





St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 06/10/2024

			
(1 st in month) Sunday, 06/10/2024 Pentecost 20 / Harvest	08.00	1970 Holy Communion (Church)	
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); AGM & lunch afterwards (Hall)	AGM will be convened towards end of service; adjourned for lunch; reconvened & business conducted after lunch. See further notices below.
	18.00	Choral Evensong (Church)	
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 07/10/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	18.30-22.00	Bridge Club (Hall)	
Tuesday, 08/10/2024	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.30	Contemporary Service Music Practice (Church)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Hall)	Just turn up
Wednesday, 09/10/2024	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 10/10/2024	12.00 & 20.00	MU Prayer Space (via Zoom)	Open to all (not just MU members, not just females). See joining details below
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 11/10/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 12/10/2024	12.00 onwards	Annan Town Band Concert (Church & Hall)	Concert starts 19.00; Rehearsals, set up etc beforehand. See poster below & on lit noticeboard
(2 nd in month) Sunday, 13/10/2024 Pentecost 21	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	18.00	Contemporary Worship (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



- The Guild of Players are staging a production of *Agatha Crusty and the Village Hall Murders* at the Theatre Royal in the second week of October, and Thursday, 10 October at 7.30pm has been identified as the night we might go. Up to you to book your own tickets (<https://www.theatreroyaldumfries.co.uk/whats-on/guild-players-presents-agatha-crusty-and-village-hall-murders-derek-webb>) or 01387 254209, but speak to David, if you'd like a lift, and he will co-ordinate that. At the time of writing this, there are plenty of seats left, though availability can't be guaranteed. Some of us may go for pizza etc beforehand; speak to Catriona or David if you'd like to do this too.

- 26th October -Beetle Drive [Indian Meal cancelled, sorry]
- 9th November- Board Games Afternoon.
- Annan Town Band – late November/early December TBC
- 18th January,2025: Burns Supper
- March, 2025 (date to be confirmed) Pamper Session

MU NOTICES

- **MU Produce Stall**

- Please note there will be lots of home - made goodies on sale in the Hall after the service today. MU will be most grateful for any support you can give this fundraising event.

- **MU Prayer Space** will be on Thursday 10 October at 11.30. To join this Zoom meeting, click on 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

- **MU Lunchtime Meeting**

- Our next lunchtime meeting will take place in the Hall on Thursday 17th October. Our member Linda Scott will be reporting on the Away From It All (AFIA) residential which she attended. AFIA is one of the projects supported by the Diocese, offering breaks for children and families who may not have such opportunities. If you would like to hear about this important work, please just turn up and be assured of a warm welcome. We are an inclusive organisation and you do not have to be a mother, or even female, to attend! 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.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Formal notice is given that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held **today, 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

AGM papers have been available at the back of the church for the last week or so. If they run out but you still need a set, ask David and we'll see what we can do.

The AGM will be held in the context of the I I am service. 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.

Please note, also, that there is a retiring collection today for the Bible Society. St J's own Gift Day will take place in November.

Margaret Morton, Vestry Secretary

The **Mystery Evenings** resumed a week last Friday, staffed by Janice, David and Jean. The children enjoyed the games, contests etc. This time, we were looking at **Harvest in a Tin of Soup**, and giving thanks for all of God's provision to us.

There have been one or two incidents, recently, of people being approached in the church by people (recently it's been young women), seeking money allegedly for electricity, food (including for an alleged dog) and the like. Sometimes money has been given, but, on several occasions, there has been a simultaneous theft, either of more money, or other items such as purses. Would everyone, therefore, be vigilant and not leave items of value unattended; also please report any suspicious instances. The church does have CCTV, but the extent to which police resources will allow any follow up remains to be seen. If you are approached, the advice is **not** to provide money, but there are some made up grocery bags (currently in the kitchen) containing some emergency food supplies, and

there are also fliers, drawing attention to the fact that River of Life (at their old premises at the railway station) are open from 7-8pm every weekday, with free food provided by local supermarkets. If you would like to contribute to the food bags we are keeping in readiness, you might like to note that they contain *a tin of tuna, a packet of cornflakes, a Pot Noodle, Tea bags, a packet of crackers [keeps better than bread], jar of salmon/beef paste, tin of beans, packet of Cup-a-Soups*. There's a box to receive these in the Hall. Should anything look like not being used before its use by date, we'll forward it on to First Base.

DISCUSSION GROUP:

- A suggestion has been made to begin again our book discussion evenings in October to November, meeting in the Rectory at 7pm. The suggested book is:
- *You are the Beloved - Daily Meditations for Spiritual Living* by Henri Nouwen.
- It is a year-long book of daily readings, some quite short, but thought-provoking. The plan is to read the daily meditations on our own and the leader will guide our discussions based on the week's readings.
- We thought we would begin on **Thursday 17th October**; that allows people time to get the book and have a look. Don't worry if you haven't read the whole week, come along anyway.
- If you cannot get the book and need help, let the Rector know.

Quartz say...

- During October we will be meeting on Monday the 7th and 21st at 7.30 till 9pm. We move around, so please get in touch [with Kate or Simon, or via the Quartz Website [<https://www.ancient-pathways.co.uk/clc/october-clc/>]] to find out who's house we will be meeting in.
- After discussion this week we are going to start thinking about things that will help discover new joys in the celebration of Christmas.

- Over the weeks ahead we will take it in turns to lead the evening. Contents will hopefully include “The Chosen”, “Messianic Prophecies”, “Conversation Cards”, and various other content as people feel led.



ANNAN TOWN BAND
— presents —



2024 ANNUAL CONCERT



Musical Director - Mr. Andrew Warriner

Saturday 12th October 2024
7:00pm

St John's Church
Newall Terrace
Dumfries
DG1 1LW

Tickets (£10) available online from
www.ticketsource.co.uk/annantownband
from Pet Savers - Annan and Midsteeples Box Office - Dumfries
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