

WHAT'S ON AT ST. JOHN'S		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon 11 May	19.00	Monday Night House Group
Wed. 13 May	19.30	Sing for Joy Choir
Thur. 14 May	09.30	Holy Communion/prayers
Fri. 15 May	10.00	Church Shop @ St Matthew's
Sun. 17 May	10.00	<b>Morning worship followed with APCM</b>

**Suggestions for your prayers/praise:**

As we prepare for our APCM next week, we pray for Your guidance over all the plans, conversations, and decisions ahead. Give wisdom to those leading, encouragement to those serving, and a spirit of unity to our whole church family. Help us to seek Your purpose in all we do and to move forward together with faith, humility, and hope. May hearts be softened where hatred is growing. May Jewish communities everywhere be protected, supported, and allowed to live without fear. May we reject antisemitism in all its forms and choose compassion over division, truth over ignorance, and peace over anger. May understanding grow between people of every faith and background, and may courage rise in those who stand against hate. May peace, dignity, and safety be with us all. **Thank You for the beauty of Your earth awakening once more. For flowers beginning to bloom, for fresh green shoots pushing through the soil, for warmer days and longer evenings filled with light. In the singing of birds, the scent of rain and blossom, and the colours returning to gardens and fields, remind us of Your goodness and renewal. May we slow down enough to notice the wonder You place before us each day. Let new life in nature bring hope to our hearts, peace to our minds, and gratitude for the gift of this season. 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 10 May 2026**

Greetings.

We warmly welcome you to our worship this morning.

May God bless us as we gather in worship, fellowship, and thanksgiving, rejoicing in the hope and joy of the risen Christ.

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**

Alleluia, sing to Jesus **12**

Holy Spirit, we welcome you

I will worship

I love You, Lord

**313**

**Offertory**

Colours of the day

**108**

**Communion**

Here is bread, here is wine

**277**

It's the presence of Your Spirit Lord...

He is the Lord



*"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." – Psalm 19:1*

## The First Reading

### Acts 17:22-31

<sup>22</sup> Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: 'People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship – and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

<sup>24</sup> 'The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. <sup>25</sup> And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup> From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. <sup>27</sup> God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. <sup>28</sup> "For in him we live and move and have our being."<sup>[a]</sup> As some of your own poets have said, "We are his offspring."<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>29</sup> 'Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone – an image made by human design and skill. <sup>30</sup> In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. <sup>31</sup> For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.'

## COME AND HAVE A GO!

### Bell Ringing at Cockington Church

Sunday 17 May 2026

3.00 p.m—5.00 p.m

Discover the joy of ringing—a friendly afternoon to learn, take part and keep a wonderful tradition alive.

Everyone welcome—Tea & Biscuits served throughout

No experience needed—just curiosity!



## Gospel Reading

### John 14:15-21

#### Jesus promises the Holy Spirit

<sup>15</sup> 'If you love me, keep my commands. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you for ever – <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be<sup>[a]</sup> in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Before long, the world will not see me any more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will realise that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.'

## Ephesians 6:11-12

<sup>11</sup> ***Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.*** <sup>12</sup> ***For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.***

### APCM

**Sunday 17 May starting approximately 11.15 a.m.**

At this meeting we vote in new PCC members—who make the key decisions about church life.

If you feel called to serve on this council, please do chat to Revd. Paul, Olivia or Jon. We are also needing Church warden/s.

Nomination forms available in the entrance porch.

Thank you.