





St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 02/06/2024

			
(1 st in month) Sunday, 02/06/2024 Pentecost 2	08.00	1970 Holy Communion (Church)	
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	18.00	Choral Evensong (Church)	Last one till September: don't miss!
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 03/06/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Tuesday, 04/06/2024	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
Wednesday, 05/06/2024	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 06/06/2024	14.00	Mothers' Union Eucharist (Church)	Followed by AGM. See notice below.
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 07/06/2024	09.00 - 12.00		
	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 08/06/2024	10.00-17.00	Matthew Hynes Organ Group (Church & Hall)	
(2 nd in month) Sunday, 09/06/2024 Pentecost 3	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	18.00	Contemporary Worship (Church)	None this week; next one is 23/06/2024; last one before summer break
	19.00 for 19.30	Songs of Praise for Guid Nychburris	Dumfries High School
	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 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 **final MU Eucharist** of the current programme will take place on Thursday 6th June at 2 pm in the Church. Revd Steven Ballard will be presiding. Please note, this Eucharist is open to all. Just turn up and be assured of a warm welcome. It will be followed by our AGM, with tea/coffee and cake in the Hall.
- The **MU Summer Outing** will take place on Thursday June 20th in the early afternoon (times to be confirmed). We are going to visit the Ukrainian Chapel near Lockerbie, where Dr Peter Kormylo will show us round and give a little background about the Chapel. The visit will be followed by afternoon tea. There may be a few seats available on the minibus if anyone would like to join us - total cost £25. Please contact Lizanne or Mary Solley if you are interested.

Dumfries
Christian Network

Guid Nychburris

SONGS OF PRAISE

Dumfries High School

Sunday 9th June, 7pm for 7.30pm

Motor Neurone Disease is

something that has affected us quite nearly at St John's in recent times.

John Mann will be undertaking a sponsored cycle ride in aid of MND (see poster, and on lit noticeboard). He would welcome support of any kind, particularly sponsorship.



In aid of
MND Scotland

Highest Public House in England to Highest Public House in Scotland Cycle Challenge

On the 5th June 2024 I intend cycling from the Tan Hill inn, North Yorkshire to the Wanlockhead inn, Dumfriesshire. The real challenge for me is to complete the 120 mile ride in one day!

My steed for the event will be a Claud Butler 10 speed touring cycle of 1970s vintage. No e bike for me, I hasten to add!

I chose this day as it will be the 8th anniversary of my dear wife, Lorraine's passing from this dreadful, debilitating disease.

If you would like to sponsor me, please get in touch :-

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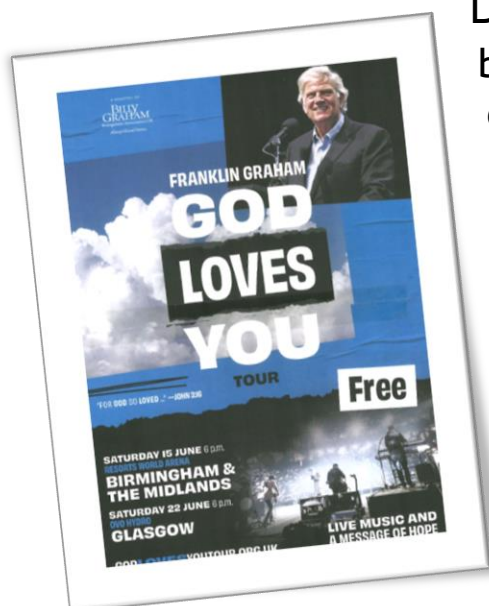
**Together, we will
make time count**

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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.



Holiday Club Forms available at the back of the church, or from the **Church Office**, or from **Janice**.

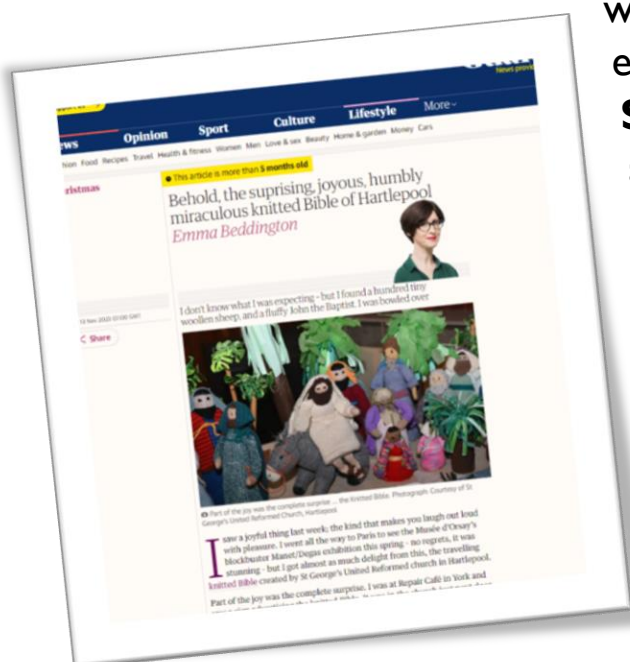
OUTINGS/TRIPS:

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 opposite, 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

Christian Aid Week:

- This is the last week that envelopes will be in church to support Christian Aid week 2024. Thank you to everyone who has donated. The contributions from St John's and the Crichton Church so far total £770.50.
- 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.
- The display at the back of church will be dismantled tomorrow so this is our last chance to hear of Aline whose 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.
- If you prefer to donate 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) If you cannot find an envelope please ask the stewards.



Thank you
Margaret Morton