









St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 08/12/2024

			
(2 nd in month) Sunday, 08/12/2024 Advent 2	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	18.00	Service of Carols for Advent (Church)	See poster below
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org , *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 09/12/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	Closed today. Open Friday
	18.30-22.00	Bridge Club (Hall)	
Tuesday, 10/12/2024	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	Conception of Mary
	19.00	Advent Study Group	See details below, or contact David Kerr
	19.30	Contemporary Service Music Practice (Church)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Sep-Mar) (Hall)	Resuming after Christmas; watch out for announcement.
Wednesday, 11/12/2024	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 12/12/2024	13.00 & 20.00	MU Prayer Space (via Zoom)	Open to all (not just MU members, not just females). See details below.
	19.00	Advent Study Group	See details below, or contact Janice for details
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 13/12/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	18.30-20.00	Mystery Evening (Hall)	For primary age children. Contact Janice (07487 653069) for details.
Saturday, 14/12/2024			

			
(3 rd in month) Sunday, 15/12/2024 Advent 3	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall);	B&S lunch, Christkindl etc in Hall afterwards.
	14.00	Forest Church	Meet outside Crichton Church, dressed for weather
	18.00	Sung Evensong (Church)	
	18.00	Contemporary Service	Not the usual date for this! See posters
	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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- We were planning to go to the **Christmas Markets in Glasgow** on **Saturday, 14 December**, but there has been little uptake; not enough to run the bus, anyway, so unfortunately we've had to **cancel**.
- **15th December – Bring and Share Christmas Lunch ...**
Christkindl – sharing of gifts+ an activity and some carols
- 18th January, 2025: **Burns Supper**
- March, 2025 (date to be confirmed) **Pamper Session**

ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Look out for **St J's Christmas Quiz**, £1/entry, which is now available on Sundays, from the Church Office, 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.

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 (07487 653069)
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. (07754 596140)

ELSHIESHIELDS: NB there are still a few places left on Sister Christine's Advent Quiet Day on the 14th December, held at Elshieshields. Please contact Ann Shukman for further details or to book.

MU NOTICES:

- **MU Prayer Space via Zoom this Thursday, 12/12/2024:**
 - All are welcome; you do not have to be a MU member.
 - Midday prayers 13.00 link open 12.45
 - Night Prayer 20.00 link open 19.45
 - Both are for 15 - 20 min.
 - Meeting ID: 833 0646 4708
 - Passcode: 062490
 - Dial by your location
 - • +44 131 460 1196 United Kingdom
- A wee reminder to all MU members and friends who have booked for our **Christmas Lunch**. It will be at the Woodlands Hotel, Newbridge on Thursday 19th December, 12.30 for 1 pm.. We hope to have some carol singing afterwards.

MAKING CHRISTMAS

Wordsmith Crafts will be hosting a space in the Loreburn Centre on four Saturdays in the run up to Christmas. This is building up to the weekend of the 21st/22nd of December where Summerhill run free events for families. On that weekend we will be setting up an immersive environment where people can encounter "**Christmas Past**". We will use the space in a similar way to the way in which we do [school] assemblies: using visual arts and performance to give people the opportunity to reflect on the Christmas they have inherited and think of other possibilities. If you'd like to help, or know more about this, please speak to Simon Lidwell.

On the 30th November, 7th and 14th under the title "Making Christmas" we will be providing free opportunities for people to use recycled and donated materials to make presents, to sit and listen to stories, and to share skills that raise awareness of the "Spirituality of Making". Helpers are needed! and if it sounds complicated don't worry. It is mostly giving people the opportunity to sit down, relax and make simple things in a peaceful atmosphere. Get in touch to volunteer, or sign up on the Cluaran website!

QUARTZ also say...Do you remember when **John Bell** came to talk with us at St John's? We had to change venue to down the street so that there would be enough seats for everyone to fit in. Follow the [link](https://www.youtube.com/live/bdZRXToR2oo?si=siX9-NaAwRn8iIQr#) [https://www.youtube.com/live/bdZRXToR2oo?si=siX9-NaAwRn8iIQr#] to watch him chatting with Ricky Ross about a wide range of topics which affect the whole Church in Scotland today.

He has just released a new book (that I'm off to order online) but this discussion is far from an advert! There are many points he raises that merit further discussion, and if you'd like to do that then please get in touch.

CLC: I think the 16th of December will be our last CLC meet up of the year. Come round to Simon and Kates where there will hopefully be a new heating system installed. Wood stove is on standby.

Forest Church 15th December: December is a busy time. The Contemporary evening service at St Johns has been moved to the third Sunday. There is also a Church lunch after the 11'O clock service. We will meet as usual at 2pm outside the Crichton chapel though and get some fresh air. We will read from God's message to creation, which is creation itself, and also from the Bible. Please dress for the weather and check the website for more details.



The poster features a dark red background with a subtle pattern of stars and a large, glowing yellow candle in the foreground. The text is white and arranged in a clear, readable layout. The title 'A service of Carols for Advent' is prominently displayed on the left, with the date and time 'Sunday 8th December at 6pm' on the right. Below the title, a list of musical pieces is provided, including Introit, Hymns, and Anthems, with their respective composers. The text also mentions 'with prayers and readings' and identifies the performers as the Choir of St John's Church, Dumfries, and Organist John R Turner. At the bottom, there is a small image of a church tower and contact information for the church.

A service of Carols for Advent

Sunday 8th December at 6pm

Introit - Vesper Responsory - Palestrina
Hymn - O Come O Come Emmanuel
Anthem - Creator Of The Stars Of Night - Malcolm Archer
Hymn - Hills Of The North Rejoice
Anthem - The Lord At First Did Adam Make - Michael Nicholas
Hymn - On Jordan's Bank The Baptist Cry
Anthem - O Thou, The Central Orb - Charles Wood
Anthem - Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming - Baldwin
Hymn - Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending

with prayers and readings

Sung by the Choir of
St John's Church, Dumfries
Organist: John R Turner

All very welcome
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