
(1 st in month) Sunday, 01/10/2023 Harvest	08.00	1970 Holy Communion (Church)	
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (& a Baptism) (Church); Godly Play (Hall); Bring & Share Lunch; AGM	Bring & Share lunch & AGM today: see details below.
	18.00	Choral Evensong (Church)	
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 02/10/2023	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	10.30-17.30	UCI Groups (Hall)	
	18.30-22.00	Bridge Club (Hall)	
Tuesday, 03/10/2023	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Hall)	Just turn up
Wednesday, 04/10/2023	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 05/10/2023	14.00	Mothers' Union Eucharist (Church)	Refreshments in Hall afterwards. All welcome.
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 06/10/2023	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	18.00 for 18.30	Beetle Drive (Hall)	Free entry (but donation invited). See notice below
Saturday, 07/10/2023			
(2 nd in month) Sunday, 08/10/2023 Pentecost 19	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	13.30	Vestry Inaugural B&S lunch (Rectorry)	
	18.00	Contemporary Worship (Church)	
	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

The **RETIRING COLLECTION FOR HARVEST** today will be divided 50/50 between Christian Aid's Flood Relief response in Libya, and St John's. You can, if you wish, donate via the Card Machine, but if you're planning to Gift Aid it, it will need to be done via Christopher P-H, please.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Annual General Meeting will take place **today**, 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. The AGM papers are at the back of the church. If they run out, please ask the Church Office. If you prefer to receive them by email, please sign the sheet at the back of the church. You only need to give your name, assuming we have your up to date email address. If you will NOT be able to attend the AGM, and would like your apologies noted, there is a sheet to sign for this as well.

GROUP DISCUSSION & REFLECTION

On Thursday evenings we are planning to look at some difficult Bible passages. We will begin on Thursday 19th October at 7:30pm via Zoom. This discussion and reflection time will run from 19th October to 16th November. If you have any passages, you'd like to suggest, speak to Janice. If you would like to attend, please let Janice know for Zoom contact details. Note that some of these will run end-on with the Prayer Meetings (below), but you don't need to attend both, although you'd be welcome to do so.

PRAYER MEETING

After the summer and a lengthy break, we resume our prayer meeting via Zoom monthly on Thursdays from 6:00pm-7:00pm beginning on

Thursday 5th October. The next one after 5th October will be 2nd November. For contact details for Zoom please contact Janice.

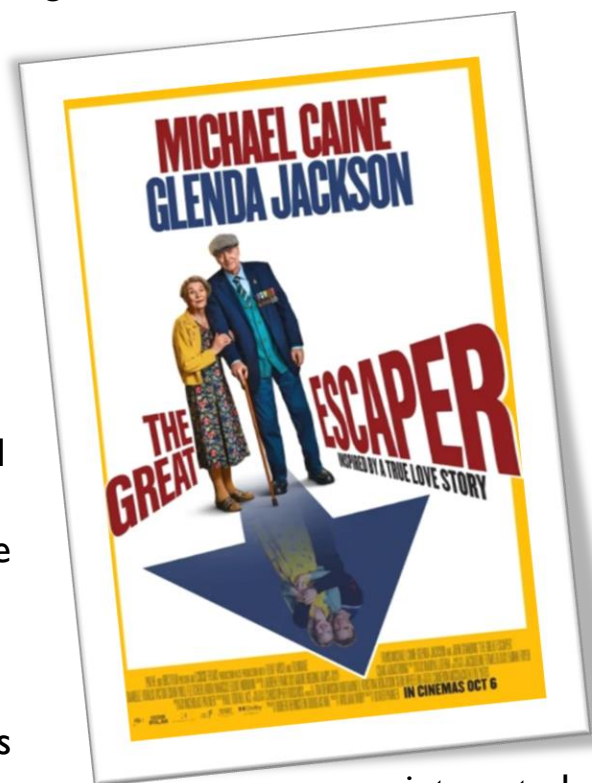
CHRISTIAN AID:

- Firstly many thanks to all who supported the Coffee Morning in any way. Over £900 was raised plus more in the special collection for the Libya appeal.
- On Christian Aid's behalf St John's is hosting a get together on the 17th October in the Hall for people in Dumfries and Galloway. The team from Edinburgh will be here to bring us up to date with what Christian Aid is doing and to answer any questions we have. The get together will run from 2-3.30pm and they will provide tea/coffee and biscuits. If you would like to attend, you can contact them at edinburgh@christian-aid.org or let Margaret Morton know.

