

WHAT'S ON

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon 7 Sept	19.00	Monday Night House Group
Wed 9 Sept	19.30	Sing for Joy Choir
Thur 10 Sept	09.30	Holy Communion/prayers
Fri 11 Sept	10.00	Church Shop - St Matthew's
Sun 13 Sept	10.00	Morning worship
Sat 26 Sept	13.00	SHIPHAY FESTIVAL 

Suggestions for your prayers and praise

Pray for our Monday Market 'Open Church' a central part of our mission outreach—for the team and all those who come along.

For those who battle with mental health...when life seems so difficult for their strength and self worth.

For those who mourn.

Pray for ourselves and **all** at St John's - wisdom for our PCC members.

Lord, we welcome the month of September with grateful hearts. Thank You for the breath in our lungs, the journey behind us, and the blessings yet to come.

As we step into this new season, go before us and make every path clear. Fill our homes with peace, our hearts with joy, and our lives with Your favour. May September bring new opportunities, answered prayers, and beautiful testimonies. Thank You, Lord, because we trust that the best is still ahead.

In Jesus' name, 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 6 September 2026

Welcome to our worship this morning as we begin a new season and the autumn term.

For many of us, September brings a sense of new beginnings — returning to school or work, starting a new chapter, welcoming new people into our lives, or simply finding our rhythm again after the summer.

Whatever this new season holds for you,
we are glad that you are here.

As we gather today, may we bring all our hopes, questions and uncertainties before God, trusting that wherever this new beginning takes us, we do not journey alone.

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

*Sunday School resumes today—let's pray for a good start
and a fruitful term.*

Music

	O Lord, my God	511
	King of kings, Majesty	
	I believe in Jesus	301
	Jesus, we enthrone you	
Offertory	Jesus stand among us (all 3 verses)	361
Communion	Here is bread, here is wine	277
	Be still, for the presence of the Lord	67
	As the deer pants for the water	45
	Lord, the light of your love	419

The First Reading

Romans 13:8-end **Love fulfils the law**

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not covet,'^[a] and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'^[b] ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.

The day is near

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: the hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

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.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:15-20 **Dealing with sin in the church**

¹⁵ 'If your brother or sister^[a] sins,^[b] go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that "every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses."^[c] ¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸ 'Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be^[d] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be^[e] loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ 'Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.'

Living Water

The theme for the **Season of Creation 2026** is living water, based on Ezekiel 47:1-12. God's life-giving water flows from the temple of God, growing deeper, restoring barren land, reviving waters, and sustaining flourishing ecosystems.

The vision invites human responsibility: recognising ecological damage, embracing interconnectedness, we are called to immerse ourselves in the water, and actively safeguarding and working for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human well-being may flourish together.

Loving God,
Source of all life,
thank you for the gift of creation and for the living water that sustains us.
Teach us to cherish rivers, seas, rain and every living thing.
Help us to protect the earth, share its resources fairly,
and become faithful stewards of your creation.
May your living water renew our hearts,
restore our world,
and flow through us in love, hope and action.
Amen.