






St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 15/10/2023

			
(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
Monday, 16/10/2023	09.30 onwards	Portable electrical appliance testing	Entire site
	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	10.30-17.30	UCI Groups (Hall)	
	18.30-22.00	Bridge Club (Hall)	
Tuesday, 17/10/2023	09.00-12.00	Mallory Nursery visit (Hall)	
	14.00-15.30	Christian Aid D&G Get Together (Hall)	All welcome, but let Margaret Morton know if coming. (Notice below)
	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Hall)	Just turn up
Wednesday, 18/10/2023	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	Luke the Evangelist
	11.30-14.30	Warm Space (Hall)	Just turn up. Volunteers also welcome.
	18.30	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 19/10/2023	12.30	Mothers' Union Lunch & Guest Speaker (Hall)	<i>Speaker now unavailable, but day still going ahead: see notice below</i>
	19.30	Bible Study/ discussion	Via Zoom: contact Janice (07487 653069) for joining details.
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 20/10/2023	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	18.30-20.00	Mystery Evening (Hall)	
Saturday, 21/10/2023			

			
(4th in month) Sunday, 22/10/2023 Pentecost 21	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)	
	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** from a couple of weeks ago will be divided 50/50 between Christian Aid's Flood Relief response in Libya, and St John's. Thanks to everyone who gave so generously, including those who contributed produce which we were able to sell. A final total will be communicated, once we know it.

GROUP DISCUSSION & REFLECTION

On Thursday evenings we are planning to look at some difficult Bible passages. We will begin **this 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 next one will be 9th November. For contact details for Zoom please contact Janice.

CHRISTIAN AID:

- On Christian Aid's behalf St John's is hosting a get together this Tuesday, 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.

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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

MU Notices

Prayer and Preparation - 19th October:

- 'The best laid schemes' - Dr Peter Kormylo is unable to come to Mothers' Union on Thursday 19th October. He will give his talk when we visit the Ukrainian Chapel on 21st June 2024 for our summer outing. Instead, on the 19th, we will have a preparation time for getting ready for the Christmas tree festival, where we will have a tree and for marking the 16 Days of Activism in November and December against Domestic Abuse, as MU is challenged to Rise Up against it. There will also be time for prayerful reflection on the events in Israel/ Palestine.
- 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!

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



Many will remember our one time Associate Rector, Steve Butler. If you'd like to go to this concert, please speak to me and I'll see what we can arrange, in terms of transport. Not a minibus full, I imagine, but we might manage a car or two. Here's the link to the website:

<https://www.thequeenshall.net/whats-on/fundraising-concert-mnd-scotland-featuring-butler-family> David

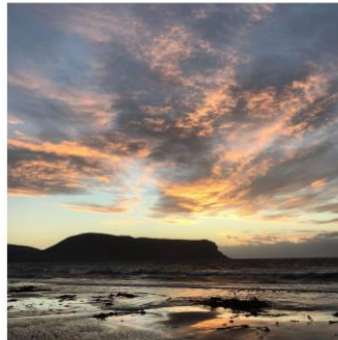
Quartz Information...



Tabernacles

Saturday the 14th of October The theme for this day is drawn from the Jewish festival of Tabernacles known as sukkot We will be exploring Permanence and Transience using a very ancient place and temporary shelters on the beach to raise questions about experiences of eternity and the present moment. More information to follow, register your interest and join the ...

[Read more](#)



More of this on the Quartz website (www.wordsmithcrafts.co.uk/Quartz) or the St J's website

- **CLC:** This is the Quartz house group, we meet every second Monday. More info is on the website. We are planning to meet at Tatyana's until she is able to get out and about again. Please get in touch if you need directions.

- **Forest Church:** We will continue to meet at the Crichton of the 3rd Sunday in the Month, so the 15th of October this month.
- As well as developing Forest Church, Quartz members also contribute to the **Contemporary Service** in the evening at St Johns. This takes place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month. We also create whole building installations, and work out "Time for Reflection" activities in schools.

To mark **Anti Slavery week** you are invited to a free one hour Hope for Justice webinar on one of the evenings of 16th, 17, 18, or 19th October from 7.30pm which is geared for churches. It addresses the issue of modern slavery, highlighting this is not just a global but local social injustice that can be overlooked. In one hour that perspective can be changed and the church can play an integral role in the community. Please click the link below for more information and to make a free booking.

[Helping church communities spot the signs of modern slavery \(mailchi.mp\)](#) (Church Office can help with a link if you're reading this on paper.)