









St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 03/03/2024

			
(1 st in month) Sunday, 03/03/2024 Lent 3	08.00	1970 Holy Communion (Church)	
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	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, 04/03/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	10.30-17.30	UCI Groups (Hall)	
	18.30-22.00	Bridge Club (Hall)	
	19.30	Lent Group: <i>Sensing Spirituality/Glimmers of Light in Daily Life.</i> [Face to face]	More details on the Quartz page on the St J's website, or speak to Simon or Kate Lidwell
Tuesday, 05/03/2024	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Hall)	Just turn up
	19.30	Lent Group: <i>Magnificent Jesus</i> (St J's Meeting Room...or elsewhere TBC))	Contact David Kerr (07754 596140) for details. All welcome
Wednesday, 06/03/2024	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 07/03/2024	14.00	Mothers' Union Eucharist (Church)	See info below
	19.30	Lent Group: <i>Lent in Plain Sight</i> (Rectory)	Contact Janice 07487 653069 for details.
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 08/03/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	11.00	Lent Group: <i>A Way Through the Wilderness</i> [Face to face]	Meets in the Church; contact Steven Ballard for details. All welcome.
	12.00-13.30	Lent Lunches (Hall)	See info below
Saturday, 09/03/2024	10.00-16.00	Vestry Awayday (Mabie House)	

			
(2 nd in month) Sunday, 10/03/2024 Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **Thursday, 14/03/2024 Pamper Session**
 - 15.45 – 18.00: Programme includes chair yoga; face massage; hand massage; nails; make up demo. Refreshments available throughout the pamper session. Donations on the day to cover costs. A lovely way to relax and enjoy being spoilt. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.
- **Saturday, 16/03/2024 Men's Breakfast**
 - 10.00 onwards, at Gardenwise, Dumfries DG2 8PP. Please sign up if planning to attend. Choice of available breakfasts appended to sign up sheet.
- **Saturday, 23/03/2023: Trip to Summerlee Museum of Scottish Industrial Life, Coatbridge.**
 - Dep St J's 09.30; Return approx. 18.30. Fare: £13 (assuming minimum of 10 travelling). More details and sign up sheet at the back of the church. This trip is filling up, but there are still a few places. Don't delay! [Note: typo in a previous notice: this is definitely taking place in **March**, not April!]

IDEAS FOR FUTURE SOCIAL EVENTS

The Church's Social Planning Group are looking for what events you might like to have from May, 2024 to June, 2025. To help the group plan ahead, please put down your ideas on, yes, *another* sign-up sheet at the back of the church. The sheet will be there for approx. 4 weeks.

Christian Aid in Lent:

- Christian Aid in Lent: I'm sure most people know by now but **Lent Lunches** are served each Friday in the hall from 12 noon until 1.30pm. The cost of the lunch is a minimum donation of £3.50 and the meal comprises homemade soup, a filled or plain roll and a cup of tea or coffee. You can buy a slice of cake to accompany the drink and there is a sales table with a variety of goods. A reminder that on the 8th March the sales table will be on a "bring and buy" basis and donations of home baking or other small goods to sell will be welcome. You can bring them on the day or if you would prefer them to be collected contact me.
- Christian Aid has resumed the *Count Your Blessings* sheets this Lent. They give reflection for each day and sometimes a donation suggestion based on counting something we might take for granted but others might not have. The booklets are at the back of the church.

Margaret Morton

Lent Groups:

- **Mondays:** Simon Lidwell/Quartz is running a group entitled *Sensing Spirituality/Glimmers of Light in Daily Life*. In person, 19.30. More details on the Quartz page on the St J's website.
- **Tuesdays:** David Kerr is offering a group, following Wendy Virgo's *Magnificent Jesus*. Some copies in stock, or you can order from Amazon or Eden. Group meets 19.30 on a Tuesday, starting 20th Feb; in person; venue TBC. Contact 07754 596140 for details.
- **Thursdays:** The Rector is leading a group; *Lent in Plain Sight* by Rev Dr Jill J Duffield – a devotion through ten objects Jesus would

have encountered on his way to Jerusalem; this is likewise 19.30, in person at the Rectory.

- **Fridays, 11.00:** Steven Ballard is leading a group, following Paula Gooder's *A Way Through the Wilderness*. This is in person, in the church. It actually started on 16/02/2024, but you can still join and each session will conclude in time for participation in the Lent Lunches.
- Contact any of the above direct if you'd like more information, or to join. All welcome.

DIOCESAN LENT APPEAL

This year we are asked to collect on behalf of the Friends of the Holy Land. Watch out for posters etc., coming shortly.

Ann Shukman says...

Further enquiries about items below to ann.shukman@gmail.com Tel 07884 256931

Looking ahead:

- 6th April: Silent Prayer*
- 4th May: Quiet Morning†
- 1st June: Silent Prayer*

*Silent Prayer (9:30 - 10:30)

On the first Saturday of selected months we gather at 9:30am for tea/coffee. At 10am there's a short 5 minute "Thought for the Day" followed by 20 minutes of silent prayer. After that we can either stroll through the woods or simply depart.

†Quiet Morning (10am- 1pm)

Occasionally on the first Saturday of the month there is a longer quiet time. Again, tea/coffee available from 9:30am. From 10am there are three short 5 minute talks interspersed with breaks for silent exploration of the woods and garden, or a quiet place can be found for just sitting silently. The morning ends with informal worship. Participants are welcome to bring lunch for a friendly picnic.

MU

- MU **Eucharist** this Thursday, 07/03/2024, 14.00. All welcome.
- The next **MU lunchtime meeting** will take place on Thursday 21st March in the Hall. Our speaker is our own Frank Davis, who now serves as a funeral celebrant. His topic is: *There are two certainties in life.....one is taxes!* We will gather 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. Despite its name, MU is an inclusive organisation, with 4 million members world- wide, supporting families and projects around the world. Anyone is welcome to come along - you do not have to be a mother, married, or even female. Just turn up and MU members look forward to welcoming you!

- Please note **MU Easter cards** will be on sale in the Hall after the morning service on Mothering Sunday, 10th March 2024.

Fairtrade Fortnight has moved! It will now be from 09-22 September. See poster (opposite/below) and on lit noticeboard for other Fairtrade related dates in March, May and June.



The poster features the Fairtrade logo in the top corners. The main text is written in a hand-drawn style: '2024 Fairtrade Fortnight September NOW! 9th-22nd'. A yellow circular badge on the left says 'CHOOSE PRODUCTS THAT CHANGE LIVES' with the Fairtrade logo. At the bottom, it says 'Celebrating 30 years of the FAIRTRADE mark'. Below that, it states 'Dumfries is a Fairtrade Town...' and provides contact information for the Dumfries Fairtrade Group: 'Dumfries Fairtrade Group', 'dumfriesfairtrade@yahoo.co.uk', 'and you can find us on facebook (Dumfries Fairtrade Group)', and 'and Twitter @FairDumfries'. A 'We are a Fairtrade Town' logo is also present at the bottom right.

MARCH

Saturday 2nd at DUNSCORE
THE BIG BREW 11am-2pm

Wednesday 20th FILM
at Robert Burns Centre FASHION
RE-IMAGINED

MAY

Saturday 11th WORLD FAIR TRADE
DAY

JUNE

8th-16th THE GREAT BIG GREEN
WEEK