

WHAT'S ON AT ST. JOHN'S

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon. 24 Nov.	7.00 p.m	Monday Night House Group
Wed. 26 Nov.	7.30 p.m	'Sing for Joy' Choir
Thurs. 27 Nov.	9.30 a.m	Holy Communion/prayers
Sun. 7 Dec.	10.00 a.m	The Bishop of Exeter, Rt. Rev'd Dr Mike Harrison, will be leading our worship

St John's Sunday School

We thank our Sunday School team, for their faithful service—may God bless them with strength, joy, and abundant grace.

Last day of term **Sunday 7 December 2025**
Spring term return date **Sunday 4 January 2026**

Please note Sonia, our Administrator, will be taking holidays this coming week and will return to the church office **Monday 1 December** at 9.00 a.m. Thank you.

O Jesus, King most wonderful!
Thou Conqueror renowned!
Thou Sweetness most ineffable!
in whom all joys are found!

When once Thou visitest the heart,
then truth begins to shine;
then earthly vanities depart;
then kindles love divine.

O Jesu! Light of all below!
Thou font of life and fire!
surpassing all the joys we know,
and all we can desire.

May every heart confess Thy name,
and ever Thee adore;
and seeking Thee, itself inflame
to seek Thee more and more.



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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 23 November 2025

We warmly welcome you to our morning worship -

Christ the King

the Sunday next before Advent.

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

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun **359**

Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice

Jesus, we enthrone You

My Jesus, my Saviour **461**

At the name of Jesus **54**

Jesus, remember me **931**

Jesus, King of Kings

Jesus, stand among us **361**

O Lord our God (we will magnify)

Offertory

Communion



The First Reading Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you^[a] to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The supremacy of the Son of God

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

There is still time to add the name of your loved one to the list for our
Service of Remembrance of Our Loved Ones Lost.
This afternoon at 4.00 p.m.
All warmly welcome to attend and light a candle in memory of a loved one.



ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH, CHELSTON INDOOR CHRISTMAS MARKET

Friday 28 November, 2.30 p.m—7.30 p.m

- **Let's show our support by attending, or spreading the word. Together we can strengthen the bonds within our wider faith community.**
- **Gill Cranch has a table at the fair and all proceeds will be going to St John's. Also, Derek has a table selling various wood crafts.**
- **Mulled wine and hot food, Christmas Grotto, Tombola & Raffle.**

The Gospel Reading Luke 23:33-43

³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals – one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.'^[a] And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One.'

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.'

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: 'Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!'

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. 'Don't you fear God,' he said, 'since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.'

⁴² Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'^[b]

⁴³ Jesus answered him, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

On Thursday 4 December after our Holy Communion service we are going to put up our Christmas Tree. We need volunteers to assist. There will be refreshments and a festive atmosphere! Please let Rev'd Paul or Sonia know if you can help in anyway. Many thanks.

APPEAL FOR RAFFLE PRIZES

If you would like to donate any Raffle or Tombola prizes for our forthcoming Christmas events please kindly pass them to Sonia in the Church Office for distribution. Thank you so much.

Christmas Flowers

If you would like to have a Christmas Floral Remembrance of your loved one/s, please contact Janet Thomson who will be pleased to receive your kind donations.

Tel.01803 431495.

Our Flower Team relies solely on the generosity of your donations to continue their work.