

WHAT'S ON AT ST. JOHN'S		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon 27 Apr	19.00	Monday Night House Group
Wed. 29 Apr	19.30	Sing for Joy Choir
Thur. 30 Apr	09.30	Holy Communion/prayers
Fri. 1 May	10.00	Church Shop @ St Matthew's

Suggestions for your prayers/praise

We pray for our forthcoming APCM, that you would inspire and encourage those you are calling to come forward and serve as wardens, PCC members, and in other roles, giving them courage, wisdom, and a heart to serve you through Jesus Christ.

We pray for our Sunday School team— the love, patience, and dedication they give so faithfully. Bless their efforts, renew their strength, and let their work bear lasting fruit in every heart they touch.

We lift up the community of Shiphay and our church to You. Bless every home with safety, every heart with hope, and every life with Your presence. Strengthen our fellowship, that we may care for one another with kindness and grace. Guide us to be a light in our community, serving with humility and compassion. May Your peace rest upon Shiphay today and always.

Bring peace in times of war, including conflicts involving the tensions around the Strait of Hormuz. Help lower the cost of fuel and ease the strain on families. Guide leaders to make wise and peaceful decisions.
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 26 April 2026

Greetings.

This morning we welcome back our Sunday School—
 we are grateful for their dedication we wish them a joyful, fruitful term.
 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

	One shall tell another	526
	Shout for joy and sing	596
	Lord, I come to You	
	Jesus take me as I am	
Offertory	O Jesus, I have promised	503
Communion	Here is love, vast as the ocean	
	God sent His Son	
	The Lord's my Shepherd	
	(I will trust in You)	



The First Reading

Acts 2. 42-end

The fellowship of the believers

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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

John 10:1-10 The good shepherd and his sheep

10 'Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognise a stranger's voice.' ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷Therefore Jesus said again, 'Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.^[a] They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Creator of all life,

We thank You for the oceans that breathe for us,

the forests that shelter us,

and the soil that feeds us.

Forgive us for the times we have taken more than we've given back.

Teach our hands to plant, not to destroy,

and our hearts to cherish, not to waste.

Bless the rivers, the skies, the creatures great and small.

May we walk gently upon this Earth,

protecting its beauty for generations yet to come.

Amen.

