

			
(3 rd 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
	18.00	Contemporary Service	Last one till September
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org . *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 19/06/2023	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	10.30-17.30	UCI Groups (Hall)	
Tuesday, 20/06/2023	09.00-15.00	Malory Nursery (inc 'Graduation') (Hall)	
	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
Wednesday, 21/06/2023	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Hall)	None this week (see next entry)
	18.15	Trip to Annan Academy School Show	Bus nearly full. See sign up sheet; also notice below.
Thursday, 22/06/2023	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 23/06/2023	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 24/06/2023			
(4 th in month) Sunday, 25/06/2023 Pentecost 4	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)	No evening services till September
	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

Congratulations to all performers at the **Regional Youth Choir/St J's Choir concert**: very well received by the large number attending. We hope this may be the first of more to come. Thank you also to those attending for your generosity: over £750 was raised to bolster St J's funds.

Strawberry Tea: Sat 8th July: 2.00-4.00 pm in the Church

Hall. Access to the Rectory Garden if weather permits. If anyone can help on the day and/or provide baking (tray bakes or cakes) it would be appreciated. Raffle prizes likewise would be welcome. Please speak to Annette, Gill or Kalpana. Sign-up at back of church (to give an idea of numbers).

MU Notices

- The **MU outing to Carlisle Cathedral** will take place on Thursday 22nd June. We are delighted that the bus has been fully booked. Please note, members and friends, it 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 about the work the Trust does with homeless people. 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 WVA box at the back of the Hall. Thank you to those who have already donated goods.

Outings:

- This year's Annan Academy School Show is Beauty & the Beast. The bus is booked for Wednesday, 21/06/2023, to leave St J's at 18.15. Tickets are £8 and the bus fare will be £5. As things stand, the bus is nearly full, so, if you haven't booked and would still like to go, add your name to

the list at the back of the church, or if it's full, please speak to David, and, if necessary, we'll see if we can arrange additional transport. There's a 'fair copy' of the list of those booked on to the bus – see back of church. You will need to pay for your ticket on the door and it would be helpful if you could arrange to pay for the bus via the card reader when boarding.

- 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. A paper was circulated to all the Congregation on Sunday 11th June. There is also a tree with leaves for you to write your views. A box has been 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 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 are in the process of changing phone provider. Again, all the numbers remain unaltered, but there will come a point **in the early part of this week** when Janice's mobile may

not work for a few hours. The others have now all been successfully transferred. The Rectory landline (01387 254126) will be unaffected by this, and will 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=PLfEcZqIvgG3WVe2d6DDWuLXpKGeMie5XDb>

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.

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.

Celebrating the Creation

**A QUIET MORNING IN THE GARDEN
AT ELSHIELDS TOWER
DG11 1LY**

SATURDAY 1 JULY

10 am to 1 pm
Coffee from 9.30

**Come to rejoice in Creation,
enjoy the gardens and woods
with time for reflection
and Prayer**

Donations for charities

If weather is fine and you wish to stay on please bring your own picnic and
outdoor seating.
Details from Ann Shukman
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