

WHAT'S ON AT ST JOHN'S

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon. 5 May	11.00 a.m	VE/VJ DAY CELEBRATION! 
Wed. 7 May	7.30 p.m	Sing for Joy Choir
Mon. 12 May	8.00 a.m	MONDAY MARKET 'OPEN CHURCH'
Mon. 12 May	7.00 p.m	Monday Night House Group
Sun. 18 May	10.45 a.m	APCM

For your prayers & praise

As we gather to remember the courage and sacrifice of those who served during the great conflicts of our past, we ask for Your blessing on all VE/VJ Day celebrations. May this day be filled with gratitude, unity, and peace. Let our remembrance honour the fallen, uplift the living, and inspire future generations to cherish freedom and pursue peace. Bless all who participate and guide our time together with Your grace.

As we remember the anniversary of the coronation of King Charles III, we give thanks for his dedication to service and his commitment to the welfare of this nation and the Commonwealth. Grant him continued wisdom, strength, and compassion in his duties.

We hold in our hearts all those currently living with cancer. We ask that You grant them strength in their trials, comfort in their fears, and healing in Your perfect time. Be with the doctors, nurses, and caregivers who offer their skill and compassion each day. We also give thanks for those who have come through the storm and now walk the path of remission. May they continue to grow in health, hope, and peace, never losing sight of the light that carried them forward.

May Your grace rest upon all who are affected — patients, families, and communities — and may we, as a people, stand with them in love, support, and unyielding hope.

We thank You for the beauty of the earth—the skies, the seas, the mountains, and every living thing. Help us to cherish this world as a sacred gift, to protect it with love, and to live in harmony with all creation. May our hearts be filled with gratitude, and our hands with care for the planet we call home. **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 4 May 2025

We warmly welcome you to our worship this morning.

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

We have a gospel to proclaim (tune Fulda) **716**

Led like a lamb to the slaughter **380**

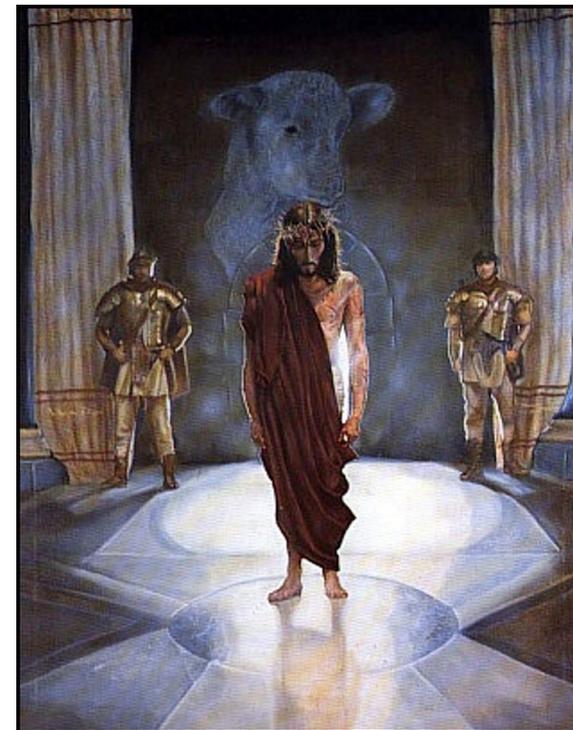
Majesty **436**

Offertory I want to walk with Jesus Christ **338**

Communion Break thou the Bread of life

My Lord, He is the fairest of the fair

Lord, the light of your love is shining **419**



The First Reading Acts 9:1-6 Saul's conversion

9 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'

⁵ 'Who are you, Lord?' Saul asked.

'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' he replied. ⁶ 'Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.'

The Gospel Reading

John 21:1-19 Jesus and the miraculous catch of fish

21 Afterwards Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee.^[a] It happened this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus^[b]), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ 'I'm going out to fish,' Simon Peter told them, and they said, 'We'll go with you.' So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus.

⁵ He called out to them, 'Friends, haven't you any fish?'

'No,' they answered.

⁶ He said, 'Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.' When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, 'It is the Lord,' he wrapped his outer garment round him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred metres. ⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Jesus reinstates Peter

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?'

'Yes, Lord,' he said, 'you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Feed my lambs.'

¹⁶ Again Jesus said, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?'

He answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Take care of my sheep.'

¹⁷ The third time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?'

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' He said, 'Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.' ¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, 'Follow me!'



**ST MATTHEW'S
BRING & SHARE
VE DAY 80
TEA PARTY**

**SUNDAY 4TH MAY
3.00PM**



Come rain or shine we'll meet again!



80TH ANNIVERSARY
VE-DAY VJ-DAY

**ST JOHN'S VE/VJ DAY
BACON BRUNCH
MONDAY 5 MAY**

**BACON SANDWICHES, TEA,
COFFEE £3.00**

11.00 A.M.—2.00 P.M

**All monies raised for church flower
fund and roof repairs**

Barbara Blair

We are saddened to inform you of Barbara Blair's death. Barbara was a devoted worshipper at St John's for many years.

The service to celebrate Barbara's life will be at
Torquay Crematorium, Friday 9 May at 9.30 a.m.
May Barbara rest in peace.

Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends during this difficult time. The family warmly invite you to join them at The Redcliffe Hotel, Paignton after the service. If you wish to attend please speak to Janet Thomson.

