





St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 12/05/2024

			
(2 nd 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
Monday, 13/05/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Tuesday, 14/05/2024	09.00-12.00	Nursery Visit (Church & Hall)	
	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
Wednesday, 15/05/2024	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 16/05/2024	12.30	Mothers' Union Lunch & Guest Speaker (Hall)	See notice below
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 17/05/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	18.00-21.00	Mystery Evening (Hall)	
Saturday, 18/05/2024	09.00-13.00	Creative Church Building Event (Church & Hall)	See notice below
	13.15-18.00	Annan Town Band Rehearsals (Church)	
	19.30	Annan Town Band Concert	See notice below
(3 rd in month) Sunday, 19/05/2024 Pentecost	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

ANNAN TOWN BAND

CONCERT: (opposite)

Jean Chalmers and Robyn Brotherston have tickets available to purchase.

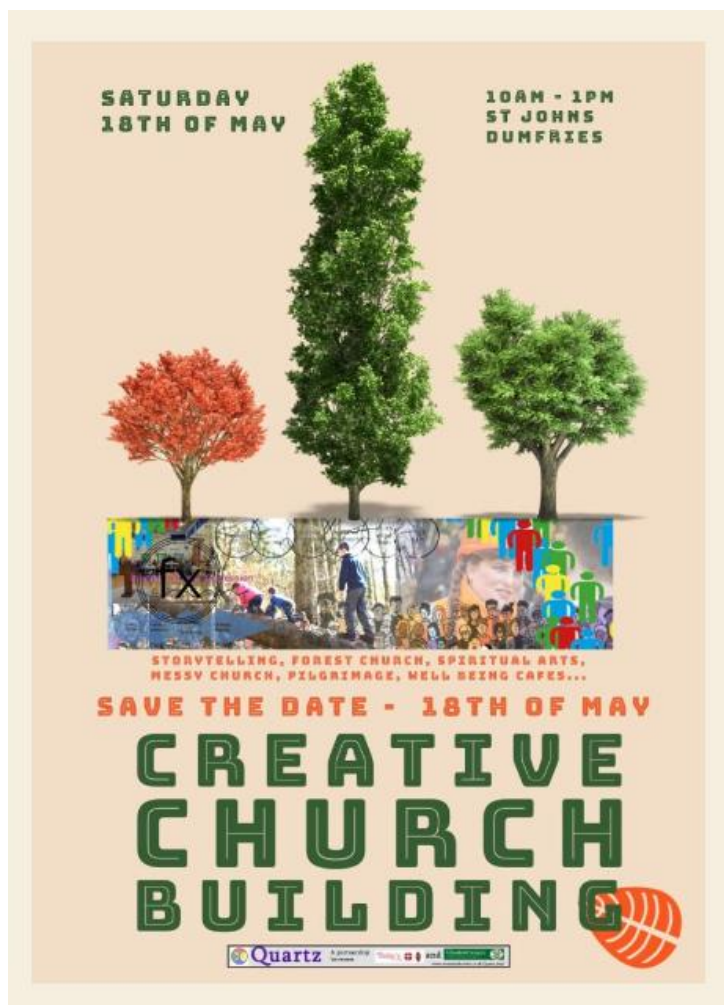
The next trip will be on Saturday, 1st June. Intended destination is Culzean Castle, Maybole. See sign up sheet, at the back of the church, as well as information about what there is there. [This trip almost fully subscribed at the time of writing, but feel free to add your name as a reserve].

MOTHERS' UNION

- The next **MU** **lunchtime meeting** will take place **this week** 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!



CREATIVE CHURCH BUILDING

We are organising a day **this 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.

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.)

- 22nd June- Barbeque at Catriona's
- 27th July - Strawberry Tea
- 17th August- St John's Fun Summer Olympics
- 26th October -International Afternoon
 - (food from different countries, plus some entertainment)
- 16th November- Board Games Night.
- 17th 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.**

CHRISTIAN AID:

- Firstly, the Lent Lunches. It was great to see so many people at the lunches. Thank you to those who supported them week by week. We really appreciated the number of positive comments.
- The total raised after expenses was £4545.59 The money will be given to Christian Aid to use where the need is greatest but, as an example, the total would enable Christian Aid to buy and run 39 mobile health clinics.

See you next year!

- Today is the beginning of Christian Aid Week, which this year focuses on Burundi where malnourishment, disease and poverty affect more than 70% of the population, making survival a daily struggle. Jobs and food are hard to come by, and those who have homes often have no electricity or running water nor can they be sure that their home will survive the next storm.
- Please do look at the display at the back of church. It tells the story of Aline. Sadly her story is typical of many others. The victim of an abusive marriage she was homeless and with no means of supporting herself. Thankfully she attended a course run by a Christian Aid partner to teach her to manage money and with a small start-up loan, she started trading avocados and peanuts locally. With her profits, she bought a bicycle so she could transport greater quantities of goods to markets further afield and over time has been able to establish herself in her own home and reunite with the children she had to leave behind.
- You can give using the envelope with these notices or, if you prefer to do this on line, the link to the local fundraising page is Dumfries and District-- Christian Aid Fundraise or you can use the QR code on the display (or opposite).

