

WHAT'S ON		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon 22 June	19.00	Monday Night House Group
Wed 24 June	19.30	Sing for Joy Community Choir
Thur 25 June	09.30	Holy Communion/prayers
Fri 26 June	10.00	Church Shop & Coffee morning St Matthew's
Sun 28 June	10.00	Morning Worship
Mon 6 July	08.00	Monday Market 'Open Church'
Wed 29 July	19.00	The Archdeacon's Visitation—St Luke's

Suggestions for your prayers and praise

We uphold Revd Paul and all clergy who attended the recent conference. Refresh them with Your grace, strengthen them for their ministry, and fill them with wisdom, courage, and peace. May the fellowship, learning, and encouragement they received bear fruit in their churches and communities.

We pray for all those attending the G7 Summit. Grant them wisdom, humility, and discernment as they discuss matters that affect nations and peoples around the world. May the decisions they make serve those in need, promote cooperation, and foster hope for future generations.

We lift up all those diagnosed with cancer, those undergoing treatment, and those awaiting tests and results. Grant them strength for each day, peace in times of uncertainty, and hope in moments of fear. Guide the hands and wisdom of their medical teams, and surround them with Your love, comfort, and healing presence. May they know they are never alone. We also pray for those who are living with any illness, confined to their homes, or struggling with mobility; grant them strength, comfort, hope, and the peace of Your loving presence each day.

**Praise be to God for the beauty of summer—
its warmth, light, and countless reminders of
His goodness.
Amen.**

WELCOME TO

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, SHIPHAY

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

Sunday 21 June 2026

Greetings

Today, we give thanks for the fathers and father figures who love,
guide, and support us.

Most of all, we thank our Father in Heaven for His unfailing love, grace,
and care for each of us.

Whether you are a regular member of our congregation or visiting us today,
you are warmly welcome.

Please do join us for Fairtrade coffee and refreshments after
the service this morning.

Music

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven! **565**

Father God, I wonder **159**

Let your living water

Abba, Father **1**

Offertory Be thou my vision **70**

Communion How deep the Father's love for us

My peace I give unto you

In my life, Lord, be glorified

I, the Lord of sea and sky **332**

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The First Reading

Romans 6:1b-11 Dead to sin, alive in Christ

6 Shall we go on sinning, so that grace may increase? ²By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³Or don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with,^[a] that we should no longer be slaves to sin – ⁷because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

⁸Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹¹In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

On this Father's Day, we lift up all fathers everywhere.

We thank You for the love, sacrifice, guidance, and care they give each day. Bless them with strength when they are weary, wisdom when they face difficult decisions, and joy as they nurture and support their families.

We pray for fathers who are present and involved, that they may continue to lead with compassion, patience, and understanding.

We also pray for fathers who are struggling, carrying burdens unseen by others, or feeling inadequate in their role. Remind them that Your grace is sufficient and that every effort made in love matters.

Lord, we remember absent fathers as well—those separated by distance, circumstances, broken relationships, illness, or loss. Where there is hurt, bring healing. Where there is regret, bring forgiveness. Where there is longing for reconciliation, make a way. Comfort children and families who feel the absence of a father's presence today, and surround them with Your unfailing love.

For fathers who have passed on, we give thanks for the memories, lessons, and love they leave behind.

May their legacy continue to inspire those who cherish them.

Bless all fathers and father figures, and help them to reflect Your steadfast love, mercy, and faithfulness in the lives of those they touch. Amen.



Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:24-39

²⁴'The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

²⁶'So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. ²⁸Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care.^[a] ³⁰And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

³²'Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. ³³But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

³⁴'Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to turn

“a man against his father,

a daughter against her mother,

a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law –

³⁶ a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.”^[b]

³⁷'Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

	COCKINGTON CHURCH SUNDAY 28 JUNE 3.00 p.m—5.00 p.m
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Valerie Pinches

The funeral service for Valerie will be held on Wednesday 24 June at 2.00 p.m,
St Paul's Church, Preston.

Family and friends are invited to attend.

May Valerie rest in peace.