


WHAT'S ON AT ST JOHN'S

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon. 28 Apr.	7.00 p.m	Monday Night House Group
Wed. 30 Apr.	7.30 p.m	Sing for Joy Choir Resumes
Mon. 5 May	11.00 a.m	VE/VJ DAY CELEBRATION! 
Mon. 12 May	8.00 a.m	MONDAY MARKET 'OPEN CHURCH'
Sun. 18 May	10.45 a.m	APCM

For your prayers & praise

We uphold your servant, **Pope Francis** who led your Church with faith and love. Grant him eternal rest and let your light shine upon him.
 We thank you for the courage and faith of **Saint George**.
 Help us to stand firm in truth, to defend the helpless,
 and to live boldly for your glory.
 For Earth day we pray—Creator of all,
 We thank You for the beauty of this Earth—
 the skies, the seas, the forests, and all living things.
 Help us to care for Your creation with love, wisdom, and respect.
 Guide us to be stewards of the planet, protecting it for future generations.
 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.
 Pray for our forthcoming APCM and all who will take up office, including Wardens. **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 27 April 2025

In this Easter season we greet and welcome you in the peace of our risen Saviour, Jesus Christ.

May you have all joy in believing and following him.

Praise the Lord!

We are 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

Alleluia, alleluia	8
Open our eyes Lord,	532
In the darkness we were waiting	
Offertory Because he lives I can face tomorrow	
Communion Jesus, stand among us	361
When I survey the wondrous cross	738
Come on and celebrate	125



The First Reading Acts 5:27-32

²⁷ The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸ 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,' he said. 'Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood.'

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: 'We must obey God rather than human beings! ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead – whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Saviour that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.'

7 Promises from God



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by your grace flowing into our hearts you enable us to be lights in the dark places of this world. By your love flowing into our hearts you enable us to pursue ever more energetically the flourishing, safety and security of all

The Gospel Reading John 20. 19-end

Jesus appears to his disciples

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'

Jesus appears to Thomas

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus^[a]), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!'

But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'

²⁸ Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

The purpose of John's gospel

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe^[b] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

FAITH IN GOD

ALL THINGS PRAISE THEE LORD MOST HIGH!

HEAVEN AND EARTH AND SEA AND SKY!

TIME AND SPACE ARE PRAISING THEE!

ALL THINGS PRAISE THEE; LORD, MAY WE!