

WHAT'S ON AT ST. JOHN'S		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon 20 Apr	19.00	Monday Night House Group
Wed. 22 Apr	19.30	Sing for Joy Choir resumes
Thur. 23 Apr	09.30	Holy Communion/prayers resume
Sun. 26 Apr	10.00	Morning worship with Holy Communion Sunday School resumes

Suggestions for your prayers/praise

As a new summer term begins, we lift up all school children, students, and teachers into Your care. Grant them energy, focus, and a spirit of kindness as they return to their classrooms. Bless those preparing for final examinations—calm their minds, strengthen their confidence, and help them recall all they have learned. Replace anxiety with peace, and guide them to do their very best. Support every teacher with patience and wisdom, and fill each school with encouragement, respect, and joy in learning. May this term be safe, fruitful, and filled with growth for all.

We thank you for all who gather in St John's Church hall. May it be a place of welcome, kindness, and joy. Bless every meeting, every conversation, and every heart that enters. May the groups who meet grow, flourish, and be strengthened in friendship and purpose. May all who use the space feel your peace and presence.

We give thanks and praise for all who attended our Easter Services and Celebrations—may the joy and peace of Easter continue to fill hearts in the days ahead.

We come before You, inspired by the bravery of Saint George. Grant us the strength to stand firm in our faith and the courage to face our challenges. May we embody his spirit of selflessness and devotion, striving always to protect the vulnerable. In Your holy name, we pray. 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 19 April 2026

Welcome!

Grace and peace to you on this **Third Sunday of Easter.**

Today we gather in joy and hope, celebrating the risen Christ who walks with us, renews our faith, and calls us to follow Him more closely.

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 shall reign where're the sun **359**

Led like a lamb to the slaughter **380**

My Lord, He is the fairest of the fair

I am the bread of life **299**

Jesus, stand among us (all three verses) **361**

May the fragrance of Jesus fill this place **445**

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful **929**

Lord, the light of your love is shining **419**



¹³ **Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.**

¹⁴ **Let all that you do be done in love. I Corinthians 16:13-14**

The First Reading

Acts 2:14 Peter addresses the crowd

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

Acts 2:36-41

³⁶ 'Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.'

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?'

³⁸ Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.'

⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

APCM

Our APCM this year is on **Sunday 17 May** following on from a shortened morning worship.

APCM 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.

If you are considering standing for Warden/PCC member please put your name on the form/s in the porch with Proposer and Seconder.

Thank you.

Please note if you wish to attend the APCM you must be on the Electoral Roll.

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.

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35 On the road to Emmaus

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles² from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognising him.

¹⁷ He asked them, 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?'

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' ¹⁹ 'What things?' he asked.

'About Jesus of Nazareth,' they replied. 'He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.'

²⁵ He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?'

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.

