

			
(4th 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
	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
Monday, 28/08/2023	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	10.30-17.30	UCI Groups (Hall)	?
Tuesday, 29/08/2023	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
Wednesday, 30/08/2023	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Hall)	
Thursday, 31/08/2023	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 01/09/2023	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 02/09/2023			
(1 st in month) Sunday, 03/09/2023	08.00	1970 Holy Communion (Church)	
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	18.00	Choral Evensong (Church)	Resumes after its summer break. See posters

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

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:

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 Notices

There are a few tickets left for Getsy's Cook and Taste India event, which will take place on Saturday 30 September at 2.30 in the Hall. 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. If you would like a ticket (£6), please contact Carolynne ASAP.

The new MU Programme for 2023/24 begins with our Eucharist on 7th 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.

I think we've now sourced the **curtains** I was looking for, thank you, though I'm still on the lookout for a blind, or blinds, of, respectively, 210cm span and 110cm drop, and 98cm span and 110 drop.

I do, also, from time to time, come across the need for **various household items**: crockery, cutlery, smaller appliances and the like. If you have such surplus items that you would like to donate, please let me know. I can collect.

Please contact me or drop into the Church Office on a Monday or Friday.

Thanks

David

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 of the flowers, provide some kind of gift, or would like to take on decorating a bay yourself, please speak to Carolynne or Janice.

Activities are resuming after the summer break. Keep an eye on the Diary, week by week, but, at present, the expectation is that **Short Mat Bowling** will resume, in the Hall, on ~~Tuesday, 05/09/2023~~****; the **Quiz Nights** will resume on Friday, 29/09/2023, both at 7.30pm, and the pattern of **Evensong** and **Contemporary Services** will resume with **Choral Evensong** at 6.00pm on Sunday, 03/09/2023.

****Stop Press: Despite what the printed sheets say, Bowling will in fact resume on **Tuesday, 26/09/2023**