St John the Evangelist Churchdown and Innsworth Newsletter 25th October 2026



Sunday 25th October	8.30am and 10am Holy Communion
Sunday 1st November **All Saints' Day**	8.30am Holy Communion 10am All Age Service for All Saints' Day

Remember the clocks turn back this weekend!



Autumn Tea Thanks: A big thank you to everyone who supported the Autumn tea on Thursday, 15th October, it was a lovely afternoon. We hope everyone had a great time, there was a lot of chatter and laughter in the hall!
I would like to thank the backstage crew, they worked so hard preparing, serving and clearing, but we had some laughs too.
With your help we raised £347 for the Church in the best way possible, enjoying ourselves. Sandra H

In Memory: It is with sadness that we announce the passing of our dear friend Edna Horne who died on Sunday 18th October. There will be a Thanksgiving Service here at St John's on Friday 27th November at 1.30pm, followed by refreshments in the large hall. Everyone who knew Edna is very welcome.



Winter Warmers: We are very grateful for the council grant which will enable us to continue providing lunches on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month during the winter season. These simple lunches of soup and cake are free for anyone who would like to come and are greatly appreciated by our visitors.
In recent months, however, we have been relying heavily on a few regular volunteers to keep these meals happening, and it would be good to have a few more helpers. If you could offer any help, on an occasional basis, it would be very gratefully received. We need people to prepare the meals in the kitchen (just reheating soup/making sandwiches) and wash up afterwards, others to serve the meals to our guests in the hall, and others to provide soup/cakes.
On **Sunday 25th October** there will be a short meeting in the small hall at 11.15am for everyone who helps in any way (or who would like to start helping) with these lunches. Following the recent inspection of the church kitchen, we just need to update all volunteers on a few food safety matters.
For any further information, **please speak to Mary Connell**.

Newsletters: Please submit any items for the next newsletter by **Wednesday 21st October** 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.

Office Closure: Please note the office will be closed on **Tuesday 27th October**. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Churchdown Craft and Produce Market:
The next market will be on **Saturday 31st October** from 10am-12noon.
Please do come along to support our local crafters. As always, there will be a wide range of excellent stalls, and they would really love to see you there.



Salvation Army Christmas Appeal.

Once again St. John's Church is helping towards the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. This year, as last year, the Salvation Army at Gloucester are not giving food parcels for Christmas. The reason for this is that there are many cultures, and people suffering from allergens in Gloucester who do not eat the same food as we do and it was decided that everyone would be given a voucher to use in certain shops. The voucher will be attached to a box of biscuits. They will not be able to be used for purchasing alcohol or tobacco.
As well as the distribution of over 900 vouchers and biscuits, they also send out over 900 toy parcels.

Each child from baby to teen will receive a toy in the £5-£6 range to keep all children equal. Along with this they will also receive filler toys, colouring pencils, colouring or a puzzle book, a reading book and a selection box.
The teenage boys will be given a Lynx box which the Salvation Army pay for, plus a selection box.
The teenage girls receive a cosmetic bag (already purchased), and will contain soap, flannel, bath buffer, deodorant, shampoo, tissues, toothpaste, toothbrush and shower gel, plus a selection box.

ANY of the items above will be gratefully received, and can be left at the back of church, apart from toys which can be either handed to me, or left in the office for collection by me.
Boxes of biscuits and selection boxes can also be left at the back of church.

Thank you, in advance, for any items you can give, and thank you, as always, for your generosity that St. John's has become well known for.
Lesley Flannagan.

If you would like to give cash, please see the message from Chris Hill re: InKindDirect
Chris Hill can buy toys and toiletries from InKindDirect as they have great offers and prevent unwanted products going to landfill. **Cash donations to Chris or to the office please.**

Prayer for This Week: *(Bible Sunday)*

Almighty God,
We thank you for the gift of your Holy Word.
May it be a lantern to our feet,
A light to our paths, and a strength to our lives.
Take us and use us to love and serve
all people in the power of the Holy Spirit,
and in the name of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ



Please continue to take very good care of yourselves and do keep in touch. From the team at St John's.

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All-Age service

Sunday 1st November

10am

Makaton

ALL WELCOME

Stay afterwards for refreshments and a chat!

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