

WHAT'S ON AT ST. JOHN'S

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon. 9 Feb.	19.00	Monday Night House Group
Wed. 11 Feb.	19.30	Sing for Joy Choir
Thurs. 12 Feb.	09.30	Holy Communion/prayers
Wed. 18 Feb.	19.00	Ash Wednesday service
Thurs. 19 Feb.	12.00	Lenten Soup Lunch
Thurs. 19 Feb.	19.00	PCC Meeting

Suggestions for your prayers/raise

For all who are waiting for operations, procedures, or moments they wish were already past: may calm replace fear, and may skilled, compassionate hands guide them safely through. May peace be present before, during, and after.

We give thanks for yesterday's men's breakfast, for the food shared, the conversations, and the fellowship enjoyed together.

We give praise and thanksgiving to God for all who attended our parish lunch. Thank you for your presence and for making the day so special.

On this Racial Justice Sunday,
teach us to love our neighbour as ourselves.
and help us to live as one family in you.

We uphold all those affected by the recent storms and flooding.

Bring safety to those in danger, comfort to those who have lost homes or livelihoods, and strength to the communities working to rebuild damaged roads, railways, and daily life. Guide the hands of emergency workers and volunteers, and fill every heart with hope in the midst of difficulty.

Thank God for the gift of love. 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 8 February 2026

We warmly welcome you today for our morning worship.

We're 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

Music	Lord of all hopefulness	413
	Seek ye first the kingdom of God	590
	Who is there like You?	
	I love you, Lord	313
Offertory	Guide me, O thou great Redeemer	252
Communion	I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus	300
	Lord, You are so precious to me	
	I give you all the honour	308
	The Lord's my Shepherd (And I will trust in You alone)	

Matthew 22:37-39

³⁷ Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”^[a] ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it:

“Love your neighbour as yourself.”^[b]



The First Reading

Romans 8:18-25 Present suffering and future glory

¹⁸I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that^[a] the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Gospel Reading Matt. 6. 25-end

Do not worry

²⁵'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life^[a]?

²⁸'And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. ²⁹Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. ³⁰If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? ³¹So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" ³²For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Valentine's service at Cockington Church

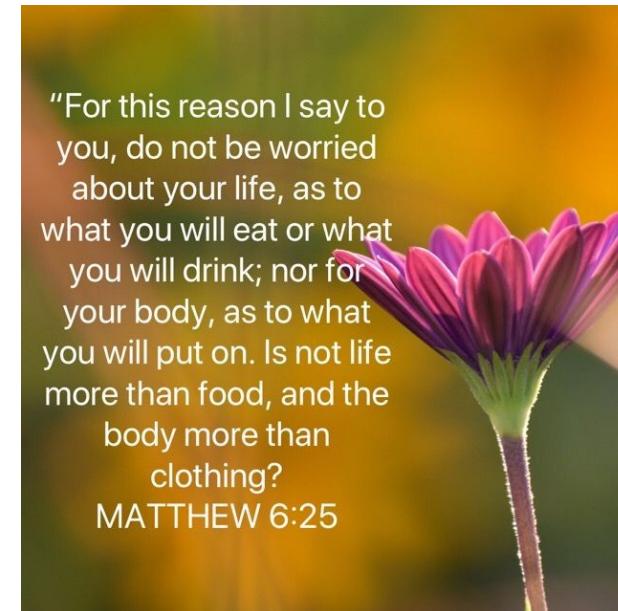
THIS AFTERNOON Sunday 8th February 3.00 p.m

Especially invited are those getting married at churches this year, but all are welcome as we celebrate God's gift of marriage



"For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

MATTHEW 6:25



MONDAY MARKET 'OPEN CHURCH'

Please consider how you might be able to help and support our wonderful and valued community outreach team!

Any help would be greatly appreciated and contributions of fresh home-made cakes would be helpful.

Please can folk help putting out the market today and clearing away on Monday. Thank you.