

			
(3 <sup>rd</sup> in month) Sunday, 20/08/2023 Pentecost 12	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	<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, 21/08/2023	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	10.30-17.30	UCI Groups (Hall)	
Tuesday, 22/08/2023	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	St Bartholomew
Wednesday, 23/08/2023	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Hall)	
Thursday, 24/08/2023	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, 25/08/2023	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 26/08/2023			
(4 <sup>th</sup> in month) Sunday, 27/08/2023 Pentecost 13	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
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And, as always, if you need us, you can contact

- The Rector on 01387 254126 / 07487 653069  
/ [rector@stjohnsdumfries.org](mailto:rector@stjohnsdumfries.org)
- The Church Office on 07754 596140  
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## Annual General Meeting:

The Annual General Meeting will take place on the 1st October. As usual it will be held within the context of the I I am service. There will be a bring and share lunch and the formal meeting will follow. Forms for nominations to the elected vacancies will be in church from the 3rd September.

## Outings:

Following yesterday's trip to the National Tapestry of Scotland in Galashiels, I'm hoping to organise the next trip for **Saturday, 23/09/2023**. This might be to the Hawkshead/Ambleside area...unless you've got a better idea! Sign up sheet will appear shortly, but please do let me know of preferences.

*David*

## Other Dates for your Diary:

- 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** 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, but with one chicken dish, along with her famous pakoras.

- There are 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. As tickets are limited and going fast, if you would like to attend, please get one from Carolynne ASAP.

The new **MU Programme for 2023/24** begins with our **Eucharist** on 7<sup>th</sup> September at 2 pm in the Church, followed by tea / coffee and cake in

the Hall. As you know by now, despite its name MU is an inclusive organisation and everyone is welcome. A copy of our full programme can be found on the noticeboard at the back of the church. There are also paper copies - please take one if you are interested in joining us for any Eucharist or lunch meeting.

Does anyone have any **curtains** they're not using? All in all, I'm looking for three sets (for different rooms, so for all sets to match is not important) –

- 2 sets of 140cm span and 140-150cm drop
- 1 set of 260 cm span and 140-150cm drop
- Also, if anyone had a blind, or blinds, of, respectively, 210cm span and 110cm drop, and 98cm span and 110 drop, those would be welcome, too.

Please contact me or drop in to the Church Office on a Monday or Friday. Thanks

*David*

*Dumfries Fairtrade tell us...*

- As you may have seen on Facebook our next meeting on Monday 21st August will be rather special with a talk by **Khandu Joseph from Asha gifts** and a celebration of our successful renewal of Dumfries' Fairtrade Town status.
- Khandu's business imports jewellery, fabric and crafts from social enterprises in India, Nepal and Cambodia which provide opportunities for disadvantaged women and survivors of human trafficking.
- You may have seen her pop-up shop on Dumfries High Street recently or at Christmas time.
- The gathering will be at Second Nature Online's Town Centre building at the corner of Catherine Street and Newall Terrace at 7 pm on Monday 21st August.

We are hoping to have **special flower arrangements** in the window bays in the church at **Harvest**, particularly celebrating the theme of **'Gifts'**. If you would like to contribute towards the cost, provide some kind of gift, or would like to take on decorating a bay yourself, please speak to Carolynne or Janice.

**Holy Rhubarb** from the Rectory garden is available in the Hall this Sunday, in exchange for a small donation...cash or card.