

			
(3 rd in month) Sunday, 16/07/2023 Pentecost 7	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play activity bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	14.00	Forest Church	Meet outside Crichton Church, dressed for weather
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org . *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 17/07/2023	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	10.30-17.30	UCI Groups (Hall)	
Tuesday, 18/07/2023	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	In Memory of Jane Haining
Wednesday, 19/07/2023	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
Thursday, 20/07/2023	14.00	MU Informal Get Together (Usual Place)	See notice below
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 21/07/2023	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 22/07/2023			
(4 th in month) Sunday, 23/07/2023	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
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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

Today is being observed as Seafarers' Sunday: a selection of knitting patterns for hats, mitts and the like is available at the back of the church. Tell me if they run out. *David*

Outings:

Thursday's to the Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh seemed to be enjoyed, as well as the impromptu Murder Mystery Tour on the way back (any similarities between the bus driver and Johnny Vegas are purely coincidental). Next one is scheduled for Saturday, 19 August. Early indications are that this one might be to the National Tapestry of Scotland in Galashiels and Traquair House, but this isn't set in stone yet. *David*

Should St John's be a venue for same sex marriage?

As most will know, the Vestry vote on whether St J's building should be used for the solemnisation of same sex marriages was tied, which means that the status quo (ie that the building will not be so used) will remain. The matter can, and no doubt will, be revisited in three years' time. The result (and this would have been true, whichever way the vote went), will be a profound disappointment for some, so we all need to make sure we are pastorally sensitive to all members of St John's community, whatever their views, or what we think those views might be. We need to trust God and the process. For everyone who has prayerfully considered the matter, this was a case of discernment, and if that were easy, which it is not, everyone would always come up with the same answer.

Dates for your Diary:

- 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

MU Informal Get-together

After the success of last year's informal meet -up, MU would like to invite members and all friends to come for afternoon tea /coffee and a chat at The Usual Place on Thursday 20 July at 2 pm. We look forward to seeing you then.

In receipt of benefits?
Cheaper phonline and broadband may be available. See the lit noticeboard for a more legible copy of this; or ask the Office.
(Source: *The Guardian*)

