





St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 01/09/2024

			
(1 st in month) Sunday, 01/09/2024 Pentecost 15	08.00	1970 Holy Communion (Church)	
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	Godly Play/Children's Church under new management! This week: Joanne & Inna
	18.00	Choral Evensong (Church)	See poster
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 02/09/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	18.30-22.00	Bridge Club (Hall)	Resumes later in month; watch this space
Tuesday, 03/09/2024	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Sep-Mar) (Hall)	Starts next week
	19.30	Contemp Worship Music Practice (Church)	
Wednesday, 04/09/2024	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 05/09/2024	14.00	Mothers' Union Eucharist (Church)	
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 06/09/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 07/09/2024	09.30	Silent Prayer @ Elshieshields	See notice below

(2 nd in month) Sunday, 08/09/2024	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	18.00	Contemporary Worship (Church)	Resumes!
	12.15	Trip to Knitted Bible	Dep St J's asap after service. See notice below.
	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

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 (12.15, if we can) 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 is at the back of the church. **AT THE TIME OF WRITING, WE ARE A COUPLE SHORT OF THE TEN PEOPLE NEEDED TO MAKE THE BUS VIABLE: DON'T DELAY, SIGN UP TODAY!** Because of the timings, you may be better to bring a piece to eat *en route* (and, indeed, *en croûte*...)
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.

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.)

- 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

ELSHIELDS NEWS:

- The next 'first Saturday of the month' gathering (07/09/2024) will be Silent Prayer. 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.
- As usual it will take place in the barn from 9:30am; the urn will be on for tea and coffee and the biscuit tin will have been restocked.
- After the prayer meeting there will be an opportunity round the kitchen table to discuss future plans for our prayer life. Please stay on if you can or if you have any suggestions how we might take things forward locally.
- Further enquiries to Ann Shukman: ann.shukman@gmail.com Tel 07884 256913

THE CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING

- Will be held on Saturday 14th September 10-12 at The Usual Place-- ---a great time to catch up with friends and support Christian Aid's work around the world.
- There will be a baking/produce stall including, as well as home baking, jams, chutney and marmalade and donations would be

appreciated for that as well as for the catering. We will have some space for what we are calling a "Cornucopia" stall: books, gifts and small items sell best. There will be a plant stall outside

- As we found last year, we need a considerable team to serve on the day so **any help will be gratefully received**. There will be a briefing session and allocation of jobs at 9:15 am. The Usual Place require anyone helping to have some basic hygiene training on the day so that will be fitted in too.
- The Usual Place will be open for donations from 4-5 pm on Friday 13th September and from 9 am on Saturday.
- If you can help for all or part of the morning and if you would like any donations to be collected please contact Margaret Morton.

SUNDAY LUNCH

We propose to have an after-church Sunday Lunch at Lockards Farm restaurant on **Sunday 15th September at 1.45**. A chance for us to get together in a social setting.

If you can come, please add your name to the list at the back of the church. We would need numbers by next Sunday 8th Sept.

The restaurant has a wide varied menu and are offering 30% off meals at present!!

Any queries, please ask.

Annette

The new **MU PROGRAMME FOR 2024/25** begins with our Eucharist on 5th September at 2 pm in the Church, followed by tea / coffee and cake in the Hall. Revd Steven Ballard will preside. As you know by now, despite its name, MU is an inclusive organisation and everyone, regardless of gender, is welcome. A copy of our full programme can be found on the noticeboard at the back of the church. There are also paper copies - please take one if you are interested in joining us for any Eucharist or lunch meeting, or ask Carolynne, Mary or Lizanne for a copy.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: formal notice is given that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on the **6th October**. The purpose of the Meeting will be:

- to approve the minutes of the 2023 AGM
- to receive the accounts for 2023-2024
- to appoint the Independent Examiners 2024-2025
- to elect 3 representatives to the Vestry for 3 years
- to elect a Lay Representative and an Alternate Lay Representative to the Diocesan Synod and a lay representative to the Galloway Regional Council
- to receive the reports from the Rector, the Vestry Secretary and the lay representatives and to take special note of the report from the Coordinator for the Protection of Vulnerable Groups

Nominations for representatives must be made by midday on the 4th October using the appropriate form.

The AGM will be held in the context of the I I am service and the 6th October will be our Harvest Festival. The AGM will be convened at the end of the service and adjourned for a Bring and Share Lunch in the Hall. The AGM will reconvene after lunch.

Margaret Morton, Vestry Secretary

FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT: The fortnight has moved from the usual February/March slot to the **9th-22nd September**. A highlight in Dumfries will be the visit by a rice farmer, Howard, from Malawi. Howard is part of the cooperative that grows Kilombero rice. You may remember that Judith Mylne stocked this rice. This is an opportunity to hear first-hand from Howard about the impact this fair trade collaboration has in Malawi, and the impact of Climate Change on his community.

Howard will speak at the Baptist Church on **Monday 16th September** from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Please note that **BOWLING** will resume on Tuesday, 10/09/2024, at 19.30 in the Hall; all are welcome. You'll also be welcome when the **QUIZ NIGHTS** resume on Friday, 27/09/2024, also in the Hall at 19.30

Advance Warning that we will not be celebrating **St Mary the Virgin** on Monday, 09/09, as previously planned, but on Tuesday, 10/09, at 18.30.

GODLY PLAY/CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

Under new Management! This week, we're delighted that Godly Play/Children's Church will be led by Joanne Norris and Inna Roi; in a fortnight's time, it will be the turn of Inna (again) and Tracy Temple. Please give them your prayerful support; likewise you could pray for **plans** we are starting to make to **complement** the existing monthly **Mystery Evenings**. More when we know it; meantime the first Mystery Evening of the new season will be on **Friday, 20 September**.