





St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 07/07/2024

			
(1 st in month) Sunday, 07/07/2024 Pentecost 7	08.00	1970 Holy Communion (Church)	
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	The Rector is at All Saints, Gretna this morning.
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 08/07/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Tuesday, 09/07/2024	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
Wednesday, 10/07/2024	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
Thursday, 11/07/2024	12.00 & 20.00	MU Prayer Space (via Zoom)	Open to all (not just MU members, not just females). See details below
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 12/07/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 13/07/2024			
(2 nd in month) Sunday, 14/07/2024 Pentecost 8	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	18.00	No evening service	
	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

MU Online Prayer Space this Thursday, 11/07/2024.

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
- Both are for 15 - 20 min.
- Zoom Link: 81199836403; Pass code: 941659
- OR by phone: 01314601196 when asked dial in link no and then pass code.

MU Informal Meeting:

- MU members and friends are invited to meet at the Baptist Centre on **Thursday 18th July**, 2 pm, for a cup of tea/ coffee and a get - together. All welcome.

HOLIDAY CLUB FORMS available at the back of the church, or from the Church Office, or from Janice.

OUTINGS/TRIPS:

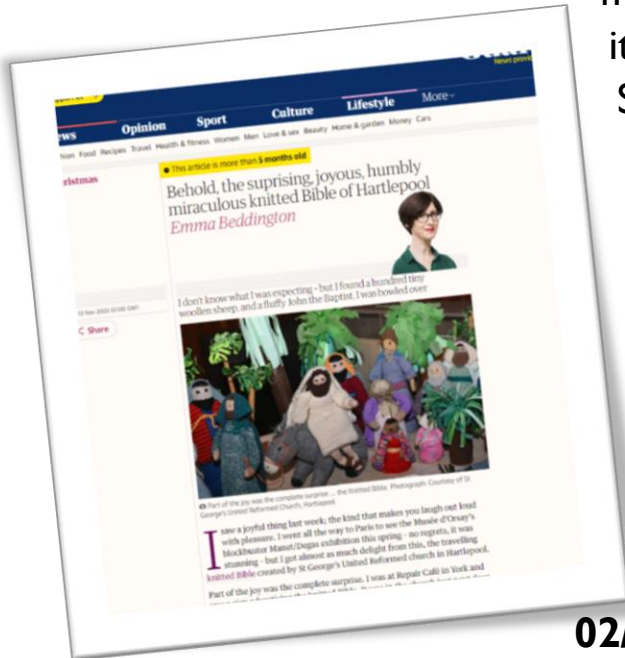
1. Trip to **Shildon Railway Museum, taking in lunch at Mainsgill Farm on Tuesday, 23 July**. Details, and sign up sheet, at the back of the church. Dep St J's assuming minimum of 10 travelling; will be back latish...perhaps about 19.30. .



10.00; Fare £16,

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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 Creation** (see poster below, 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.

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 (**today!!**) 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

DISCO INFERNO:

The obsolete, and non-working, corridor light outside the toilets has now been replaced, as have those in the kitchen area, in anticipation. They are more energy efficient, parts are readily available for them, and they also come on instantly. As you know, they're on PIRs (movement sensors), so will come on and, eventually, switch themselves off automatically.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Firstly, many thanks to everyone who stayed for the SGM and contributed to our discussions.

- The first item was listed as the future of the church. This considered the Vestry's review of our work with children and families and the proposal that the children and families worker be recruited. After a lively debate the meeting agreed with the proposal, noting that an appointment may be full or part time. The Vestry will work up the proposal and seek grant funding towards the cost of the post. There will be a further meeting in the autumn to report back on the progress made.
- The item to consider the future of the hall focused on the condition of the Hall roof. Although there are a number of ideas about how we use the Hall in future it was agreed the first priority has to be to replace the roof. It is estimated that this will cost in the order of £60,000 plus VAT. Again the Vestry will look at the possibility of obtaining grants towards the cost and to investigate the precise way the roof will be repaired or replaced. *Stop Press: Further generous*

donations, some enhanced by Gift Aid, have been received; we're now up to £2,250 most grateful.

- The financial position is not good, and Christopher explained the detail to us. Our gas and electricity bills will go up considerably in December when our fixed term contract comes to an end. Our gas bill alone last January was £2,000 and it will be considerably more this January. It is expected our quota to the Diocese and also stipend will increase in February and our general expenditure is gradually increasing due to rising costs. It was agreed that in addition to any fund raising events it is necessary for us all to dig deeper and consider our regular giving.

If you would like more information about any of these items please ask a member of the Vestry.

SUMMER AT ELSHIELDS:

- Saturday 3rd August, Quiet Morning
- Saturday 7th September, Silent Prayer

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available from 9:30am. At 10am there will be the first 5 minute reflection followed by 45 minutes to explore the grounds and meditate on God's creation. If weather is wet, the tower will be open as will the oratory. The morning will finish at 12:30pm with a short informal worship service. Participants are then welcome to bring a packed lunch and share fellowship together.

Further enquiries to Ann Shukman: ann.shukman@gmail.com Tel 07884 256931

BBQ @ CATRIONA'S – today, after the 11.00 service

If you either need transport to this, or need to follow someone who knows where they're going (!), speak to David