

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon. 3 Feb.	8.00 a.m	MONDAY MARKET 'OPEN CHURCH'
Mon. 3 Feb.	7.00 p.m	Monday Night House Group
Wed. 5 Feb.	7.30 p.m	Sing for Joy Choir
Fri. 7 Feb.	1.30 p.m	Funeral Service to Celebrate the life of James Coughlan

### Candlemas

They came, as called, according to the Law.  
 Though they were poor and had to keep things simple,  
 They moved in grace, in quietness, in awe,  
 For God was coming with them to His temple.  
 Amidst the outer court's commercial bustle  
 They'd waited hours, enduring shouts and shoves,  
 Buyers and sellers, sensing one more hustle,  
 Had made a killing on the two young doves.  
 They come at last with us to Candlemas  
 And keep the day the prophecies came true  
 We glimpse with them, amidst our busyness,  
 The peace that Simeon and Anna knew.  
 For Candlemas still keeps His kindled light,



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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 2 February 2025**

**Good morning—A very warm welcome today as we celebrate  
 Candlemas, The Presentation of Christ in the Temple.**

*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

To God be the glory

In Christ alone

Light of the world

**Offertory** Longing for light

**Communion** Jesus, King of Kings

Purify my heart

My Lighthouse

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**The First Reading**  
**Hebrews 2.14-end**

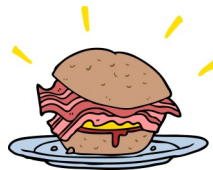
<sup>14</sup> Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – <sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. <sup>16</sup> For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. <sup>17</sup> For this reason he had to be made like them, <sup>18</sup> fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

**MONDAY MARKET ‘OPEN CHURCH’**

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

Any help would be greatly appreciated and contributions of fresh homemade cakes, soups, or bric a brac donations.

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



**James Coughlan (Jim)**

The service to celebrate his life will be here  
**St John the Baptist Church, Shiphay**  
**Friday 7 February at 1.30 p.m.**  
We continue to pray for strength for Joan  
and family at this time.



**‘Alf’**

We are saddened to inform you of the recent loss of Alf Stroud in Torbay Hospital. Alf created our now ‘Monday Market—Open Church’ and worked hard to help our local community. Details of his funeral service will follow.

We uphold and pray for Iona and Alf’s family and friends at this time.



**Gospel Reading**  
**Luke 2:22-40**

**Jesus presented in the temple**

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord’<sup>[a]</sup>), <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: ‘a pair of doves or two young pigeons’.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

<sup>29</sup> ‘Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,  
you may now dismiss<sup>[a]</sup> your servant in peace.

<sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and the glory of your people Israel.’

<sup>33</sup> The child’s father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: ‘This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, <sup>35</sup> so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> and then was a widow until she was eighty-four.<sup>[a]</sup> She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. <sup>38</sup> Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup> When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

Thanks to our talented Musicians and Flower team.

