

WHAT'S ON		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon 29 June	19.00	Monday Night House Group
Wed 1 July	19.30	Sing for Joy Community Choir
Thur 2 July	09.30	Holy Communion/prayers
Fri 3 July	10.00	Church Shop St Matthew's
Sun 5 July	10.00	Morning Worship
Mon 6 July	08.00	Monday Market 'Open Church'
Sat. 18 July	10.00	Vision Day—Please bring your own lunch/share
Wed 29 July	19.00	The Archdeacon's Visitation—St Luke's

Suggestions for your prayers and praise

As we celebrate the Patronal Festival of St. John the Baptist, grant us the grace to follow his example of faith, humility, and courage. Help us to prepare the way for Christ in our hearts and in our world, and to bear witness to Your love in all that we do.

As we approach the summer holidays pray for school children, teachers and students and continue to uphold those sitting exams and awaiting results.

Please pray for our sunday school to flourish, for Cathy & Paul, Kathy Wensley, young folk and we thank God for the opportunity to teach others more about him.

Pray for those who will be holidaying in Torbay over the next couple of weeks.

We thank You for the beautiful warm weather we have enjoyed and for the many blessings You provide through Your creation. The sunshine, light, and warmth have refreshed our spirits and reminded us of Your goodness and care. As we give thanks for these pleasant days, we also ask for cooler temperatures and gentle relief from the heat. Grant us comfortable weather, refreshing breezes, and the rain that nourishes the earth according to Your perfect will.

Help us always to be grateful in every season, trusting in Your wisdom and provision.



WELCOME TO

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, SHIPHAY

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

Sunday 28 June 2026

Welcome to our morning worship as we gather to celebrate our Patronal Festival and give thanks for Saint John the Baptist.

As we commemorate his life and mission of preparing the way for the Lord, may we be renewed in faith and strengthened in our calling to serve God and our community.

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

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry **527**
Sing to the Lord

All who are thirsty **90**
By your side I would stay

Offertory Guide me, O thou great Redeemer **252**

Communion I heard the voice of Jesus say **310**

River wash over me

May the fragrance of Jesus fill this place **445**

How lovely on the mountains **295**

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The First Reading

Acts 13:14b-26

¹⁴ On the Sabbath they entered the synagogue and sat down. ¹⁵ After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent word to them, saying, 'Brothers, if you have a word of exhortation for the people, please speak.'

¹⁶ Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said: 'Fellow Israelites and you Gentiles who worship God, listen to me! ¹⁷ The God of the people of Israel chose our ancestors; he made the people prosper during their stay in Egypt; with mighty power he led them out of that country; ¹⁸ for about forty years he endured their conduct^[a] in the wilderness; ¹⁹ and he overthrew seven nations in Canaan, giving their land to his people as their inheritance. ²⁰ All this took about 450 years.

'After this, God gave them judges until the time of Samuel the prophet. ²¹ Then the people asked for a king, and he gave them Saul son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin, who ruled for forty years. ²² After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: "I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do."

²³ 'From this man's descendants God has brought to Israel the Saviour Jesus, as he promised. ²⁴ Before the coming of Jesus, John preached repentance and baptism to all the people of Israel. ²⁵ As John was completing his work, he said: "Who do you suppose I am? I am not the one you are looking for. But there is one coming after me whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."

²⁶ 'Fellow children of Abraham and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:57-66, 80 The birth of John the Baptist

⁵⁷ When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. ⁵⁸ Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy.

⁵⁹ On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, ⁶⁰ but his mother spoke up and said, 'No! He is to be called John.'

⁶¹ They said to her, 'There is no one among your relatives who has that name.'

⁶² Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child. ⁶³ He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, 'His name is John.' ⁶⁴ Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵ All the neighbours were filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things. ⁶⁶ Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, 'What then is this child going to be?' For the Lord's hand was with him.

⁸⁰ And the child grew and became strong in spirit^[a]; and he lived in the wilderness until he appeared publicly to Israel.

	<p>COCKINGTON CHURCH</p> <p>SUNDAY 28 JUNE</p> <p>3.00 p.m—5.00 p.m</p>
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ST JOHN'S

VISION DAY—ROOTS, SHOOT & FRUITS

Saturday 18 July 2026, 10.00 a.m—2.00 p.m

Bring & Share lunch.

Please put your name on the sign up sheet at the back of church if you plan to come along. Thank you.

