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(1st in month) Sunday, 05/05/2024 Easter 6	08.00	1970 Holy Communion	<b>—</b>
	11.00	(Church)  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,	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	•
06/05/2024	18.30-22.00	Bridge Club (Hall)	Finished until September
Tuesday, 07/05/2024	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
Wednesday, 08/05/2024	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 09/05/2024	12.00 & 20.00	MU Prayer Space (via Zoom)	Open to all (not just MU members, not just females. See notice below.
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 10/05/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	14.00-18.00	Dalgarno Singers setting up for tomorrow (Church)	
Saturday, 11/05/2024	14.00-22.00	Dalgarno Singers rehearsals, then concert (Church & Hall)	
(2 <sup>nd</sup> in month) Sunday, 12/05/2024 Easter 7	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

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## **ANNAN TOWN BAND CONCERT:** (opposite)

Jean Chalmers and Robyn Brotherston have tickets available to purchase.

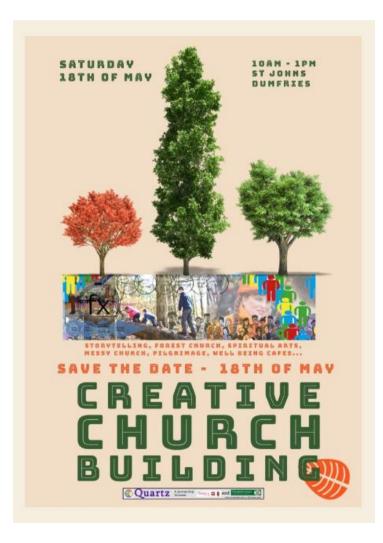
The next trip will be on Saturday, I<sup>st</sup> June. Intended destination is Culzean Castle, Maybole. See sign up sheet, at the back of the church, as well as information about what there is there. [This trip almost fully subscribed at the time of writing, but feel free to add your name as a reserve].

#### **MOTHERS' UNION**

- MU Prayer Space this week on Thursday, 09/05/2024:
  - All are welcome; you do not have to be a MU member.
  - Midday prayers 12.00 link open 11.45
  - Night Prayer 20.00 link open 19.45
  - O Both are for 15 20 min.
  - Zoom Link: 81199836403
  - Pass code: 941659
  - OR by phone: 0131 460 1196; when asked, dial in link no and then pass code.



- The next **MU** lunchtime meeting will take place on Thursday 16th May in the Hall. In another change to the programme, our speaker will be Barry Graham: Loch Arthur Forty Years On. 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 globe. 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, however, as there is a wedding in the Church on 16 May, everyone attending must use the side Hall door, accessible from the car park (and parking itself may be difficult in the surrounding area)



# 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) 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
- I7<sup>th</sup> August- St John's Fun Summer Olympics



- 26<sup>th</sup> October -International Afternoon
  - o (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

### Good afternoon,

I am emailing from Lifeline, a specialist temporary fostering service to support survivors of domestic abuse. We temporarily care for survivors' cats whilst they flee to emergency temporary accommodation or refuge, with the view to return the cat to them once they are safely rehoused and back on their feet.

I'm reaching out to you because we have recently launched the service into Scotland for the first time, and I'd be greatly appreciative if you would be willing to share knowledge of our service amongst your practitioners. We're in need of volunteer foster carers, from all walks of life, to help us support survivors and their pets across Scotland. I also know that you will often support members of your community through hardship, and should the need ever arise for our service, I do hope you would be able and willing to pass along our contact information to any in need.

• If any aspect of the above is of interest to you, the Church Office has more detail.