

St John the Evangelist Churchdown and Innsworth Newsletter 4th October 2026



Sunday 4th October	8.30am Holy Communion 11am Harvest Service followed by Harvest Lunch
Sunday 11th October	8.30am and 10am Holy Communion

Harvest Food Donations for Salvation Army

We are collecting food items for Gloucester Salvation Army.

They provide a Monday Lunch to those in need and would appreciate the following items please:

Baked beans, Tinned vegetables

Crisps Squash

Vegetable oil Pot noodles

Pot porridge Cup-a-soups

Chocolate biscuits e.g. Penguins

Food items can be placed in the box at the back of church.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Autumn Afternoon Tea

St John's Church Hall

Thursday 15th October 2.30pm-4.30pm

Tickets £8 available from the church office or members of the social committee.



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



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Winter Warmers: The dates are now out for Winter Warmer lunches. Please do sign up to help if you are able.

This is such an important event, especially for those who live alone in our local community.

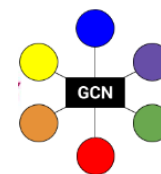
The sign-up sheets are on the notice board in the south porch as per usual. Thank you 😊

Newsletters: Please submit any items for the next newsletter by **Wednesday 7th 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

Churchdown Repair Café: Saturday 10th October, 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.



Wellbeing Matters: Join an informal session discussing wellbeing topics including sleeping better, mindfulness and stress beaters. These sessions are run by Chris Auker-Howlett of Gloucester Community Networking and are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the small hall. The next session is **Thursday 8th October, 12.30-2.30pm**, coffee, cake and chat included 😊



Article by Phil Jaekel funeral minister:

Many of you may know Phil Jaekel through his involvement with funerals at St John's. This week's Diocesan newsletter includes an insightful interview with Phil where he shares some thoughts on funeral ministry. Please follow the link below to read the article.

[Every life remembered: Lessons from 1,000 funerals – Diocese of Gloucester](#)

Prayer for This Week:

O Father,
we come before You with hearts full of gratitude
for the bountiful crops that nourish our bodies
and sustain our communities.
We thank You for the sun, the rain,
and the fertile earth that have blessed our harvest.
May we always remember
to share these gifts with others
and honour Your creation.
Amen.



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

**A member of Churches Together
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