

			
(3 rd in month) Sunday, 21 May, 2023 Easter 7	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	Being observed as Aldersgate Sunday
	14.00	Forest Church	Meet outside Crichton Church, dressed for weather
	18.00	Sung Evensong (Church)	
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org . *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 22 May, 2023	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	10.30-17.30	UCI Groups (Hall)	
Tuesday, 23 May 2023	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
Wednesday, 24 May, 2023	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Hall)	Please contact
Thursday, 25 May, 2023	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 26 May, 2023	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	19.30	Organ Recital (John R Turner) (Church)	Tickets (£10) from Church Office and on the door
Saturday, 27 May, 2023	19.30	Annan Town Band Concert (Church)	Tickets (£10) from Church Office and on the door
(4th in month) Sunday, 28 May, 2023 Pentecost	09.15	Sunday Worship: Crichton Memorial Church	Crichton Campus, Dumfries DG1 4ZZ
	09.30	Holy Communion @ Maxwellton Chapel	Just off B729 between Wallaceton & Moniaive. DG3 4DX
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	18.00	Contemporary Worship (Church)	
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org . *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter

And, as always, if you need us, you can contact

- The Rector on 01387 254126 / 07487 653069 / rector@stjohnsdumfries.org
- The Church Office on 07754 596140 / pastadmin@stjohnsdumfries.org

Outings:

Next weekend

- There will be no St J's outing, as such, in May, but you might like to consider joining one of the Spring Fling Tours, operated by Thornhill Community Transport and others: in particular the Green Route (Nithsdale) on Saturday, 27/05/2023, the Red Tour (Annandale & Eskdale) or the 'New & Emerging' Tour (Dfs & Solway Coast and including our own Andy Brooke), both on Sunday, 28/05/2023, or the Pink route (CD & Glenkens area) on Monday, 29/05/2023. These tours, which need to be booked through Spring Fling [www.spring-fling.co.uk or on 07787 299487], all depart from Gracefield at 10am and will last most of the day. There are other tours, starting from Stranraer – see Spring Fling brochures or their website. These are a longish, but fun and interesting, day out. David Kerr has more details, but cannot take bookings. You can also, of course, visit any of these studios any time they're open, under your own steam. There is an outline of what to expect at the back of the church.
- The next 'purely St J's' outing is planned for Saturday, 24/06/2023 and we expect it to offer the chance to visit combinations of the Burrell Collection, Kelvingrove and/or the People's Palace and any other Glasgow venues for which there is a demand. More details in due course.

Church Email:

Please note that we are changing our provider for the@stjohnsdumfries.org email addresses, and also the church website. The website changeover (address remains the same) seems to have happened seamlessly but there are still a few glitches to sort out with the email system. Again, the addresses will all remain the same, but should you not receive the lightning response you're used to from the Church Office, that will be why. If your query is urgent and you don't get a reply, please call 07754 596140. Sorry about this: we'll have things back to normal as soon as we can.

Dates for your Diary:

Friday, 26/05/2023, 19.30, here in St J's: there will be an organ recital by our great friend and frequent organist, **John Turner**. Tickets

(£10, in aid of St J's) are available from the Church Office and via the usual church sources. This will be an impressive evening, the pairing of a skilled musician and a wonderful instrument: don't miss it!

Saturday, 27/05/2023, 19.30, here in St J's: there will be a **Concert for the King's Coronation** by **Annan Town Band** (Musical Director Lewis Wilkinson) with special guest choir, directed by our own Jamie Brand, MBE. Tickets, also £10, available via the Church Office (in due course) and already via Pet Savers, Annan, the Midsteeple Box Office in Dumfries, and online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/annantownband. Don't miss this one either!

And, further off...

- Saturday, 08/07/2023: Strawberry Tea }
- Summer Holiday Club: For children in Primaries 1-7: Themed on Disney's The Lion King: Monday, 07/08/2023 – Friday, 11/08/2023. NO CHARGE. Details: ask Rector, or see posters }
- Friday, 06/10/2023: Beetle Drive }
- Friday, 19/01/2024: Burns Supper }
- Thursday, 14/03/2024 Pamper Session }
- Saturday, 16/03/2024 Men's Breakfast }



Dumfries Fairtrade Group says...

