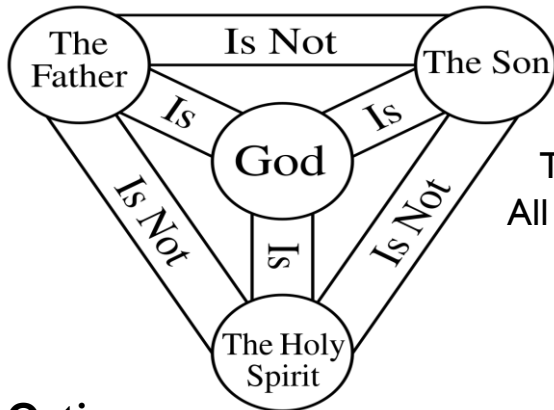

(1 st in month) Sunday, 04/06/2023 Trinity	08.00	1970 Holy Communion (Church)	
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	18.00	Choral Evensong (Church)	
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 05/06/2023	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	10.30-17.30	UCI Groups (Hall)	
Tuesday, 06/06/2023	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
Wednesday, 07/06/2023	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Hall)	
Thursday, 08/06/2023	10.00-17.00	Church Office open today	Instead of Friday
	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Church)	Corpus Christi & St Columba of Iona
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 09/06/2023	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	Closed today. Open on Thursday instead.
Saturday, 10/06/2023			
(2 nd in month) Sunday, 11/06/2023 Trinity 2	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	19.00	Regional Youth Choir Concert	See posters (and below)
	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

This diagram accompanies today's sermon!
All will be revealed!

Outings:

- **New date added!** This year's Annan Academy School Show is Beauty & the Beast. The bus is provisionally booked for Wednesday, 21/06/2023, to leave St J's at 18.15. Tickets are £7 and the bus fare will be £5, assuming we have a minimum of 10 passengers. Annan's shows are always fun and of high quality. Sign up sheet will be at the back shortly.
- The next 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.

Same Sex Marriage :

The Vestry in its meeting last month had further, lengthy, discussions about the question of whether we should allow same sex marriages to be conducted in our church building. The plan is to circulate a paper to all the Congregation on Sunday 11th June. There will also be a tree with leaves for you to write your views. A box will be provided beside the tree if you would prefer to submit your view more discreetly. The box will be emptied and all views will be subsequently posted on the tree. On 25th June there will be a Table- Top Discussion event in the Hall after the Sunday service. This will be facilitated by Vestry members. The purpose of the discussion is to ascertain the general feeling of the Congregation about the matter. There will be no vote, as the decision has to be taken by the Vestry, having taken the views of the Congregation into account. It may be worth noting that the views of Vestry members, as in the rest of the Congregation, are varied, and no decision, one way or the other, has been made.

Church Email:

Please note that we have changed 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 and we think we have sorted out any glitches with the email system. Please let the church office (07754 596140) know if you encounter any difficulties.

Church phones:

You may recall the words of Winston Churchill, commenting on a colleague's operation, 'They have succeeded in removing the only non-malignant part of him...' You may, or may not, think that this has any bearing on the fact that BT is closing down its Plusnet mobile service, which a number of us, including the church, have used satisfactorily for some time. So we'll be changing phone provider shortly, as well. Again, all the numbers should remain unaltered, but there will come a point in the next few weeks (we'll try to give warning of this) when the various church mobiles won't work for a few hours. The Rectory landline (01387 254126) will be unaffected by this, and should continue to work uninterrupted.

Dates for your Diary:

- 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 }



More details in due course

Christian Aid Week:

Thank you to everyone who donated to Christian Aid. I have banked £660.99 from the envelopes in church, and I know that people also donated using the Just Giving page or the QR code.

Quartz says...

This playlist started off as a list of chants. That description quickly became inaccurate. However, here is a playlist of tunes for you. Hopefully some of them will resonate.

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLfEcZqlvgG3WVe2d6DDWuLXpKGeMie5XDb>

CLC: This is the Quartz housegroup, we meet every second Monday. More info is on the website. (contact office if reading this on paper and you need the link). *Planned meeting times are June 5th, 19th.* On the 5th we are planning to meet in Alison and Andy's new loft! Otherwise The usual meeting place will be Simon and Kate's between 7.30 and 9. Please get in touch if you need directions. After that we are into the school summer holidays and so will have a discussion about plans on the 19th of June. Please e-mail your thoughts and ideas before that.

Forest Church: We will continue to meet at the Crichton of the 3rd Sunday in the Month and this will be the 18th of June. As the Midsummer solstice is on the 21st of June we are going to do something special though.

