

WHAT'S ON		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wed 27 May	19.30	Sing for Joy Choir
Thur 28 May	09.30	Holy Communion/prayers
Fri 29 May	10.00	Church Shop & Coffee Morning @ St Matthew's
Sun 31 May	10.00	Morning Worship <i>Trinity Sunday</i>
Mon 1 June	08.00	MONDAY MARKET 'OPEN CHURCH'
Mon 1 June	19.00	Monday Night House Group
Wed 3 June	19.30	Sing for Joy Choir
Thur 4 June	09.30	Holy Communion/prayers
Thur 4 June	19.00	PCC MEETING (<i>1st after APCM</i>)

Suggestions for your prayers and praise

We give you thanks for our APCM held last week, for all who took part, and for the decisions made for the life and mission of your Church. Bless our vicar, the members of the PCC, and our churchwardens with strength, patience, and joy in their service.

On this Pentecost Sunday we give thanks that your Son, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, came among us to bring light and salvation to the world. As your Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles with power and fire, fill us also with that same Spirit, that we may faithfully proclaim Christ in our lives and witness to his love with courage and joy.

Bless Samuel and Charlotte and all couples whose wedding banns are being called. Guide them as they prepare for marriage - strengthen their love and commitment, and grant them a joyful, faithful, and lasting union. We also pray for all couples celebrating wedding anniversaries, whether special milestones or ordinary years of faithful love. Renew their joy, strengthen their bond, and continue to bless their homes with peace and love and may every shared year remind them how precious it is to walk through life together.

Lord, we pray for all those sitting exams, from young children in primary school to students at university. Give them calm hearts and clear minds. Help them to remember what they have learned and to do their very best without fear or panic. When they feel anxious, grant them peace. When they feel tired, give them strength. When they doubt themselves, remind them that their worth is greater than any result. May every student know confidence, courage, and hope in the days ahead. Bless parents, teachers, and all who support them with patience, encouragement, and understanding.

We lift up members of our congregation who are facing challenging situations, especially those concerning health, those awaiting hospital appointments or results, and all who are undergoing treatment. We also remember anyone experiencing difficulties or uncertainty in other areas of life. May the Lord surround them with His peace, grant wisdom to those caring for them, and uphold them with strength, hope, comfort, and encouragement each day.

WELCOME TO

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, SHIPHAY

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

Sunday 24 May 2026

Good morning, and welcome to our

worship on this Pentecost Sunday.

Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, God's presence that fills us with hope, unity, and renewed faith.

May our hearts be open to the Spirit's movement among us today. We're glad you have chosen to come along to this service especially if this is your first visit to St John's.

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

Music

Come down, O Love divine **114**

Great is the darkness

There must be more than this

We bow down and confess

Offertory

There is a Redeemer **658**

Communion

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind

Spirit of the living God **615**

River wash over me

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The First Reading

Acts 2:1-21 The Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. **6** When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. **7** Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?' **8** Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? **9** Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,^[a] **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome **11** (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' **12** Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?'

13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.'

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. **15** These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! **16** No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 "In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

18 Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

19 I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

20 The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

21 And everyone who calls

on the name of the Lord will be saved."^[c]

Gospel Reading

John 7:37-39

37 On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. **38** Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.'^[a] **39** By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.



Ester Genaway

It is with sadness that we announce the death of dear Ester. Ester was a regular worshipper and valued volunteer at St John's for many years.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends at this difficult time.

The service to celebrate Ester's life will be at Torquay Crematorium.

Friday 5 June at 12.30 p.m.

May Ester rest in peace.