





## St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 19/05/2024

			
(3 <sup>rd</sup> in month) Sunday, 19/05/2024 Pentecost	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	Baptism of Lucy & Isla Bassett
	14.00	Forest Church	Meet outside Crichton Church, dressed for weather
	18.00	Sung Evensong (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, 20/05/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Tuesday, 21/05/2024	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
Wednesday, 22/05/2024	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 23/05/2024	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, 24/05/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 26/05/2024			
(4th in month) Sunday, 27/05/2024 Trinity Sunday; Aldersgate Service	09.15	Sunday Worship: Crichton Memorial Church	Crichton Campus, Dumfries DG1 4ZZ
	09.30	Holy Communion @ Maxwellton 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)	
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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

## MOTHERS' UNION

- The **last MU Eucharist of our current programme** will be on Thursday 6 June at 2pm in the Church, with Revd Steven Ballard presiding. All welcome. It will be followed by tea/coffee and cake in the Hall, and our AGM!
- 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!

**OUTINGS/TRIPS:** The next trip will 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 is fully subscribed at the time of writing, but feel free to add your name as a reserve]. Meantime, consider the following other possibilities:

1. Spring Fling (**next weekend 25-26 May**): bus tours round the Green (Nithsdale), Red (Annandale & Eskdale) and ~~Orange (Solway Coast)~~ [not running] routes: details, brochures etc from Gracefield or [www.springfling.co.uk/tours/](http://www.springfling.co.uk/tours/); outline details from David.
2. Trip to **Bishop Kevin's Farewell Service** at St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, on **Saturday, 29/06/2024**. Dep St J's approx. 9.00am [**note earlier time**] There's a sign- up sheet at the back of the church. **Please sign up for this sooner, rather than later**, as we need to let the Cathedral know

numbers by mid-June.

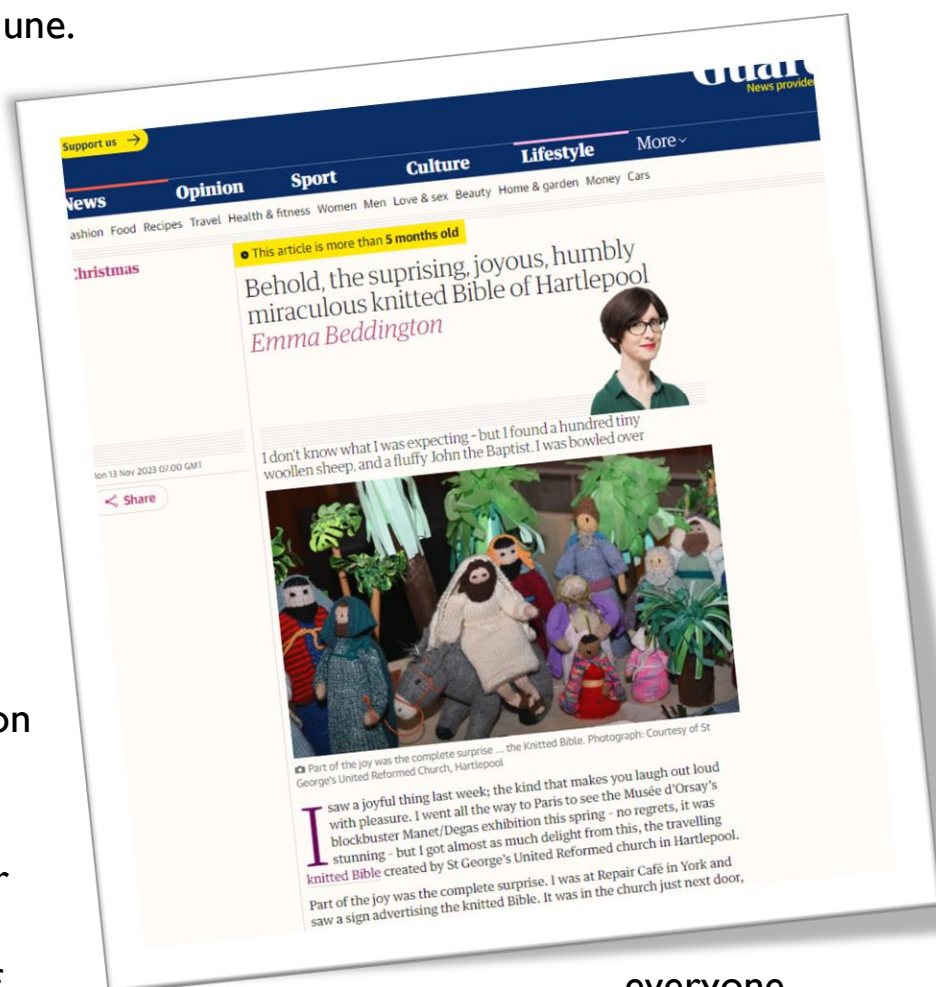
Return fare:  
£12, assuming  
minimum of 10  
travelling.

