





St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 26/05/2024

			
(4th in month) Sunday, 26/05/2024 Trinity Sunday; also observed as Aldersgate Sunday	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 (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	www.stjohnsdumfries.org . *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 27/05/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	Tomorrow instead
Tuesday, 28/05/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	16.30	Reception of coffin of Jenny Lawson (private)	
	17.00-17.15	Vigil for Jenny	All welcome to attend. And see detail below.
	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
Wednesday, 29/05/2024	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 30/05/2024	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Church)	Corpus Christi & Visit of Mary to Elizabeth
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 31/05/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 01/06/2024	09.00 depart	Trip to Culzean Castle	
	09.30-10.30	Silent Prayer @ Elshields	See notice below.

(1 st in month) Sunday, 02/06/2024 Trinity 2	08.00	1970 Holy Communion (Church)	
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	18.00	Choral Evensong (Church)	Note 16 th June is Regional Youth Choir concert at 6pm
	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

JENNY LAWSON

- On Tuesday 28th May there will be a short vigil held for Jenny Lawson from 5:00pm-5:15pm to which everyone can attend, after which, the church will be open for people to come and offer their respects and prayers for Jenny from 5:15pm-6:15pm. Our Eucharistic Service at 6:30pm will be as normal and you are most welcome to attend.
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- The funeral and cremation service, which is private, will take place the following day.
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- On Saturday 22nd June there will be a celebration and thanksgiving service for the life of Jenny in St John's Church at 11:00 am, (dress joyfully) followed by refreshments in the church hall, and later in the afternoon an opportunity to join the family in Jenny's garden. (Weather permitting.)

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!

**SUMMER
HOLIDAY CLUB**

FOR CHILDREN IN PRIMARY 1 - PRIMARY 7
ST JOHN'S CHURCH, NEWALL TERRACE, DUMFRIES DG1 1LW

MONDAY 5TH - FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST
10.30AM - 3PM

Come and have lots of fun with plenty of
activities and a theme based on the
Summer Olympics
"Go for Gold"



Games Bouncy Slide Crafts Songs Quizzes
Sport Activities Bible Stories Messy Games

NO CHARGE - BRING A PACKED LUNCH

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK A PLACE
01387 254126

Holiday Club Forms will be available in June.

ANN SHUKMAN SAYS...

Dear Everyone,

- Silent Prayer is on Saturday 1st June, as usual, 9.30 to 10.30am. It will be lovely to see those of you who can make it. It is a chance to gather

together, to be strengthened by our friendship and to find peace and refreshment in the spirit of Our Lord.

- If anyone would like to stay on after the prayer meeting to enjoy the woods and gardens they are very welcome. The scented yellow azaleas are a treat!
- Thanks to your generosity after our last morning together I was able to send £60 to Médecins sans Frontières
- It would be helpful if folks brought their own mugs for teas and coffees
- Further enquiries to Ann Shukman: ann.shukman@gmail.com Tel 07884 256931

OUTINGS/TRIPS: The next trip will be **this Saturday, 1st June**. 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. 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.
2. Trip to see **The Knitted Bible** at St Peter's Church, Lindal with Marton, South Cumbria (see extract *Guardian* article opposite) on **Sunday, 08/09/2024**. Depart St J's after the 11.00 Service (say 12.30) and, if everyone 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.



3. 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.

4. 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.

OTHER 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.)

- 7th July (please note change of date) Barbeque at Catriona's after Sunday worship at 11.00am (1pm-4pm)
- 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



FRANKLIN GRAHAM:

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 WEEK:

Many thanks to everyone who has donated to Christian Aid. This year the contributions from St John's and the Crichton Church have been combined and the total amount given to date is £701.00.

The week 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 will be available at the back of church this week and next 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 (and opposite). If you cannot find an envelope please ask the stewards.



Thank you
Margaret Morton