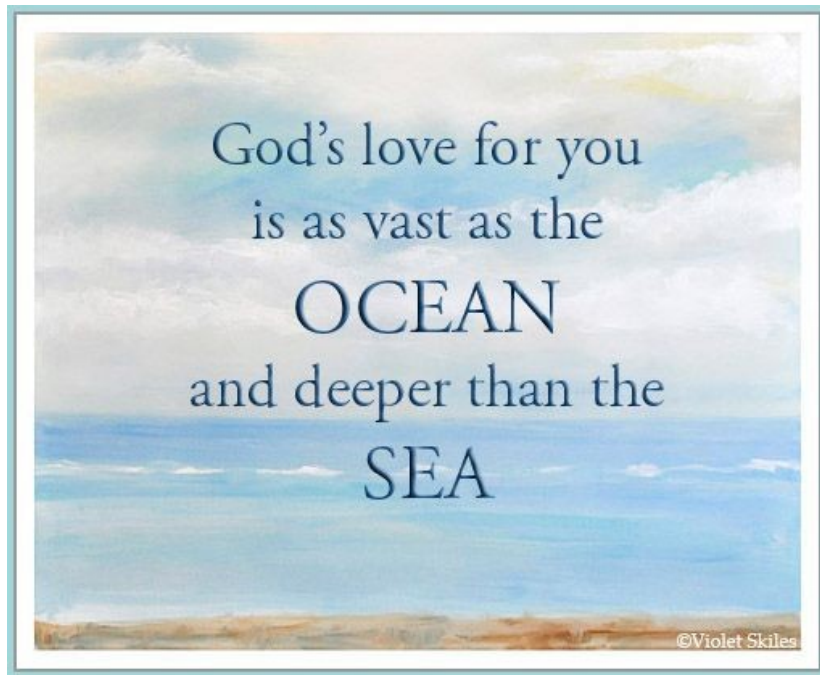


WHAT'S ON		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon 6 July	08.00	MONDAY MARKET 'OPEN CHURCH'
Mon 6 July	19.00	Monday Night House Group
Wed 8 July	19.30	Sing for Joy Community Choir
Thur 9 July	09.30	Holy Communion/prayers
Fri 10 July	10.00	Church Shop <b>St Matthew's Chelston</b>
Sun 12 July	10.00	Morning Worship
Sat. 18 July	10.00	Vision Day—Bring & Share lunch
Wed 29 July	19.00	The Archdeacon's Visitation—St Luke's



## WELCOME TO

### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, SHIPHAY

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

**Sunday 5 July 2026**

Greetings.

As we gather together this Sunday morning, let us give thanks to God for the gift of a new day, for His goodness, His faithfulness, and the blessing of worshipping together.

May God bless us as we worship Him this morning.

Whether you are a regular member of our congregation or visiting us today, you are warmly welcome.

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

#### Music

Love divine, all loves excelling **428**

All I once held dear **18**

Hide me now

I believe in Jesus **301**

**Offertory** Alleluia, sing to Jesus **12**

**Communion** Here is bread, here is wine, **277**

God of grace

Be still and know that I am God **66**

I danced in the morning **305**

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**The First Reading**

**Romans 7:15-25a**

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. <sup>16</sup>And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. <sup>19</sup>For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

<sup>21</sup>So I find this law at work: although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. <sup>22</sup>For in my inner being I delight in God's law; <sup>23</sup>but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. <sup>24</sup>What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature.

**ST JOHN'S**

**VISION DAY—ROOTS, SHOOT & FRUITS**

**Saturday 18 July 2026, 10.00 a.m—2.00 p.m**

**Bring & Share lunch.**

**Please put your name on the sign up sheet at the back of church if you plan to come along. Thank you.**

**DIABETES UK**

**ONE MILLION STEP CHALLENGE 2026**

**1 JULY to 30 SEPTEMBER**

**PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING**

**'THE IRETON FAMILY'**

**WHO ARE UNDERTAKING THE CHALLENGE!**

**PLEASE USE THE LINK/OR CASH**

**<https://step.diabetes.org.uk/fundraising/the-iretons>**

**All donations will be very gratefully received. Thank you!**



**Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end**

<sup>16</sup>'To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the market-places and calling out to others:

<sup>17</sup>"'We played the pipe for you,

and you did not dance;

we sang a dirge,

and you did not mourn.'

<sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon." <sup>19</sup>The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners." But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.'

**The Father revealed in the Son**

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, 'I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. <sup>26</sup>Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

<sup>27</sup>'All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