3. Trip to see  
**The Knitted  
Bible** at St  
Peter's Church,  
Lindal with  
Marton, South  
Cumbria (see  
extract *Guardian*  
article adjacent) on  
**Sunday,  
08/09/2024.**

Depart St J's after  
the 11.00 Service  
(say 12.30) and, if

is very good, we might also fit in a visit to Tebay! Sorry it's a  
Sunday; the bus has no available Saturdays in September.

Fare: £17, assuming a minimum of 10 travelling. Sign up sheet  
will appear in due course, but keep the date.



everyone



4. Trip to see **Threads Through the Bible** (see poster adjacent), though a more legible one will be provided nearer the time) at Hexham Abbey, on **Saturday, 02/11/2024.** Dept St J's approx. 10.00; Fare £11, assuming a

minimum of 10 people travelling. Sign up sheet in due course, but keep the date.

5. If the above seems all a bit too haberdashery-centric for you, watch out for other possible trips over the summer...details in due course.

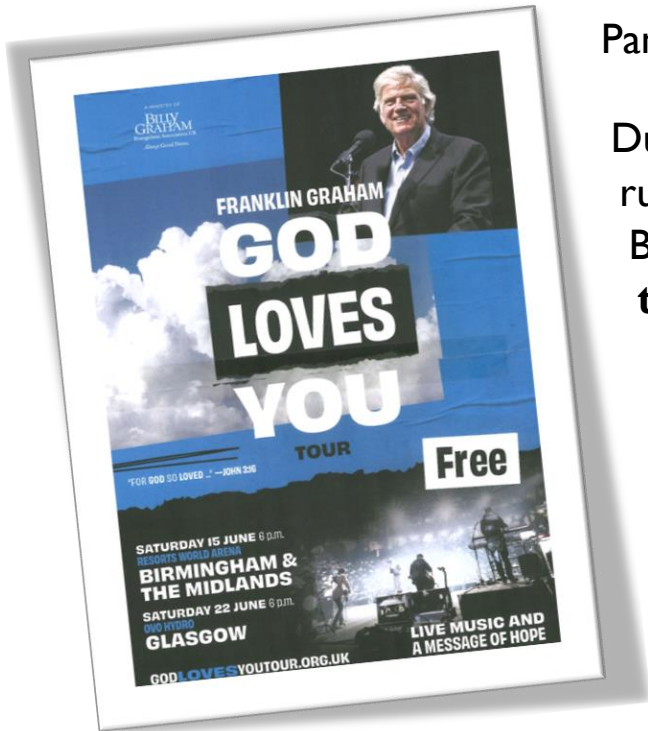
## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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



Dumfries Christian Network will be running a bus to see Franklin (son of Billy) Graham on his **God Loves You** tour, which is coming to the Ovo Hydro (“the Bunnet”), Glasgow, on Saturday, 22/06/2024. No further details available at present, but the Church Office, or Janice, will be able to find out more for you, upon request.

## • 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 marks the official end of Christian Aid Week (although donations will be gratefully received in the next few weeks) which this year has focused 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.
- Envelopes for donations are available at the back of church 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)



*Thank you*

*Margaret Morton*

### **Quartz: Forest Church in Summertime ...**

- We will meet, [**this Sunday**]as is our custom, at 2pm outside the Crichton Chapel. Dress for the weather, and bring what you need to be comfortable walking around the grounds.
- We will meet in the peace of Jesus, read from the Bible and read from the environment. Many of us will have had a busy day on Saturday the 18th so this gathering will be the opportunity to get back to basics.
- Gathering in the grass, not documenting the experience, feeling the green grow under our toes and catching the raindrops on our faces.
- We will then move to a comfortable place (probably the Central ) to share refreshments, stories, hopes, and dream dreams while we are awake.
- And a wee reminder of this very helpful book if you are led to grow some Forest Church in your life and community.

- [https://www.mysticchrist.co.uk/blog/post/forest\\_church\\_a\\_field\\_guide\\_to\\_nature\\_connection\\_for\\_groups\\_and\\_individuals](https://www.mysticchrist.co.uk/blog/post/forest_church_a_field_guide_to_nature_connection_for_groups_and_individuals)