





St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 03/11/2024

			
(1 st in month) Sunday, 03/11/2024 Pentecost 24; All Saints', All Souls.	08.00	1970 Holy Communion (Church)	
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	18.00	Choral Evensong (Church)	For All Souls.
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 04/11/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	18.30-22.00	Bridge Club (Hall)	
Tuesday, 05/11/2024	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.30	Contemporary Service Music Practice (Church)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Hall)	Just turn up
Wednesday, 06/11/2024	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 07/11/2024	14.00	Mothers' Union Eucharist (Church)	All welcome. See notice below.
	19.00	Book discussion (Rectory)	<i>You are the Beloved - Daily Meditations for Spiritual Living</i> by Henri Nouwen. You can still join this: speak to Janice (07487 653069)
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 08/11/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 09/11/2024	14.00-16.00	Board Games Afternoon (Hall)	Just turn up; raffle prizes, donations invited.
(2 nd in month) Sunday, 10/11/2024 Pentecost 25	10.15 Note earlier time	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	Including Act of Remembrance; service starts earlier: bring suitable clothing for outdoors
	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

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- The Church Office on 07754 596140

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- 9th November- Board Games Afternoon. 14.00-16.00
- Annan Town Band – Friday 6th December- keep the date free- an amazing night assured!
- 18th January, 2025: Burns Supper
- March, 2025 (date to be confirmed) Pamper Session

DISCUSSION GROUP:

- *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 began on **Thursday 17th October**; but you could still join. 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.

CHURCH GIFT DAY on Sunday 3rd November - TODAY

At Our Annual General Meeting, our Treasurer Jennifer McDiarmant drew our attention to the fact that St J's costs about **£3,000 a week** to run.

On that basis, and as things stand, we are running at a deficit of some **£3,500-£4,000 per month**, and she mentioned that unless we can raise our income substantially, we will run out of money by next year, even

if we take our investments into consideration (and investments, once sold, are gone for ever)

Money is always a difficult subject to raise, although surprisingly in Scripture, Jesus discusses this topic more than any other! I am conscious that we have concerns about our own personal finances and so it is not easy to broach this subject, indeed it is with some reluctance, I do so.

However, we need to be honest with you: unless we increase considerably our income in St John's and, this is not being melodramatic, there will be no St John's. If you would like St John's to continue, then please contribute generously to this Gift Day but, more importantly, re-examine and, where possible, revise your weekly, monthly, or annual giving. Every little bit helps, as Tesco would say! PS: The 'window' for giving to this will remain open for a few days thereafter...please speak to Janice, Christopher P-H or the Church Office.

RAFFLE PRIZES

We still have some events coming up that require raffle gifts, the Board Games Evening, and the Annan Town Band, so if you can help out by bringing something towards these raffles that would be terrific. Please give to Annette Beagrie or hand in to the office. Many thanks!

BLYTHSWOOD SHOE BOX APPEAL:

If you would like to participate in this annual appeal, there is a display with more information, as well as some shoeboxes (no more empty ones, please; we have plenty), inserts etc at the back of the church. Please speak to **Ann Beaton** for any more details. Last collection date is **Monday 4 November 15.00-15.45** at Tesco Extra Car park, Dumfries. Please note there are various categories of item that **cannot** be included in your box.

MU Eucharist

Our November Eucharist will be on **Thursday 7th November** at 2pm in the Church, with Revd Andrew MacKenzie presiding. We will have tea/coffee and cake afterwards in the Hall. Please note this service is open to all. Just turn up and be assured of a warm welcome.