

St John the Evangelist Churchdown and Innsworth Newsletter 18th October 2026



Sunday 18th October	8.30am and 10am Holy Communion 3.45pm Tea Time Communion
Sunday 25th October	8.30am and 10am Holy Communion

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.**

WINTER WARMERS LUNCHES

SOUP LUNCH + CAKES
TEA + COFFEE

ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL 12.30-2PM

AVAILABLE THE FOLLOWING THURSDAYS

OCT 8 + 22

NOV 12 + 26

DEC 10

JAN 14 + 28

FEB 11 + 25

MAR 11 + 25

ALL FREE, EVERYONE WELCOME

NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST COME ALONG



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.

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.

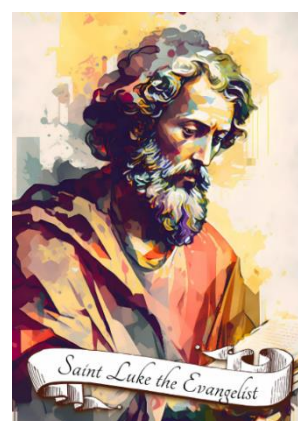
If you would like to give cash, please see the message from Chris Hill re: InKindDirect

Chris Hill can buy toys and toiletries from InKindDirect as they have great offers and prevent unwanted products going to landfill. See examples below. **Cash donations to Chris or to the office please.**

Lego Birthday Cake x 6 (cost £8.99) (retail £59.96) Halloween Barn x 8 (4 cost £7.79) (retail 74.97) BFG Felling x 6	Radox Bath Soak 500 ml x24 2in1 Shower Gel x 24
Side splitting game of Sometainlingy x12 (cost£23.98) (retail £239.88p) Talking Tables – fish snakes & Ladders x 6 (cost £10.20) (retail£102.00p)	Sensodyne tooth paste x 36 Aqua fresh tooth brushes x 12 Colgate tooth paste x11 Johnson Under-the-stars bath set x50 Organic soap bars x 50z

Prayer for This Week: *(Sunday 18th Luke the Evangelist)*

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.



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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