- Do you like coffee, tea and chocolate? Celebrate **World Fair Trade Day** by taking part in the Dumfries Fairtrade Town Trail and Quiz, available between 9th - 22nd May. Have fun with friends and family; learn about Fairtrade and be in with a chance to win prizes.
- There are ten questions and the answers to each can be found on cards which appear in ten participating businesses based in and around the High Street. Simply answer the questions correctly and

you will be entered into a Prize Draw to win some Fairtrade goodies!

- If you need any clues about who the participating stores might be, try the Directory on the Dumfries Fairtrade Group website <http://www.dumfriesfairtrade.org.uk/>
- Complete the quiz digitally on <https://shout.com/s/dH10wnNK>, or, if you prefer, you can collect and return completed paper forms via the Ewart library - or the Flourish shop (next to Midsteeple).

Christian Aid Week 14-20 May:

- This year Christian Aid Week focused on Malawi. Food, fuel, fertiliser and school fees have doubled in price in the last 12 months and hard-working farmers are seeing their harvests fail as the climate crisis brings increasingly erratic weather. Christian Aid's partners are helping farmers improve their growing of pigeon peas, a local crop which is a source of food and if the harvest is sufficient can be traded or made into bread or fish food. There is more information on the lit noticeboard.
- If you can support Christian Aid Week please use one of the envelopes at the back of the church and hand it in with the collection or give it to either Christopher Pierson-Harvey or myself. If electronic giving is more your thing we have a Just Giving page which you can access using this link: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/dumfrieschristianaidweek2023>
- Or use the QR code (opposite and on the lit noticeboard):
- We started the week with the Coffee Morning last Saturday. Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way.
Margaret Morton



Last chance!

Thank you to all who supported the **Bluebells Event at Elshields** last Sunday afternoon. £400 was raised in aid of Cancer Research.
Ann Shukman

Quartz tell us...

If you look on the [Quartz] [website](#) (contact Church Office if reading this on

paper & you need help finding the site) you will hopefully see that a new option has been added to the main menu. #SensingSpirituality has been a theme running through Quartz activities from around 2015. This means that we have built up a track record of resources, both in ideas and experiments where we test those ideas out. Some of the time we even managed to get photos and written descriptions of what we were doing!

These are (slowly) being added to this website. They are also available in a draft printable text copy. The online version will be able to go beyond the limitations of print though, and allows readers to dip in and out finding out what interests them.

You can get access to both of versions by using the menu button or by clicking the link.

Please comment, share and get in touch if you want to become involved in developing this sort of thing. If you have been involved, get in touch so that we can add your memories to the resource as well.

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

FOR CHILDREN IN PRIMARY 1 - PRIMARY 7
 ST JOHN'S CHURCH, NEWALL TERRACE, DUMFRIES DG1 1LW
MONDAY 7TH - FRIDAY 11TH AUGUST
10.30AM - 3PM



Come and have lots of fun with plenty of activities and a theme based on the Disney film

The Lion King

Games Bouncy Slide Crafts Songs Quizzes
 Sport Activities Bible Stories Messy Games
NO CHARGE - BRING A PACKED LUNCH
 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK A PLACE
01387 254126



ANNAN TOWN BAND
presents
KING'S CORONATION CONCERT
 With Special Guest Choir
 (Musical Director - Mr. Jamie Brand MBE)



Musical Director - Mr. Lewis Wilkinson

Saturday 27th May 2023 - 7:00pm
St John's Church
 Newall Terrace
 Dumfries
 DG1 1LW

Tickets (£10) available online from
www.ticketsource.co.uk/annantownband
 from Pet Savers - Annan and Midsteeple Box Office - Dumfries

Organ Recital

by John R Turner
 Friday 26th May
 at 7.30pm



Introduction and Coronation March (Poppea) - Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)
 arr. John R Turner

Ode to Freedom and Joy from 1st Symphony - Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
 arr. John R Turner

Suite Gothique - Leon Boellmann (1862-1897)

Five old Scottish tunes arranged for Organ

Allegretto (from the 4th Italian' Symphony - Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
 arr. W.T.Best

Prelude & Fugue in D Minor Mendelssohn

Orb and Sceptre Coronation March 1953) William Walton (1902-1983)

Tickets £10 from the church office or at the door

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