

**WHAT'S ON AT ST JOHN'S /DATES FOR DIARIES**

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wed. 11 Sept.	7.30 p.m	Sing for Joy Choir
Fri. 13 Sept.	6.00 p.m	PUDDING NIGHT
Thur. 26 Sept.	7.00 p.m	PCC Meeting with Arch. Douglas Dettmer
Sat. 28 Sept.	6.45 p.m	Quiz & Supper Night /Church Hall

**Suggestions for your prayers/praise**

We pray for our Sacristan—Gill and Derek.

For a fruitful term for Sunday School, for Cathy, Paul and the team.

Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone starting something new this week, whether it is a new school, new course, new job or moving to a new home or church!

We give thanks for Bertie's Christening.

Please pray for our Monday Market—for the team, for it's ministry, that St John's is recognised as a community hub.

Please uphold those unwell, vulnerable at this time either physically or mentally, we pray for peace and the comfort of Your presence.

Dear God, we pray for revival in our country. May our nation turn back to you, begin to worship you again and enjoy your presence.

For his Majesty The King, HRH Catherine Princess of Wales.

The Sovereign LORD is my strength! He makes me surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights.

Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. **1 Peter 5:7**

Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honourable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise....Then the God of peace will be with you. **Philippians 4:8-9**

**Praise  
GOD!**

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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 September 2024**

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.

We warmly welcome you today for our morning worship.

This morning we welcome Rev Nicholas Pearkes.

Next week we welcome the return of our Sunday School.

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**

O for a thousand tongues to sing	<b>485</b>
The splendour of the King	
By your side I would stay	<b>90</b>
<b>Offertory</b> Brother, sister let me serve you	<b>88</b>
Communion O let the Son of God enfold	<b>506</b>
Be still and know that I am God	<b>66</b>
Let there be love shared among	<b>386</b>
I, the Lord of sea and sky	<b>332</b>



### The First Reading

James 2. 1-10, 11-17 **Favouritism forbidden**

**2** My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favouritism. **2** Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. **3** If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, 'Here's a good seat for you,' but say to the poor man, 'You stand there' or 'Sit on the floor by my feet,' **4** have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? **5** Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? **6** But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? **7** Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

**8** If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, 'Love your neighbour as yourself,'<sup>[a]</sup> you are doing right. **9** But if you show favouritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as law-breakers. **10** For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

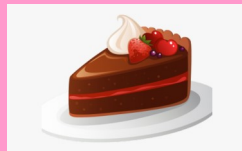
**11** For he who said, 'You shall not commit adultery,'<sup>[a]</sup> also said, 'You shall not murder.'<sup>[a]</sup> If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a law-breaker.

**12** Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, **13** because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

### Faith and deeds

**14** What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? **15** Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. **16** If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? **17** In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

**PUDDING NIGHT**  
FRIDAY 13th SEPTEMBER, 6.00 P.M  
£2.50 for a Pudding and a Drink  
All welcome!  
All proceeds to church funds.  
**PLEASE SUPPORT**



He has made  
everything  
beautiful  
in its time.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

### Gospel Reading

Mark 7.24-end **Jesus honours a Syro-Phoenician woman's faith**

**24** Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre.<sup>[a]</sup> He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. **25** In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. **26** The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. **27** 'First let the children eat all they want,' he told her, 'for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.'

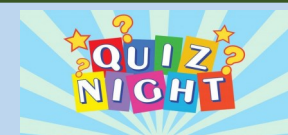
**28** 'Lord,' she replied, 'even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.'

**29** Then he told her, 'For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.' **30** She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

### Jesus heals a deaf and mute man

**31** Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis.<sup>[a]</sup> **32** There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

**33** After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spat and touched the man's tongue. **34** He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, 'Ephphatha!' (which means 'Be opened!'). **35** At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosed and he began to speak plainly. **36** Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. **37** People were overwhelmed with amazement. 'He has done everything well,' they said. 'He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.'



**SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
**DOORS OPEN 6.30PM FOR 7PM START**

St John's Church Hall, Cadewell Lane, Shiphay

**TICKETS £5.00 EACH INCLUDES CHEESE SUPPER**

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