





## St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 28/04/2024

			
(4th in month) Sunday, 28/04/2024 Easter 5	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 and a Baptism (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	<a href="http://www.stjohnsdumfries.org">www.stjohnsdumfries.org</a> . *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 29/04/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	10.30-17.30	UCI Groups (Hall)	
	18.30-22.00	Bridge Club (Hall)	
Tuesday, 30/04/2024	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.00	Elshieshields Event...	See details below
Wednesday, 01/05/2024	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	Ss. Philip & James
	18.30	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 02/05/2024	14.00	Mothers' Union Eucharist (Church)	
	19.30	Book discussion	Rectory
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact <a href="mailto:bells@stjohnsdumfries.org">bells@stjohnsdumfries.org</a> or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 03/05/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 04/05/2024	09.30	Quiet Morning @ Elshieshields	See notice below
(1 <sup>st</sup> in month) Sunday, 06/05/2024 Easter 6	08.00	1970 Holy Communion (Church)	
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	18.00	Choral Evensong (Church)	
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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

*Ann Shukman says...*

Dear Everyone,

**Looking ahead:**

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

*Original Love*

- 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.

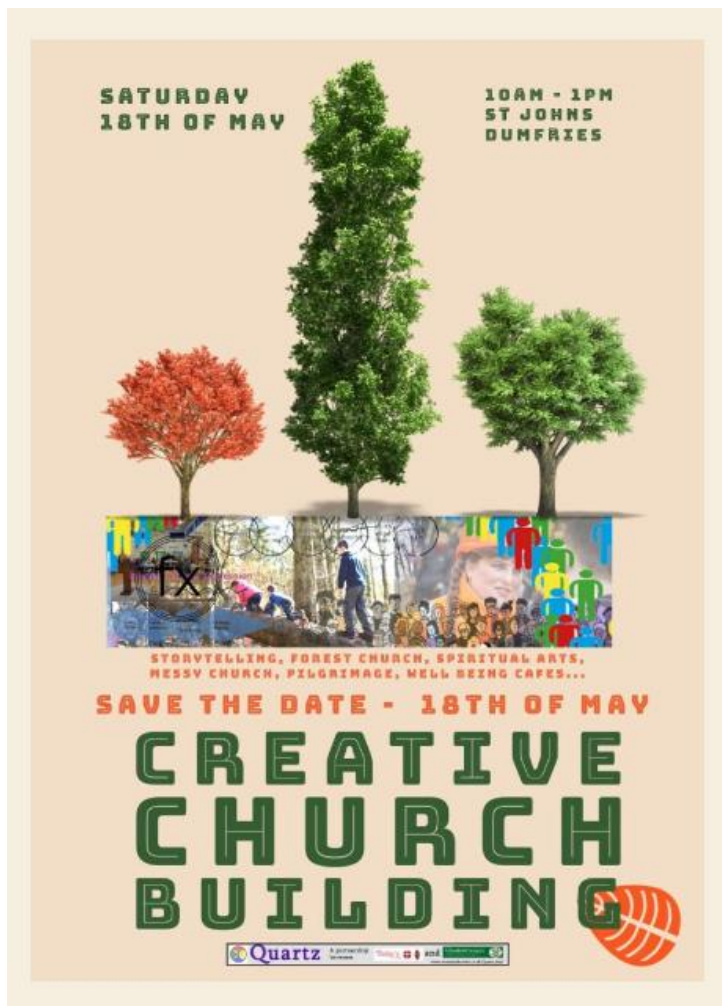
**CHANGE OF DATE:** in view of the various other things happening in or about St J's on 18<sup>th</sup> May, the **next trip will now be on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> June.**

Intended destination is Culzean Castle, Maybole. See sign up sheet, at the back of the church, as well as information about what there is there. [This trip almost fully subscribed at the time of writing, but feel free to add your name as a reserve].

## **MOTHERS' UNION**

There will be an **MU Eucharist** on Thursday 2nd May at 2 pm in the Church, with Revd Janice Aiton presiding. This 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. Please note, that in a change to the advertised programme (!), our AGM has been postponed until June 6<sup>th</sup>





## CREATIVE CHURCH BUILDING

We are organising a day on **Saturday, 18 May**, 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!

There's now a sign-up sheet at the back of the church, where you can also indicate any particular area(s) of interest you have. If you're a member of St J's, you can take it we have your details; if you're **not** a member of St J's, you're equally welcome, but, as well as adding your name to the list, please let the Church Office (07754 596140 / [pastadmin@stjohnsdumfries.org](mailto:pastadmin@stjohnsdumfries.org)) know, so we can let you know, should there be any alterations to timings etc on the day.

**CLC:** On May the 6th we will meet at Tatyana's in the basement. If you need directions, please get in touch.

### ASCENSION DAY:

Ascension Day will be celebrated on the 9th May and the regional Eucharist service will be held at All Saints Gretna at 12 noon. Everyone's welcome. After the service there will be a picnic lunch

(probably in the church!). Please bring your own food, tea and coffee will be provided. The service will give many of us the opportunity to say farewell to the Rev Martin Callaghan who has served in the Annandale churches since 1996. His last service before retirement will be at Pentecost.

All Saints Gretna's postcode is DG16 5DH and if you need directions please ask Margaret Morton.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Thank you for your wonderful suggestions; we were spoilt for choice. We could not do them all but some of the outing ideas have been passed on to David. Here are the chosen suggestions from the list for this time: (More details to follow in due course.)

- 22<sup>nd</sup> June- Barbeque at Catriona's
- 27<sup>th</sup> July - Strawberry Tea
- 17<sup>th</sup> August- St John's Fun Summer Olympics
- 26<sup>th</sup> October -International Afternoon
  - (food from different countries, plus some entertainment)
- 16<sup>th</sup> November- Board Games Night.
- 17<sup>th</sup> January,2025- Beetle Drive
- March, 2025 (date to be confirmed) Pamper Session

