

## St John's News -17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025



<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August</b>	8.30am and 10am Holy Communion 3.45pm Tea Time Communion Service
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b>	8.30am and 10am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August</b>	8.30am and 10am Holy Communion

**From Jan:** *To everyone who has called, sent messages, cards and gifts thank you so much for thinking of me 😊 I am recovering well. Jan x*

**Newsletters:** This newsletter will cover two weeks. Please submit any items for the next newsletter by **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August**, to the office email: [office@stjohnschurchdown.org.uk](mailto: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.

**Safeguarding Training:** There will be an “in person” Safeguarding training session on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@stjohnschurchdown.org.uk) Tel.01452 855553.

### **St Bartholomew's 850<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations:**

St Bartholomew's Church on Chosen Hill is celebrating its 850<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The friends of St Bartholomew's Church are organizing a weekend of event from **23<sup>rd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> August**, as St Bartholomew's Day (24<sup>th</sup> August) falls on the Sunday.

The weekend will include

- Extended opening hours 10am-4pm
- Beautiful floral displays
- An exhibition of wedding photos through the decades
- The chance to climb up to the priest's room
- Bell ringing, including a full peal on 24th
- Tea and cakes



The celebrations will conclude with a special **Choral Evensong at 5pm on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August**, and we hope for a large congregation to mark this very special occasion, all are warmly invited.

If you or your family members were married in the church, we would love to include a photo from your wedding in the exhibitions. These can be taken to the church office at St Andrew's church for photocopying or contact [julie@hodcroft.co.uk](mailto:julie@hodcroft.co.uk) (01452 857070) for collection and return.

**Wanted Please:** Tallyllyn 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 75<sup>th</sup> 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 - Tallyllyn Railway](https://donate.tallyllyn.co.uk/appeal/home/the75appeal) <https://donate.tallyllyn.co.uk/appeal/home/the75appeal>  
Many thanks for reading this far, now act please 😊





## St John's

# Summer Lunches

Light Lunch + Cakes + Tea + Coffee

St John's Church Hall at 12.30-2pm

Available the Following Thursdays

April 10 <sup>th</sup> + 24 <sup>th</sup>	May 8 <sup>th</sup> + 22 <sup>nd</sup>
June 12 <sup>th</sup> + 26 <sup>th</sup>	July 10 <sup>th</sup> + 24 <sup>th</sup>
Aug 14 <sup>th</sup> + 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sept 11 <sup>th</sup> + 25 <sup>th</sup>

All free, everyone welcome.

No need to book just come along.




### Prayer for This Week:

Loving Lord,  
We pray today for our neighbours,  
and those who live in our communities.  
We pray a blessing over each person  
and every household, and we ask  
that each one will be filled with your peace  
and experience fullness of life.  
Where there is goodness and abundance,  
we pray for a spirit of gratitude and joy;  
where there is pain and challenge,  
we pray that there would be  
an awareness of your presence with them  
in and through all things.  
We pray for ourselves that we may be  
neighbours who are beacons of hope,  
embodying and sharing your light,  
life and love through the faithful daily witness  
of our discipleship.  
Please Lord would you stir up in us a deeper  
desire to bless and serve and pray for our  
neighbours,  
and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we may  
see with your eyes and respond with your love  
and grace.  
We long for you to be lifted up and glorified in  
our lives and our communities today.

Amen  
(Prayer from Baptists Together)

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

