

WHAT'S ON AT ST JOHN'S

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon. 19 May	7.00 p.m	Monday Night House Group
Wed. 21 May	7.30 p.m	Sing for Joy Choir

For your prayers & praise

Heavenly Father, We thank You for Your guidance and presence in our church. Bless our APCM with wisdom, unity, and clarity of purpose. We give special thanks for our churchwardens, for their faithful service and leadership. Grant them strength, grace, and joy in their work. May all decisions made today be rooted in Your will and for the growth of Your Kingdom.

We lift up all who are struggling in mind and heart.

Grant them peace in the midst of turmoil, hope when days feel heavy, and the courage to reach out for help and healing.

May we, as a community, offer understanding, support, and love without judgment. May no one walk this journey alone.

We lift up our brothers and sisters around the world who are suffering for their faith in You. Strengthen them in their trials, comfort them in their pain, and protect them from harm. May they feel Your presence in every dark place and know that they are never alone. Give them courage, Lord—courage to stand firm in truth, to forgive their persecutors, and to continue to be a light in the darkness. Surround them with Your peace, and let their witness bear fruit in hearts that have yet to know You. We pray for justice and deliverance, for open doors and softened hearts. And we ask, Lord, that You help us remember them—**not only in prayer but in action**—standing with them in solidarity, love, and faith.

Lord, Comfort those who grieve the loss of loved ones. Surround them with Your peace, Hold them in Your love, And give them strength for each new day.

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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 18 May 2025

Greetings.

**We warmly welcome you to our worship this morning
after which we begin our APCM.**

**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

10,000 reasons (Bless the Lord O my soul)

Father, we love You

167

Offertory Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!

565

Communion A new commandment

35

Jesus, stand among us

361

The Splendour of the King



The First Reading Acts 11:1-18

Peter explains his actions

¹ The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticised him ³ and said, 'You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.'

⁴ Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: ⁵ 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. ⁶ I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. ⁷ Then I heard a voice telling me, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat."

⁸ 'I replied, "Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth." ⁹ 'The voice spoke from heaven a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." ¹⁰ This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

¹¹ 'Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. ¹² The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, "Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. ¹⁴ He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved."

¹⁵ 'As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ Then I remembered what the Lord had said: "John baptised with ^[a] water, but you will be baptised with ^[b] the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷ So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?"

¹⁸ When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, 'So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.'

*God's plan for all nations to be included in
His kingdom.*

**We pray for food in a world where many walk in hunger;
For faith in a world where many walk in fear;
For friends in a world where many walk alone,
We give you humble thanks, O Lord. Amen.**

The Gospel Reading

John 13:31-35 Jesus predicts Peter's denial

³¹ When he was gone, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, ^[a] God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³ 'My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴ 'A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'



Prayer for Christian Aid Week

God of justice and compassion,
Bless the work of Christian Aid and all who give, act, and pray.
May our efforts bring hope to those in need,
And may we walk in solidarity with the poor and the oppressed,
Following the example of Christ.
Amen.

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www.christianaid.org.uk