

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon. 10 Mar.	7.00 p.m	Monday Night House Group 'Hope' Lent Course
Wed. 12 Mar.	7.30 p.m	Sing for Joy Choir



### For your prayers and praise

Heavenly Father, as we begin this journey through Lent, may we humbly come before You, acknowledging our sins and shortcomings. Grant us the grace to turn away from sin and to seek Your forgiveness with a contrite heart.

Lord Jesus, we praise You for Your strength and faithfulness in the wilderness. You resisted every temptation and stood firm in the Word of God. Help us to follow Your example, to trust in the Father, and to overcome trials with Your grace.

Please uphold our Lent course—pray that all who attend will learn from Your word and grow in faith.

For all those ill or in pain. Pray too for all in the NHS, Carers, Volunteers and those who help others.

Pray for level-heads in Europe and the US as leaders seek a secure, lasting and just peace in Ukraine. Pray that true statesmen and stateswomen will arise to give wise, firm and gracious leadership.

Praise be to You, O Lord, for the gift of springtime, for golden daffodils swaying in the breeze, for the beauty that awakens all around, singing of Your glory and renewing our hearts with joy! 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 9 March 2025**

We warmly welcome you to our Sunday Morning Worship.

As we begin our journey through this sacred season of Lent—may this time of reflection, repentance, and renewal draw us closer to God and to one another.

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.



### Music

Forty days and forty nights 190

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want 654

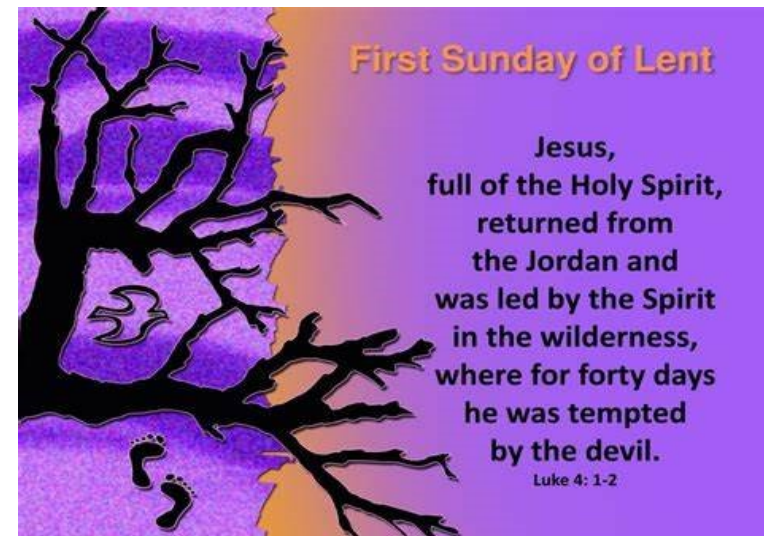
Faithful one

**Offertory** When we walk with the Lord 741

**Communion** I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus 300

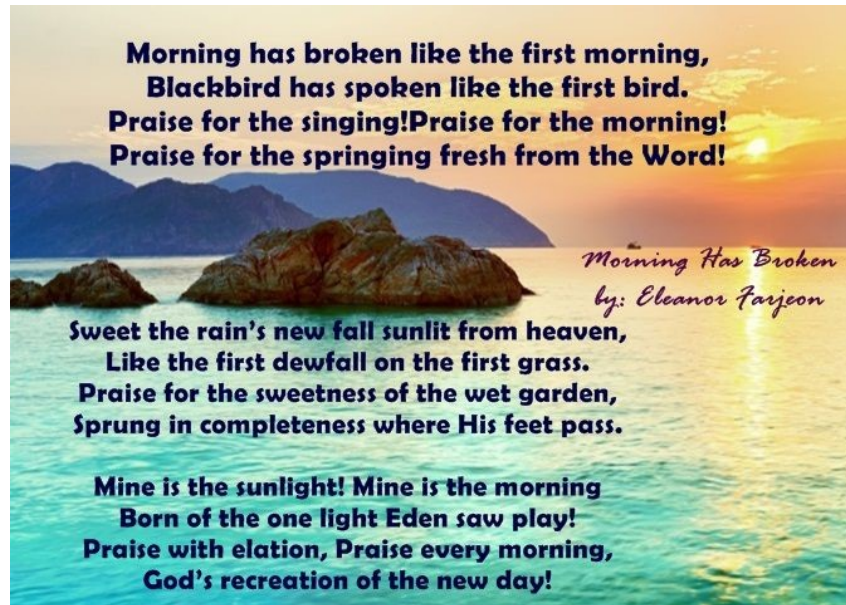
I believe in Jesus 301

There is power in the Name of Jesus



**The First Reading**  
**Romans 10:8-13**

<sup>8</sup> But what does it say? 'The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,<sup>[a]</sup> that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: <sup>9</sup> if you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. <sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, 'Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.'<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'<sup>[c]</sup>



**Rob McGovern**

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Rob McGovern. Rob's mother, Mavis, was a regular worshipper at St. John's for many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

The service to celebrate Rob's life will be here in  
**St John the Baptist Church, Tuesday 18 March at 11.30 a.m.**  
May Rob rest in peace.

**The Gospel Reading**

**Luke 4:1-13 Jesus is tested in the wilderness**

<sup>4</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted<sup>[a]</sup> by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

<sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.'

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone."<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>5</sup> The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And he said to him, 'I will give you all their authority and splendour; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. <sup>7</sup> If you worship me, it will all be yours.'

<sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only."<sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>9</sup> The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down from here. <sup>10</sup> For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you carefully;

<sup>11</sup> they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."<sup>[d]</sup>

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered, 'It is said: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."<sup>[e]</sup>

<sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

**LENT**  
Pray + Fast + Give



**HOPE 'Your Heart's Deepest Longings'**

**By Jack Kuhatschek**

**LENT COURSE**

**Monday Night House Group**

Please speak with Jon Harper if you are interested in joining the group.  
Thank you.