

St John's News 31st August 2025



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| Sunday 31st August | 8.30am and 10am Holy Communion |
| Sunday 7th September | 8.30am Holy Communion and 10am Family Communion |

BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY: Sunday 7 September, 10am. We will bless school bags, lunch boxes, pencil cases etc. and pray for children, students, teachers and all those starting a new academic year.
All Welcome!



In Remembrance: There will be a Memorial Service for our dear friend Norah Towndrow, on Tuesday 16th September at 11am. Her family would warmly invite all who knew Norah to join them for the service and for light refreshments in the large hall afterwards.



Bereavement Support Group Coffee Time: This is for anyone who has been bereaved and would like to join us for coffee and a chat. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 2nd September from 10am - 11.30am**. This coffee time is available for anyone who has been bereaved, at any time, and would like some company over a 'cuppa'. For further information, please contact Jenny Wilkes via the Church Office. Tel. 01452 855553.
PLEASE NOTE there will be no group on Tues 16th September due to Norah's memorial service.



Safeguarding Training: There will be an "in person" Safeguarding training session on **Saturday 6th September 10am-12noon** in St John's large hall. This is for anyone in need of an update. To sign up please contact the office, office@stjohnschurchdown.org.uk Tel.01452 855553.



Join us in 2025 - 13 September

Saturday, 13 September is this year's date for the Annual Ride and Stride, the day on which the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust raises the bulk of its funds. GHCT provides grants to Churches requiring assistance with the upkeep of their buildings. We, at St John's, have supported this event in the past by 'sending out' cyclists or walkers, who obtain sponsors to donate funds for the Trust. Should anyone be interested in taking part, please visit the Trust's website [Home Page - Ride and Stride](#), or contact me at petersenneck@talktalk.net. We also support Ride and Stride by keeping St John's open for the day, welcoming visitors taking part, and enabling them to obtain refreshment. In recent years this event has coincided with Churchdown's Repair Cafe, but if anyone is able to visit our church, between the Cafe's closing 12 noon, and 4pm, I would love to hear from you. Peter Senneck.

Wanted Please: Tallylyn Railway is always in need of material to clean the engines. You have all been generous in the past, so it is now time to declutter the airing cupboard or wherever. Just a reminder it is the things that most charity shops don't want; towels (even tea towels, oven cloths, or flannels), sheets, curtains, socks and non-nylon underwear are a few examples. Put them in a bag, unused charity bags are good turned inside out, and either give them to Chris or leave them in the office for Chris. The last date for this collection is **Monday morning 29th September.**

Alternatively, or as well, it is the 75th anniversary of the Railway's preservation and we are now fundraising to redevelop the railway for the next 75yrs. We have to raise £100,000 a year for 5 years and the National Lottery will double the amount to allow us to redevelop the engine sheds and the Pendre site amongst much else. More details are in a leaflet in the office or go online to donate at [Donate - Tallylyn Railway](https://donate.tallylyn.co.uk/appeal/home/the75appeal)
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Many thanks for reading this far, now act please 😊



Newsletters: Please submit any items for the next newsletter by **Wednesday 3rd September**, to the office email: office@stjohnschurchdown.org.uk If for any reason, you no longer wish to receive our newsletter, please notify us at the same email address. Thank you.

Prayer for This Week:

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
You hold my lot.

The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.
I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

I have set the Lord always before me;
because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.
For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.
You make known to me the path of life;
in Your presence there is fullness of joy;
at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
(Psalm 16:5-11)



Please continue to take very good care of yourselves and do keep in touch. With love, prayers, and blessings. Jacqui

