

## St John's News 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026



<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday</b>	8.30am and 10am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	8.30am and 10am Holy Communion

**Mothering Sunday preparations:** March 15th is Mothering Sunday and, as usual, everyone in church on that day will receive a small posy of flowers. If you could spare an hour on the afternoon of Saturday 14th March from 3pm, to help bunch the flowers, your presence would be very much appreciated. Also, any offers of greenery would be gratefully received in the Gateway that afternoon. Please speak to Mary Connell if you can offer any help.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March Special Service:** We will be hosting a special Service on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am together with the South Atlantic Medal Association. We will be remembering the Falklands conflict of 1982 and will be joined by veterans and their families. Please note, this will be instead of our usual 10am service and will not be a Communion Service. Everyone is welcome 😊



**Fundraising Appeal:** Our church was built in 1957, and the church fabric is now showing its age. In the last year alone over £20,000 has been spent on roof repairs!

**On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April, Job willing be running the Shakespeare Marathon to raise money for maintenance, repair works, and decoration to the church gutters, which will cost at least £6,000.** Your sponsorship of Job's marathon will help towards paying for labour, materials and scaffolding.

If you would like to donate, kindly deposit the funds into the account noted below using the reference, "marathon". THANK YOU!

Bank: HSBC

Acc Name: St John's PCC Churchdown and Innsworth

Sort Code: 40-22-09

Acc number: 41184075

**Churchdown Repair Café:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 10am-12noon is the next Repair Café event at St John's Church. We can try to mend toys, clothes, jewellery, electrical, mechanical and woodwork items, and sharpen most cutting tools. Bring along items for repair, and have coffee, cake and chat while you wait.



**Newsletters:** Please submit any items for the next newsletter by **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**, 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.

**Prayer for This Week:**

Creator God,  
We thank you for your love which shapes us and helps us to grow.  
On this Mothering Sunday  
we give thanks for women who have been examples of self-giving love,  
who have given time, wisdom and care to the nurture of children, their own or others.  
We pray for those who find this a difficult day,  
who do not have happy memories of their own mothers,  
those who grieve for their mothers or for their children,  
and those who long to be mothers but cannot be.  
We remember mothers in the Bible, giving thanks for the tenacity of Sarah  
the generosity of Hannah and the courage of Mary.  
May your Spirit continue to shape us, heal us and guide us today.  
Amen



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

**A member of Churches Together  
in Churchdown and Innsworth**

