

St John's News 22nd March 2026



Sunday 22nd March	8.30am and 10am Holy Communion
Sunday 29th March	8.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Special Service to remember the Falklands conflict, see details below.

Sunday 29th March Special Service: We will be hosting a special Service on Sunday 29th 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 26th 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

Annual Revision of Electoral Roll: I am now doing the annual revision of our Church Electoral Roll.

Most of you will already be on the roll. If anyone has joined our congregation in the last year or for some reason is not already on the list, please could you fill a form from the back of Church and return to me or the Church Office (open Tues, Thurs and Fri mornings), marked for my attention by Friday **15th April**. There is also a separate contact detail form to complete.

All forms are securely stored in our Church Office.

Also, if anyone has changed address, telephone no or email in the last year could you let me know so I can amend the details on the list on the Church Computer. Thank you, **Lynne Hentschke** (Electoral Roll Officer)

Gift Aid: We will shortly be submitting our claim for Gift Aid on donations over the past 12 months. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has completed and signed a Gift Aid form, it makes a significant difference to the money we receive from donations. Last year we were able to claim more than £9,800!

If you are a UK taxpayer and would like to Gift Aid your donations to St John's please collect a Gift Aid form from the back of church and return it, completed, to the church office.

If you have completed a Gift Aid form in the past and need to update or check any details, please contact Emma via the church office on treasurer@stjohnschurchdown.org.uk.

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Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate.

Newsletters: Please submit any items for the next newsletter by **Wednesday 25th March**, 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:

Father God,
in this time of Lent, I wait patiently and expectantly for you.
I believe that – as I read in your Word –
you are dynamically engaged in this world,
and care about every aspect.
And so I pray ‘Lord, come’ –
to your people, and to your world.
I place you at the centre of my life and I wait.
I wait out of obedience, submitting my life, hopes, and dreams
before your holy throne.
I wait joyfully, for we know you’re the source of life and hope.
Let your kingdom come.
Amen



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

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