

WHAT'S ON AT ST. JOHN'S		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thur 9 Apr	10.30	Funeral Service for Jennifer Margaret Bowden
Sun 12 Apr	10.00	Sunday morning worship

EASTER BUNDAY! TOMORROW

Please do join us for Hot Cross Buns, Tea, Coffee and see our beautifully decorated Easter Church.

10.00—13.00. All welcome.



Heavenly Father,

On this holy Easter, we come before You with grateful hearts.

Thank You for the gift of the Last Supper, where Your Son showed us the depth of His love, humility, and the promise of a new covenant. Thank You for the bread and the cup, symbols of grace that continue to nourish our souls.

Lord, we remember the sacrifice of the cross. Thank You for the crucifixion of Jesus, who bore our sins with mercy and forgiveness. In His suffering, we see Your boundless love poured out for the world.

But we rejoice even more in the victory of the risen Lord. Thank You that the tomb is empty, that death is defeated, and that hope is alive. Through the resurrection, You have given us new life, renewed faith, and the promise of eternal joy.

May we live each day in the light of the resurrection, carrying Your love, peace, and grace into the world.

In the name of our risen Saviour, Jesus Christ, 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 5 April 2026

Welcome this Easter Sunday!

Alleluia! He is risen!

The tomb is empty, and Jesus has triumphed over death, bringing hope, new life, and God's love to all.

Rejoice and celebrate this victory today!

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

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia! **348**

Light of the world

Al heav'n declares

17

There's a place where the streets shine

Offertory

Thine be the glory

672

Communion

There is a Redeemer

658

Jesus, Jesus, holy and anointed One

353

I danced in the morning (Lord of the Dance)

305

When the day was dawning



The First Reading
Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

³⁹ 'We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

AGM

Our AGM this year is on **Sunday 17 May** following on from morning worship.

AGM Reports

Please would Wardens and people leading in all areas of church life such as House groups, flower team etc. who usually give a report please let Sonia have a typed copy (if possible) by 11 May. Thank you.

Electoral Roll

If you wish to be included on the Electoral Roll, please complete an Application Form and return it to **Sonia, Electoral Roll Officer**, no later than **Friday 1 May 2026**. Thank you.



Grateful thanks to our wonderful Sunday School team who have arranged an Easter Egg hunt and activities for our young people and their carers.

Gospel Reading Matthew 28:1-10
Jesus has risen

28 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵ The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: "He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him." Now I have told you.'

⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. 'Greetings,' he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshipped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

