

WHAT'S ON

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon 24 Aug	19.00	Monday Night House Group
Thur 27 Aug	09.30	Holy Communion/prayers
Fri 28 Aug	10.00	Church Shop/Coffee Morning St Matthew's
Sun 30 Aug	10.00	Morning worship
Thur 3 Sept	19.00	PCC MEETING
Sun 6 Sept	10.00	Morning worship—We welcome the return of our Sunday School
Mon 7 Sept	08.00	MONDAY MARKET
Sat 26 Sept	13.00	SHIPHAY FESTIVAL <i>Please speak with Olivia Downes if you would like to become involved and offer support</i>

For your prayers and praise

For school children, teachers and students this summer break. Please continue to uphold and pray for young people in the knowledge of their exam results and concerns for their futures; for wisdom in making decisions — also for those preparing to leave for college or university soon and those who will study locally in new schools or colleges.

We give You thanks for all creatures great and small, for the beauty, wonder, and joy they bring into our lives. Especially, we thank You for our domesticated furry friends, whose gentle companionship, unconditional love, and faithful presence are gifts beyond measure. Bless and protect them, and teach us always to care for them with kindness, patience, and gratitude. May we cherish the trust they place in us and be mindful of the love and goodness You reveal through every living creature. 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 23 August 2026

Greetings.

Welcome to our Sunday service,
as we gather together in worship, fellowship, and thanksgiving,
trusting God and celebrating the gift of faith that guides us
each day.

Whether you are a regular member of our congregation or
visiting us today, we're so glad you're here.

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



Music

	Jesus shall reign where're the sun	359
	I will build My church	
	I will offer up my life	
	Father, we adore you	166
Offertory	Take my life, and let it be	625
Communion	From heav'n you came	195
	Lord, I come to You	
	I believe in Jesus	301
	We shall stand with our feet on the Rock	

The First Reading

Romans 12:1-8 A living sacrifice

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. **2** Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Humble service in the body of Christ

3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. **4** For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, **5** so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. **6** We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your ^[a] faith; **7** if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; **8** if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, ^[a] do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20 Peter declares that Jesus is the Messiah

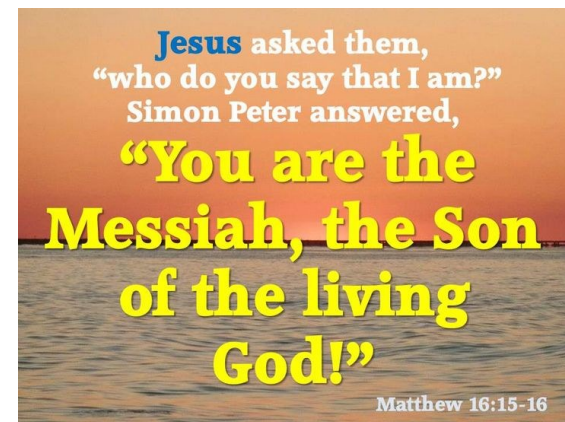
13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?'

14 They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'

15 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?'

16 Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

17 Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. **18** And I tell you that you are Peter,^[a] and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades^[a] will not overcome it. **19** I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be^[a] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be^[a] loosed in heaven.' **20** Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.



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