









## St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 24/11/2024

			
(4th in month) Sunday, 24/11/2024 Christ the King Sunday	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.
	18.00	Contemporary Worship (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, 25/11/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	18.30-22.00	Bridge Club (Hall)	
Tuesday, 26/11/2024	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Hall)	Just turn up
Wednesday, 27/11/2024	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	15.00	Funeral of <b>Bill Boyd</b> (Roucan Loch)	All welcome.
	18.30	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 28/11/2024	19.00	Book discussion (Rectory)	See Notice below.
	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, 29/11/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	19.30	St J's Quiz Night	Just turn up; all welcome
Saturday, 30/11/2024	14.00	Thanksgiving Service for <b>Rev Gordon Warwick</b> (Church)	Refreshments in Hall afterwards
	17.30	<del>1982 Eucharist (Church)</del>	Note: St Andrew's Day will be observed on <b>Monday,</b> <b>02/12/2024, 18.30</b>

			
(1 <sup>st</sup> in month) Sunday, 01/12/2024 Advent I	08.00	1970 Holy Communion (Church)	
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	<del>18.00</del>	<del>Choral Evensong (Church)</del>	<b>No Choral Evensong on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> December but look out for Carols for Advent, next Sunday, 08/12/2024 at 18.00</b>
	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

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

## 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.

## **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.
- Final session of this, this week.

## **ADVENT COURSES**

Two courses will be running this year:

1. *Do Not Be Afraid* by Rachel Mann, in the Rectory, Thursdays, at 19.00, starting Thursday, 05/12/2024. Further details from Janice.
2. *Preparing the Way* by Derek Tidball, probably in the Church Office, but maybe moving around participants' houses; 19.00 on Tuesdays, starting Tuesday, 03/12/2024. Further details from David Kerr.

**ANNAN TOWN BAND @ ST JOHN'S: FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER:**  
tickets available today from the office and on Sundays... 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

## MU NOTICES

- Our next **Eucharist** will take place in the Church on 5<sup>th</sup> December, with Revd Jim Booth presiding. This will be followed by tea/coffee and cake in the Hall and the writing of 200 Christmas cards for HMP Dumfries! Please note this Eucharist is open to all. Just turn up and be assured of a warm welcome.
- **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? These 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.