
(2 <sup>nd</sup> in month) Sunday, 11/06/2023 Pentecost 2	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	18.00	Dumfries & Galloway Youth Choir, with St J's Choir Summer Concert	Admission free; see posters for further information
	Any time*	Service online	<a href="http://www.stjohnsdumfries.org">www.stjohnsdumfries.org</a> , *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 12/06/2023	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	10.30-17.30	UCI Groups (Hall)	
	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	St Barnabas
Tuesday, 13/06/2023	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
Wednesday, 14/06/2023	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Hall)	
Thursday, 15/06/2023	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact <a href="mailto:bells@stjohnsdumfries.org">bells@stjohnsdumfries.org</a> or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 16/06/2023	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	09.00-15.30	Malory Nursery Sports (if wet) (Hall)	
	18.00-21.00	Mystery Evening (Hall)	
Saturday, 17/06/2023			
(3 <sup>rd</sup> in month) Sunday, 18/06/2023 Pentecost 3	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	14.00	Forest Church	Meet outside Crichton Church, dressed for weather
	<del>18.00</del>	<del>Sung Evensong (Church)</del>	None now until September
	Any time*	Service online	<a href="http://www.stjohnsdumfries.org">www.stjohnsdumfries.org</a> . *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

Apologies for the delay in mentioning the **Organ Recital** by the brilliant **John Turner** the weekend before last. It was a wonderful event; the pairing of a great instrument and a truly gifted musician. And our grateful thanks to John for gifting this performance in aid of St J's funds. A better appreciation will follow in the next Magazine.

Also missing from last week's Notices sheet was an appreciation of the **Annan Academy Town Band** concert a week last Saturday; much enjoyed by everyone who attended. Again, a proper appreciation will be printed in the next Magazine.

Still on the subject of music, note also that the Regional Youth Choir and St J's Choir will be teaming up for a **Summer Concert, in the Church, at 6pm today**. See posters, and come along if you can. Admission free.

### **MU say...**

- The **MU outing to Carlisle Cathedral** will take place on Thursday 22nd June. For those members and friends who have booked, please note the bus will leave St John's at 9.30 am. With coffee, a tour of the Cathedral, lunch and a free concert thrown in, it should be a splendid occasion.
- **Bethany Christian Trust** – Pamela Crosbie gave a most interesting talk at our May meeting. MU agreed that we would ask for the congregation's help in supporting BCT (as well as Women's Aid). Toiletries for men, plus dried foods which can be made up using only a kettle -for example, pot noodles, porridge – and cereal bars, should be put in the WA box at the back of the Hall. Our thanks for the help we know you will give.

### **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 £8 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 is at the back of the church. If the list is full, add your name, anyway. Whilst we can't guarantee it, it may be that we can persuade someone to take a car or two, as well.

- 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, but the sign up sheet is already there.

### **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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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:**

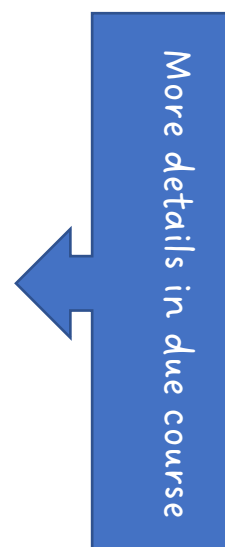
Please note that we have changed our provider for the ....@stjohnsdumfries.org email addresses, and also the church website. The website changeover (address remains the same) seems to have happened seamlessly and we think we have sorted out any glitches with the email system. Please let the church office (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 }



## 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=PLfEcZqlvgG3We2d6DDWuLXpKGeMie5XDb>

**Jesus Revolution:** The River of Life Church in Dumfries has arranged with the Robert Burns centre to screen this film.

<https://riveroflife.org.uk/event/jesus-revolution-film-showing/> It tells "The true story of a national spiritual awakening in the early 1970s and its origins within a community of teenage hippies in Southern California." The film will be shown at the Burns Centre on 8 July. More details from the RoL website, the RBCFT website or the Quartz website.

**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.

