

St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 24/03/2024

			
(4th in month) Sunday, 24/03/2024 Palm Sunday	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)	Including Ministry for Healing; listen for announcement.
	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
HOLY WEEK STARTS			
Monday, 25/03/2024	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
	19.30	Holy Week Services: St Andrew's RC	Brooke St., Dfs
Tuesday, 26/03/2024	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.00	Lent Group: <i>Magnificent Jesus</i> (venue TBC)	Contact David Kerr (07754 596140) for details. All welcome. Note earlier start time
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Sep- Mar) (Hall)	Finished until September
	19.30	Holy Week Services: Troqueer Parish Church	Troqueer Rd., Dfs
Wednesday, 27/03/2024	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	11.30-15.00	Warm Space (Hall)	Just turn up. Volunteers also welcome.
	18.30	Choir Practice (Church) (except school holidays)	
	19.30	Holy Week Services: Lighthouse Church	YMCA Building, Lochside Road, Lochside

			
Thursday, 28/03/2024 Maundy Thursday	10:00- 12:00	Children's Easter Activity Morning in hall, followed by Easter Egg Hunt	
	19.30	Lent Group: Lent in Plain Sight (Rectory)	Not this week but to be continued!
	19.30	Holy Week Services: Maundy Thursday @ St J's	
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 29/03/2024 Good Friday	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	10.30	Holy Week: Walk of Witness	Leaves Troqueer Church 10.30; finishes Fountain Square
	12.00-13.30	Lent Lunches (Hall)	Now finished; thanks for your support
	12.00-15.00	Good Friday Talks: Sayings of the Cross (Church); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	Led by Bishop Bob Gillies. You don't need to stay for all of these; can arrive & leave at appropriate intervals (stewards will advise)
	15.00	Holy Week Services: Max West Church	Laurieknowe, Dfs
	19.30:	Holy Week Services: River of Life Church	St Mary's Greyfriars' Church Hall, St Mary's St, Dfs
	19.30	St J's Quiz Night	Now finished, until September
Saturday, 30/03/2024 Holy Saturday	10:00-15:00	Decorating the Church for Easter	
	20.30	Easter Eve Service (starts in Hall...)	See details below
(5 th in month) Sunday, 31/03/2024 Easter	08.00	Holy Week Services: Sunrise Service on the Mill Green	(next to the Robert Burns Centre, Dfs.)
	09.30	Matins (Church)	Please note that Matins is on Low Sunday 7 th April
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist for Easter(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
	18.30	NO EVENING SERVICE THIS WEEK	

And, as always, if you need us, you can contact

- The Rector on 01387 254126 / 07487 653069

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- The Church Office on 07754 596140

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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.

MU:

- There will be an **MU Eucharist** on Thursday 4th April at 2 pm in the Church, with Revd Chris Wren presiding. This Easter Eucharist is open to all. Just turn up and be assured of a warm welcome. Tea/coffee and cake will be served in the Hall, following the service.

- **Urgent Request From MOOL:**

There has been a request from MOOL, our local charity supporting refugees and asylum seekers. A further 23 asylum seekers arrived in Dumfries recently. These young men urgently need warm clothing, waterproofs and shoes - five of them only had flip flops when they arrived. If you or your friends have young male relatives with clothes / shoes they no longer want, please can you donate to MOOL. Shoe sizes 41 - 44 sought and most of the guys are slim! If you let her know, Lizanne can collect from St John's or from your home, or they can be taken straight to the depot in the basement at St Andrew's Church Hall any Friday morning. Everyone will be most grateful.

LENT LUNCHES:

Thanks to everyone who supported these in any way. By the end of the fifth lunch, over £3,700 had been raised. This would fund 37 mobile health clinics to bring health services to remote areas in the Developing World. When the full total is known, we'll let you know. See you next year!

DIOCESAN LENT APPEAL

This year we are asked to collect on behalf of the Friends of the Holy Land. The situation in the Middle East is desperate and the Friends in the Holy Land seek to help the most vulnerable and needy... your generosity will make a difference. Thank you to those who responded to last Sunday's 'nudge' to get this particular ball rolling; this appeal has been a little slow to start – you can place contributions in the marked box, or pay via the card machine on Mondays, Fridays and Sundays.

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.

Quartz say...

- Thinking Day: Contemplation Through Cameras: "World Thinking Day" is an international event started by the Girl Guides and recognised by the Scouts too. You can read more about it on the Quartz page on the St J's website.
- Simple Things: This picture (opposite) is a throw away thing. But if you look at the number of people who have seen it that's about 2200 folk thinking of Jesus, God in human form, with a smile on their faces. What would St Ignatius think? Perhaps their thoughts won't have been the deepest of contemplations, but how often do we imagine Jesus laughing at ... [more on the Quartz page]



Holy Week Services

- 29th March our **Good Friday talks** are at 12.00pm-3.00pm and will be led this year by Bishop Bob Gillies on the "Sayings of the Cross." There will be refreshments after the service.
- 30th March is our **Easter Eve Service** at 8:30pm, meeting initially in the church hall and moving from there to the Easter Fire, and then into the church to celebrate the good news of the Resurrection.
- **Easter Day Service** is at 11:00am. There is no evening service on Easter Day.

Wanted for loan/donation: a battered old leather suitcase, medium/small size! I am creating an art installation in Lochside on the theme of Migration and need an old suitcase for the final display

of objects. Any offers kindly received, and I'm also happy to collect.
Andy Brooke – 07766 704196 (or the Church Office 07754 596140)