

			
(4th in month) Sunday, 25/06/2023 Pentecost 4	09.15	Sunday Worship: Crichton Memorial Church	Crichton Campus, Dumfries DG1 4ZZ
	09.30	Holy Communion @ Maxwelton 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)	None now till September
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org . *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 26/06/2023	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	10.30-17.30	UCI Groups (Hall)	
Tuesday, 27/06/2023	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
Wednesday, 28/06/2023	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Hall)	None now till August (precise date TBC)
Thursday, 29/06/2023	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	SS. Peter & Paul
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 30/06/2023	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 01/07/2023	09.30	Silent Prayer @Elshieshields	pastadmin@stjohnsdumfries.org for details.
(1 st in month) Sunday, 02/07/2023 Pentecost 5	08.00	1970 Holy Communion (Church)	
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	

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

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:

MU is hosting a **Cook and Taste India** event on **Saturday 30 September 2023** at 2.30pm in the Hall. Getsy has very kindly agreed to cook around 5 different dishes, mostly vegetarian, with one chicken dish, along with her famous pakoras. There will be 50 tickets for sale at £6 pp, and those attending will be able to enjoy a real taste of India.

After expenses, money raised will go to MU funds, with a donation being made to AFIA (Away From It All) a holiday project for families, which is supported by the Diocese and St John's MU. Tickets will be made available in August, but meanwhile, **please save the date!**

Outings:

- The next outing, for which the bus has been provisionally booked, is **Thursday, 13/07/2023**. No decision has yet been made as to what the destination will be. Various suggestions have been received (some time back), but if you have somewhere you'd particularly like to go, please talk to David or Kalpana and we'll see what can be done. You will be pleased to note that we have the 'proper' Thornhill bus back now!

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:

By the time you read this, all the church phones - Rector 07487 653069, Office/David 07754 596140, the Treasurer 07908 046284 (and the currently unused and unmonitored former booking line 07572 006290) should have successfully migrated to our new provider. The Rectory landline (01387 254126) has not been part of this changeover. Anyway, all should now be working properly, but, if you experience any difficulties, please let me know.

David

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 }



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
Mob. 07884256913
Email. ann.shukman@gmail.com

Organ Recitals

Performed by
Edward Taylor
(Assistant Organist, Carlisle Cathedral)
in Cumbria 2023

St Kentigern's Church, Caldbeck

Friday 16th June—7.30pm

Music by Dubois, J. S. Bach, Ireland, Whitlock & Guilment

St Patrick's Church, Patterdale

Saturday 17th June—6.00pm

Music by J. S. Bach, Whitlock, Guilment & Vierende

St Michaels Church, Workington

(in association with Parkinsons West Cumbria Branch)

Wednesday 21st June—1.30pm

Music by Boellmann, J. S. Bach, Thalben Ball & Vierende

St Cuthbert's Church, Carlisle

Saturday 1st July—7.30pm

(Carlisle City Concerts series)

Music by Purcell, Couperin, Wesley, Dubois, Stanford & Vierende

Carlisle Cathedral

Wednesday 2nd August—2.00pm

Music by Mozart, Rowley, Stanford, & Guilment