

			
(4th in month) Sunday, 23/07/2023 (Pentecost 8)	09.15	Sunday Worship: Crichton Memorial Church	Crichton Campus, Dumfries DG1 4ZZ
	09.30	Holy Communion @ Maxwelton Chapel	Just off B729 between Wallace-ton & Moniaive. DG3 4DX
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	Baptism of Carson Greig Douglas during the service.
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org . *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 24/07/2023	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	10.30-17.30	UCI Groups (Hall)	
Tuesday, 25/07/2023	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	James the Apostle
Wednesday, 26/07/2023	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
Thursday, 27/07/2023	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 28/07/2023	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 29/07/2023			
(5th in month) Sunday, 30/07/2023 Pentecost 9	09.30	Matins (Church)	
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	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

Outings:

Thursday's outing 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

Ukraine Frontline Supplies are holding a pop up shop

with cake and candy and raffle. This will take place on 29th July at 115 High Street (the Smithy) between 10.00 - 15.00

We need bakers to make cakes and confectionery which can be sold on the day- as well as raffle prizes.

Please can you help us ?

Also please feel free to attend, we would be delighted by your support!

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.

Quartz say...

*²³ Some went down to the sea in ships,
doing business on the mighty waters;
they saw the deeds of the Lord,
his wondrous works in the deep.
For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,
which lifted up the waves of the sea...*

(Psalm 107:23-31

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised)

Give yourself time to be aware of the vast range there is in the human experience of water. From resting beside calm pools in leafy burns to vast expanses of ocean.

Exercise your [ability to wonder](#).

Jesus teaches that God is both creator of the cosmos, and comforter. Examine your life story so far. Where do you sense the cosmic presence of God in awesome things? Where do you sense God close with you?

More on the Quartz website:

<https://www.wordsmithcrafts.co.uk/Quartz/creation/water-ii/>

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

In receipt of benefits? Cheaper phonenumber and broadband may be available. See the lit noticeboard for details; or ask the Office.

What is Spring Social Prescribing?

It's a way to connect people to activities, groups and services based in their community that can help to improve their health & wellbeing. Leaflet on lit noticeboard; copies available from church office.