





St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 08/09/2024

			
(2 nd in month) Sunday, 08/09/2024 Pentecost 16	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	12.15 (approx.)	Knitted Bible Trip departs	At earliest point after service
	18.00	Contemporary Worship (Church)	See posters
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org , *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 09/09/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Tuesday, 10/09/2024	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	Birth of Mary
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Sep-Mar) (Hall)	RESUMES TODAY!! Just turn up
Wednesday, 11/09/2024	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 12/09/2024	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, 13/09/2024	10.00-12.00	Church Office open	Note shorter hours today; office will also be closed on Monday, 16/09
Saturday, 14/09/2024			
(3 rd in month) Sunday, 15/09/2024 Pentecost 17	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	14.00	Forest Church	Meet outside Crichton Church, dressed for weather
	18.00	Sung Evensong (Church)	
	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:

Next scheduled one is a Trip to see **Threads Through Creation** at Hexham Abbey, on **Saturday, 02/11/2024**. Dep 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.)

- 15th September: Lockard's Farm Lunch: numbers will be finalised **today**, so don't delay, sign up today!
- 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

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 4.15-5pm on Friday 13th September and from 8.45am 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 need to finalise numbers **today**.

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

Any queries, please ask.

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MU LUNCHTIME MEETING

In a change to our advertised programme, due to circumstances beyond our control, our September and October speakers have swapped places. Our first lunchtime meeting of the new programme will be led by Revd Ann Wren: *Metamorphosis*. It will take place in the Hall on **Thursday 19th September**. We will gather from 12.30, with prayers at 12.45 and lunch at 1pm. Please bring a sandwich lunch, and soup, tea / coffee and cake will be provided. Everyone is welcome to attend. Just turn up, and be assured of a warm welcome.

MU PRAYER SPACE

The next MU Prayer Space takes place on **Sep 12, 2024 11:30 AM**. To join this Zoom meeting, follow the link below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82189440177?pwd=N2wvc3k4eE5JbHgxQl dBVzFSUWpUUT09>

Meeting ID: 821 8944 0177

Passcode: 546348

Or join by telephone: 0131 460 1196 United Kingdom

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

Nomination forms are available at the back of the church. Completed forms need to be submitted to Margaret Morton, Vestry Secretary, as soon as possible, either in person or by leaving the form in a sealed envelope in the yellow box file in the Meeting Room. Nominations must be made by midday on Friday, 4th October.

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

Just a reminder 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! Led by a rotation of Joanne Norris and Inna Roi (last week); next week, 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, 20/09/2024; your prayerful support of that, too, would be appreciated.