

WHAT'S ON AT ST. JOHN'S		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon 18 May	19.00	Monday Night House Group
Wed. 20 May	19.30	Sing for Joy Choir
Thur. 21 May	09.30	Holy Communion/prayers
Fri. 22 May	10.00	Church Shop @ St Matthew's

Suggestions for your prayers/praise:

For wisdom and compassion for our leaders in government.

We uphold the gathering for our APCM. Grant wisdom, grace, and unity in every discussion and decision made. May all that has been planned and agreed be guided by Your Spirit, strengthen Your Church, and serve Your people faithfully. Above all, may everything be done to the glory of Your holy name.

In the quiet of this coming week, prepare us for Pentecost.

Make us faithful in prayer, generous in compassion, and ready to follow wherever you lead.

Thank you for the gifts you give us and for the people who work to bring hope where there is hardship. Help us to be generous, compassionate, and ready to stand with our neighbours around the world. Bless all those facing poverty, hunger, and injustice, and guide us to share your love through our actions. To donate online to Christian Aid visit - www.christianaid.org.uk/give

As ever, please continue to remember in your prayers all who need God's healing touch, both know to you personally, and in the wider community. We look for God's peace and comfort to enter these situations.

We praise You for the beauty of the earth—
for mountains and rivers, sunrise and rain,
for every living thing and every breath of life.

Your creation is full of wonder, goodness, and peace.

May our hearts always give thanks for the world You have made.

Amen.



WELCOME TO

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, SHIPHAY

*'A caring fellowship seeking to share the
life and love of God'*

Sunday 17 May 2026

Welcome.

On this Ascension Sunday, as we remember the risen Christ ascending in glory and promising the gift of the Holy Spirit, may your heart be lifted with hope, courage, and expectation for the days ahead.

We're glad you have chosen to come along to this service especially if this is your first visit to St John's.

Our APCM will follow on after the service this morning.

Music

10,000 Reasons

Father, we love you

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Offertory

Lord of the Church

Communion

Jesus, stand among us (all 3 vs.)

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Who is there like you?

The Splendour of the King

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The First Reading

Acts 1:6-14

⁶ Then they gathered round him and asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?'

⁷ He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'

Matthias chosen to replace Judas

¹² Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk^[a] from the city. ¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.



"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love."

Gospel Reading

John 17:1-11

Jesus prays to be glorified

¹⁷ After Jesus said this, he looked towards heaven and prayed:

'Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

Jesus prays for his disciples

⁶ 'I have revealed you^[a] to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of^[b] your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

THIS AFTERNOON—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!

