





St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 08/10/2023

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| (2 nd in month) Sunday, 08/10/2023 Pentecost 19 | 11.00 | 1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall) | And Vestry Commissioning during the service. |
| | 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 |
| Monday, 09/10/2023 | 10.00-17.00 | Church Office open | |
| | 10.30-17.30 | UCI Groups (Hall) | |
| | 18.30-22.00 | Bridge Club (Hall) | |
| Tuesday, 10/10/2023 | 18.30 | 1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel) | |
| | 19.15 | Short Mat Bowling (Hall) | Just turn up. |
| Wednesday, 11/10/2023 | 10.30 | 1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall) | |
| | 18.30 | Choir Practice (Church) | |
| Thursday, 12/10/2023 | 12.00 & 20.00 | MU Prayer Space (via Zoom) | Open to all (not just MU members, not just females). Contact Church Office (pastadmin@stjohnsdumfries.org) for Zoom joining details. |
| | 17.45 | Trip to Lonsdale Cinema, Annan | See notice below |
| | 19.30 | Bell Practice (Tower) | Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular. |
| Friday, 13/10/2023 | 10.00-17.00 | Church Office open | |
| | 10.30 | Piano tuning (Church & Hall) | |
| | 15.00 onwards | Regional Youth Choir (Church & Hall) | |
| Saturday, 14/10/2023 | | | |

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| (3 rd in month) Sunday, 15/10/2023 Pentecost 20 | 11.00 | 1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall) | |
| | 14.00 | Forest Church | Meet outside Crichton Church, dressed for weather |
| | 18.00 | Sung Evensong (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** from last week 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. The collection is still 'open', should you have yet to contribute.

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. The first one was

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

Annual General Meeting: At the AGM last Sunday Catriona Appleby-Strivens, Andy Bixler, James Clark-Maxwell and Robyn Brotherston were elected to the Vestry and Annette Beagrie is our new Alternate Lay Representative. Gill Swales and Kay Solaja continue as the Lay Representative and our representative to the Regional Council respectively.

Copies of the papers--reports, full accounts, summarised accounts--are available from the Church Office.


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Connections

When the Israelites stop wandering and have the resources to find a king, then build a temple, they are reminded that this does not box God in. When we hear the story of Jesus talking with the woman at the well are we reminded that God is at work beyond our boundaries * * How many people already live their ...

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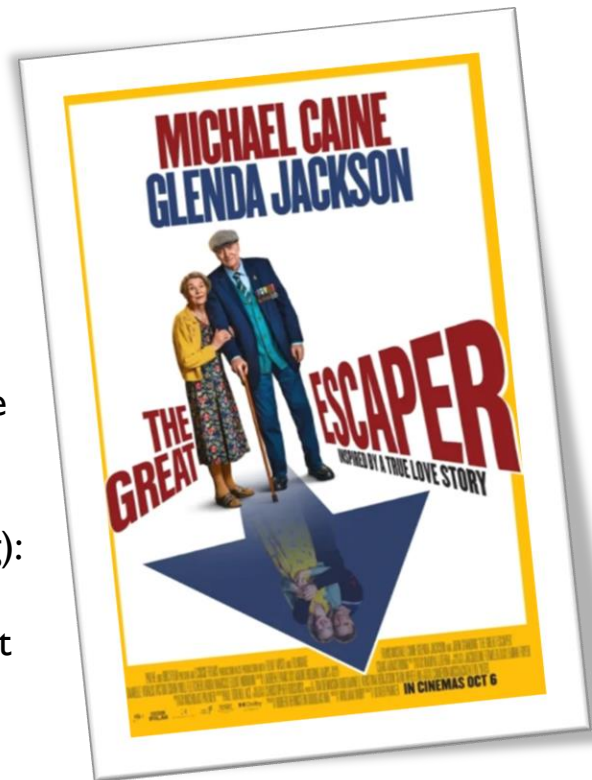
CHRISTIAN AID:

- 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:

There are still a few spaces available for anyone 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; plan is to depart St J's at approx. 17.45



OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Friday, 19/01/2024: Burns Supper
- Thursday, 14/03/2024 Pamper Session
- Saturday, 16/03/2024 Men's Breakfast
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MU Notices

- Cook & Taste India - A big thank you to all who supported this event, but especially to Getsy and the Ratnam family for all their work. Thank you, too, to Carolynne for organising it and all who helped in setting up / clearing away. Just over £400 was raised. The food cooked was delicious and there are some recipe books still to be had (£1) if you want to try these dishes at home. Please see Carolynne for a copy.

- MU Lunchtime Meeting - The October lunchtime meeting of Mothers' Union's will take place on Thursday 19th October, when there will be a talk by Dr Peter Kormylo about The Ukrainian Chapel at Lockerbie. We will be taking up an invitation to visit the Chapel as our summer outing in June 2024.
- As ever, everyone is welcome to come along on the 19th - you do not have to be a mother, married, or even female! We will gather in the Hall from 12.30, with prayers at 12.45 and lunch at 1pm. Please bring a sandwich lunch, and soup, tea / coffee and cake will be provided. MU members look forward to welcoming you!
- Diocesan Prayer Space – this is open to all and will take place on Thursday 12th October at 12 noon and 8 pm. The topic this month is Faith in Action. You can join the Zoom meeting using this link:
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81199836403?pwd=WmlPQlIdOWndPQlptL2JHZmh2RzEwdz09>
 - Meeting ID: 811 9983 6403
 - Passcode: 941659
 - Or you can dial in by phone: +44 131 460 1196

ST J'S WARM SPACE will be restarting, on Wednesdays, starting Wednesday, 18/10/2023, between 11.30 and 14.30. Volunteers, offers of soup, food etc., also welcome. Please speak to Janice.