





## St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 17/11/2024

			
(3 <sup>rd</sup> in month) Sunday, 17/11/2024 Pentecost 26	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	<a href="http://www.stjohnsdumfries.org">www.stjohnsdumfries.org</a> . *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 18/11/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	Some point	Piano tuning (Church)	
	18.30-22.00	Bridge Club (Hall)	
Tuesday, 19/11/2024	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Hall)	Just turn up
	19.30	Contemporary Service Music Practice (Church)	
Wednesday, 20/11/2024	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 21/11/2024	<b>12noon (note early start)</b>	Mothers' Union REGIONAL RALLY, Lunch & Guest Speaker (Hall)	See notice below
	19:00	<del>Book discussion</del> River of Life Dedication Service at 7pm.	<del>Rectory: -see notice below</del> Attending RoL Dedication instead: details from Janice, if interested.
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact <a href="mailto:bells@stjohnsdumfries.org">bells@stjohnsdumfries.org</a> or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 22/11/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 23/11/2024			

			
(4th in month) Sunday, 24/11/2024 Christ the King	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.
	14.00-17.00	Private birthday party (Hall)	
	18.00	Contemporary Worship (Church)	
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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

## CHURCH GIFT DAY ON SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER

We are truly grateful for the generosity of the congregation, and to date we have received a wonderful sum of £10,000 (including Gift Aid). Our thanks go to all who have given sacrificially to our Gift Day and to those who have opted to increase their contributions through weekly envelopes or standing orders. This generosity will help enormously but our gift day money will need to be supplemented by regular increased giving and fundraising throughout the year to ensure a healthy future for St John's.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- **Annan Town Band** – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December- keep the date free- an amazing night assured! (See poster below)
- We're planning to go to the **Christmas Markets in Glasgow** on **Saturday, 14 December**, departing St J's at 10.00; leaving Glasgow about 16.30, and back at St J's for about 18.30. Fare: £13, assuming a minimum of 10 people travelling. Any questions, ask David. Sign up sheet at the back of the church.
- **15<sup>th</sup> December – Bring and Share Christmas Lunch ...** Christkindl – sharing of gifts+ an activity and some carols
- 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2025: **Burns Supper**
- March, 2025 (date to be confirmed) **Pamper Session**

## RAFFLE PRIZES

We still have an event coming up that requires raffle gifts, the Annan Town Band concert on 6 December, so if you can help out by bringing something towards it, that would be terrific. Please give to Annette Beagrie or hand in to the office. Many thanks!

## ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Look out for **St J's Christmas Quiz**, £1/entry, which will be appearing shortly. They will be available on Sundays and at other church events; and if you can sell any to friends, neighbours, family, colleagues etc, that, too, would be helpful. There will be prizes for the best few winning entries, and the winners, and answers, will be announced in early January. More details from Rhona Pringle, or the Church Office.

**ANNAN TOWN BAND @ ST JOHN'S: FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER:**  
tickets available today from the office... a great night assured! Spread the word to your family and friends!

St John's Church  
Newall Terrace, Dumfries DG1 1LW

# CHRISTMAS CONCERT

with Annan Town Band

**Friday 6th December**  
**7.30pm in St John's Church with**  
**festive refreshments and raffle**

**Tickets £10 (primary children free)**  
from St John's Church Office or  
at the door (cash or card)  
Proceeds to St John's Church

For more information: 01387 254126

## 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.

## MU NOTICES:

### MU Regional Rally:

- Our **MU Regional Rally** takes place on Thursday 21 November, when friends from Castle Douglas Branch will join with us. We will meet earlier than usual – at 12 noon – beginning with *The Litany of Women Through the Ages*. This is to mark the beginning of the 16 Days of Activism (against domestic abuse), which Mothers' Union supports each year. It runs from November 25<sup>th</sup> until December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- We will have a soup and sweet lunch, and then our speaker will be the Revd Neil Campbell, who will be talking about his work as *Chaplaincy Facilitator* at HMP Dumfries. As you know, MU sends around 200 Christmas cards each year to the prison, and we are looking forward to finding out about other ways in which we might support the work of the Prison Chaplaincy.
- Please be assured of a warm welcome if you would like to come to this meeting, which is open to all. Just turn up.

### Christmas Treats for Women's Aid

- The Congregation is once more asked for help in providing Christmas goodies for the women using Women's Aid services. That is, wee treats, rather than the emergency toiletries we usually

provide – some special soap / hand cream / chocolates. The gifts will be given to WA staff after our Eucharist on December 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be a box at the back of the Hall for these gifts (which should not be wrapped). We will be grateful for your support, as ever.

### **MU Christmas Lunch**

- Our Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December, at the Woodlands Hotel, Newbridge at 12.30 pm. The price for a two - course meal is £22.25, including tea and coffee, 3 courses is £27.50. We hope to have a sing-along of Christmas carols afterwards. Anyone in the congregation who would like to join us will be most welcome. The menu will be on the MU notice board in the Hall. We would hope to confirm numbers after our Eucharist on December 5<sup>th</sup>, so please let Carolynne, or any MU member know by then.

### **MU Christmas Cards**

- These will be on sale in the Hall after today's morning service.