OUTINGS:

We had a full bus for the Bowness trip last weekend. If there is sufficient demand, we hope to run a trip (destination not decided on, yet, but suggestions welcome) in mid-October (possibly 14th or 21st, date still to be decided); we may also run something in mid-November, and there has been a suggestion we might go to the Christmas Market in Glasgow (Hawkshead not possible for various reasons) on 16 December.. Watch this space! Also – would anyone be

interested in going to *The Great Escaper* at the **Lonsdale Cinema, Annan on Thursday, 12/10/2023, the 19.45 showing?** We could consider going to Annan's famous Café Royal beforehand as well... Bus (assuming min 10 travelling): £5. Sign up sheet (for this) at the back of the church; others will follow.



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

* See notice below....

MU:

- There will be an MU Eucharist on Thursday 5 October at 2pm in the Church, followed by tea / coffee and cake in the Hall. Please note the Eucharist is open to all. Just turn up and you will be made most welcome.
- Watch out for **MU Prayer space** which is held on the second Thursday of the month, via Zoom, at 12noon and 8pm. You've (probably) just missed *Peace & Reconciliation* but forthcoming sessions include *Faith in Action* (12 Oct), *Gender Justice* (9 Nov) and *God With Us* (14 Dec). Details on the poster on the lit noticeboard, and also the St J's website. The Church Office (pastadmin@stjohnsdumfries.org) can provide Zoom joining details. The invitation to join in 'Prayer Space' is not just for MU members...(you know the drill!)

Please support the **BEETLE DRIVE** here at St J's Hall on Friday, 06/10/2023. Doors open 18.30; eyes (however many you have) down at 19.00. There will be a refreshment break halfway through (no bush tucker involved), and a raffle. No entry fee, but you've never played before, don't worry; all will be explained, and it should be fun.



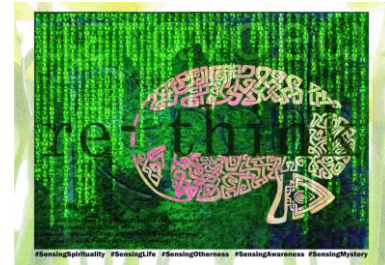
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Here are some of the latest posts from **QUARTZ**. To read more of any of the articles, visit the Quartz website (www.wordsmithcrafts.co.uk/Quartz.html), or there's a link from the Quartz page of the St J's website.

A CHURCH FOR EVERYONE?

We are Church. Jesus makes sure of that in coffee shops, bus stops, and while people are washing the dishes. The Church is for everyone. Heaven has an open door policy and that starts now. How can we respond to the issues which challenge our own sense of being, and create congregations where all are welcome though? I don't have ...



CRICHTON EVENTS

Monthly Forest Church At Forest Church gatherings we have spent our time getting to know the Crichton estate. This has been quite informal, but now we are on their website as an official event.

<https://www.crichton.co.uk/event/quartz-forest-church/>

HARVEST

Plants give up their fruits for us to consume (among other animals) So, we give up our fruits for others (the rich?) to consume. Is this exploitation; oppression? Our labour, our products – what we produce in value used indiscriminately (a rare pleasure to choose to whom we give, and even then, is it a choice?) Or: is...

ST J'S WARM SPACE will be restarting, on Wednesdays, starting Wednesday, 18/10/2023, between 11.30 and 15.00. Volunteers, offers of soup, food etc., also welcome. Please speak to Janice.

