





St J's Diary & Notices w/c Sunday, 28/07/2024

			
(4th in month) Sunday, 28/07/2024 Pentecost 10	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.
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org . *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 29/07/2024	10.00-17.00*	Church Office open	*Timings a bit uncertain today...
Tuesday, 30/07/2024	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
Wednesday, 31/07/2024	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
Thursday, 01/08/2024	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 02/08/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 03/08/2024			
(1 st in month) Sunday 04/08/2024 Pentecost 11	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	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

HOLIDAY CLUB

The holiday club is fully booked with 43 children, we would value greatly your prayers during the week for the children and their leaders.

Please note the hall will not be in use on Sunday 4th August as it will be set up for the holiday club beginning on 5th August, refreshments after the service will be in the church. Thank you for your help and consideration.

OUTINGS/TRIPS:

1. Trip to see **The Knitted Bible** at St Peter's Church, Lindal with Marton, South Cumbria 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.
2. Trip to see **Threads Through Creation** 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.

STRAWBERRY TEA

The strawberry tea was a wonderful success- absolutely delicious- who can refuse scones with strawberries and cream!! Thanks to all who contributed to the cake stall and raffle prizes- a most enjoyable afternoon. Thanks to Annette and her helpers for all the hard work, well done!

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.)

- 17th August- St John's Fun Summer Olympics
- 26th October -Indian Meal
- 9th November- Board Games Night.
[Note change of date; now a week earlier... 'Advance to Go?']
- 17th January,2025- Beetle Drive
- March, 2025 (date to be confirmed) Pamper Session



SUMMER AT ELSHIESIELDS:

- The next first Saturday of the month [03/08] gathering will be a Quiet Morning. 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.
- 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.
- As you go round the woods please look out for red squirrels. We lost them about two years ago and Ann keeps hoping they will decide to come back.
- Also many thanks for your donations: at the last Quiet Morning we raised £120 for the Ukrainian children coming to Dumfries and the previous month after Silent Prayer Ann sent £56 to the United Nations Blue Ribbon fund for refugees.

- Further enquiries to Ann
Shukman: ann.shukman@gmail.com Tel 07884 256931
- NB Silent Prayer September 7th 9:30-10:30am

MAGAZINE: JUNE-AUGUST, 2024

Available this week for collection/distribution.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: We now have a total for Christian Aid Week this year. A total of **£6,360** was raised by our efforts in Dumfries and District. This is just above the total for last year (£6,315) which included the May Coffee Morning but less than half what was raised before COVID with the house-to-house collection. This increased total is especially pleasing in what feel like difficult times for individuals and charities. Special thanks are due to Audrey Brown from St Michael's who was sponsored to walk the Arran Coastal Way and contributed significantly to our total but thank you to all who gave.



Help some Ukrainian kids take some time out and visit Scotland

QUARTZ TELL US...

- Thanks to some large donations the time and activities at Barcaple Outdoor centre are fully funded. We have also funded the cost of Visas so they will be let in to the UK!
- With a combination of contributions from the families, their Ukrainian council and generous donors in Scotland we have also raised enough to get the group

of teachers, children and young people from their homes to the UK and back.

- We are still raising funds help them have the best experience we can give them. They would like to visit London, but this adds a considerable amount to the cost of the trip – even if they fly in via Luton.
- If you are able to share these posts, or give, it will help us with things like accommodation when a flight arrives at 11pm, rather than finding buses in the middle of the night.
- It will also help us respond to emergencies, or responding to hikes in air fares. Please share and use the following page to donate!
- [Lyubotin – Dumfries Trip](https://www.ancient-pathways.co.uk/lyubotin-barcaple-trip/)
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- Thankyou to everyone who has helped so far!

The Diocesan MU Festival Service will take place on Saturday 10 August at 2pm in St James the Less, Bishopriggs. Anyone who would like to attend, should contact Carolynne regarding travel details.