

St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 14/04/2024

			
(2 nd in month) Sunday, 14/04/2024	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
Monday, 15/04/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	10.30-17.30	UCI Groups (Hall)	
	18.30-22.00	Bridge Club (Hall)	
Tuesday, 16/04/2024	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.15	Vestry Meeting (Hall)	
Wednesday, 17/04/2024	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 18/04/2024	12.30	Mothers' Union Lunch & Guest Speaker (Hall)	Speaker: Rev Ann Wren (see details below)
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 19/04/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	18.00-20.30	Mystery Evening (Hall)	
Saturday, 20/04/2024			
(3 rd in month) Sunday, 21/04/2024 Easter 4	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

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 (including a new one with some more space on it) will be there for one more week (give or take...).

MU:

- The next **MU lunchtime meeting** will take place on Thursday 18th April 2024 **[this week]** in the Hall. Our speaker is Revd Ann Wren -*MU Live*. 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!

Ann Shukman says...

Dear Everyone,

Looking ahead:

30th April	Original Love (please see information below)
4th May	Quiet Morning
1st June	Silent Prayer

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- Talk by Henry Shukman at Elshields on Tuesday 30 April at 7 pm
- I'm delighted that my son Henry will be giving us a talk in the Barn on Tuesday 30 April at 7 pm.
- Henry is a Zen Master in the Sanbo tradition, widely known as a retreat leader and spiritual guide. He and his wife Clare live in Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- Henry will be talking about his latest book, ORIGINAL LOVE, which is due out in July, and his new recently released meditation app, THE WAY.
- Many of Henry's retreatants and followers are church members who find, like me, that Zen teachings can deeply enrich the Christian traditions of silence and meditation. All most welcome. Coffee and tea from 6.30

ANNAN TOWN BAND CONCERT: (opposite)

Jean Chalmers and Robyn Brotherston have tickets available to purchase.

KEEP THE DATE: the next trip will be on **Saturday, 18 May.**

Intended destination is Culzean Castle, Maybole. See sign up sheet, which will appear in the next couple of weeks, as well as information about what there is there.

A movie night poster for the Annan Town Band. The background is dark blue with white stars and film-related icons like a film reel, a clapperboard, a camera, and film strips. The text is white and yellow. At the top, it says 'ANNAN TOWN BAND PRESENTS' in a curved banner. Below that, 'MOVIE NIGHT' is written in large, bold, white letters. Underneath, the date and time are 'SAT 18TH MAY | 7.30 PM | £10'. The main description reads: 'AN EVENING OF MUSIC FROM YOUR FAVOURITE FILMS AND MUSICALS PERFORMED BY ANNAN TOWN BAND (MUSICAL DIRECTOR - LEWIS WILKINSON)'. It also mentions 'INCLUDING SPECIAL GUEST CHOIR (UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MR JAMIE BRAND MBE)'. The venue is 'ST JOHNS CHURCH, NEWALL TERRACE, DUMFRIES, DG1 1LW'. At the bottom, it says 'Tickets available from Pet Savers (Annan), Midsteple Box Office (Dumfries) or www.ticketsource.co.uk/annantownband'. The Annan Town Band logo is at the bottom center.

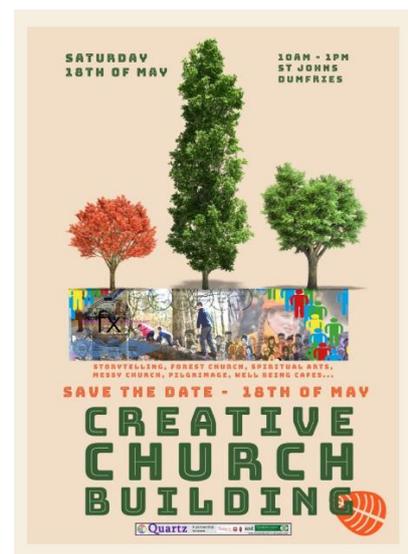


Quartz tell us...[More about any of these items - and more besides - on the Quartz page of the St J's website, or visit www.ancient-pathways.co.uk]

Christ is risen! and at the CLC meeting on Monday we were encouraged to dwell on that. It can be easy to forget after all the activity leading up to Easter Sunday, that this is a beginning. We remember it every year, but can you imagine the look on the disciples faces when they met Jesus? Or when they finally understood all the weird things Jesus was saying before he was executed and the trauma of everything falling apart? If you found treasure buried in a field how long would you just sit and stare in wonder? (I know someone you can ask about that experience)

Creative Church Building

We are organising a day exploring how creativity can contribute to building the Church. This morning will be an opportunity to try things out, and meet other interested people in the area. Rev Dr Maggie McTernan is coming down from Glasgow to lead the day. There will be the opportunity to try out two sessions, so if any of us are leading one they still have the opportunity to participate in another!



CLC

The next CLC meeting will be on Monday the 22nd in Alison and Andy's Loft. On may the 6th we will meet at Tatyana's in the basement. If you need directions please get in touch.

Forest Church

We will meet as usual on the third Sunday at 2pm outside the Crichton chapel. (21st of April this month). We will read from God's message to creation, which is creation itself, and also from the Bible. Please dress for the weather and check the website for more details.

Easter Installation

You can still drop in and see the stained glass crosses by Andy Brooke More information about them is available on this site and also on his blog.