

St J's Diary & Notices w/c Sunday, 09/01/2022

			
(2 nd in month) Sunday, 09/01/2022	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	Please book (07572 006290) by 16.00 on Fri, if possible. No refreshments meantime; to be reviewed towards Easter.
	14.00	Zoom Coffee	07487 653069 for joining details
	18.00	Contemporary Worship (Church)	Just turn up
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org , *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 10/01/2022	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	Closed today, for Covid isolation reasons. Should reopen Friday
	19.30	Christian Living Community Meeting (Meeting Room)	
Tuesday, 11/01/2022	14.00-16.00	MU Committee Meeting (Hall)	
	14.00-16.00	Church open for private prayer	Just turn up. Suspended meantime. To be reviewed towards Easter.
	17.45	A Time for Meditation (Meeting Room)	Just turn up
	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	Please book (07572 006290) by 16.00 on Monday, if possible
	Any time*	Meditation online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org . *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Sep-Mar) (Hall)	Not for the moment. Watch this space.
Wednesday, 12/01/2022	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	Please book (07572 006290) by 16.00 on Monday, if possible
	18.30	Choir Practice (Hall)	
Thursday, 13/01/2022	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)???	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 14/01/2022	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	Planned re-opening
Saturday, 15/01/2022			

(3 rd in month) Sunday, 16/01/2022	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	Please book (07572 006290) by 16.00 on Fri, if possible
	14.00	Zoom Coffee	07487 653069 for joining details
	14.00	Forest Church	Meet outside Crichton Church, dressed for weather
	18.00	Sung Evensong (Church) (TBC)	Please book (07572 006290) by 16.00 on Fri, if possible
	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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Following a positive Covid test at the New Year, I am isolating until 11/01/2022 or thereabouts, so I'm afraid the **Church Office will be closed until Friday, 14/01/2022**. I can do most (but not all) things from home, so please bear with those who are having to fill in for me at St J's (printing and the like). I can still field emails and phone calls etc., but Margaret Morton will retain the Bookings phone (07572 006290) which she unwisely (it turns out!) took over from me before Christmas. I'm expecting to get it back on my return. In the meantime, please continue to book, via Margaret, for services, particularly the 11.00 Sunday Eucharist; it makes it much easier to plan, if we know how many people are coming, and helps eliminate waste photocopying. Remember, the printing is usually done on a Friday, so it would be helpful if you could book **before** then...but don't *not* come, just because you haven't booked. And thank you, I'm fine; just cold symptoms and I have everything I need and a very proactive family, both locally and in the south of England!

David Kerr

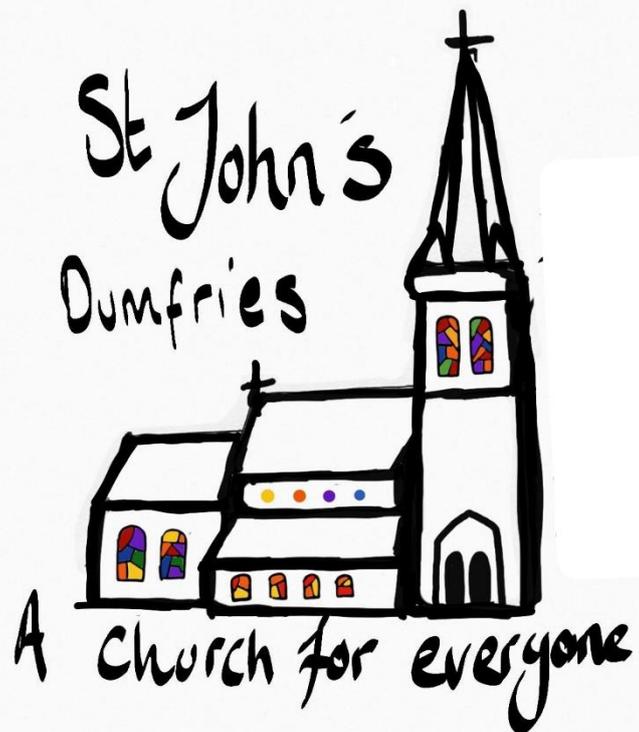
Just a reminder: that we have decided, reluctantly, **to suspend the Tuesday and Friday openings of the Church for private prayer**, though this will be reviewed towards Easter. There has been less and less uptake during the colder weather and Covid restrictions require us to have stewards in place if the building is open, to monitor and record comings and goings. In the end we felt it was too much to ask stewards to sit in a pretty cold church for a couple of hours at a time, when there were quite often no takers. It will, however, be reviewed towards Easter and, who knows, maybe the whole situation will be different by then...

Special General Meeting: It has been decided to **postpone** the Special General Meeting on the 16th January to hear the views of members of the congregation on the future use of the High and Nave altars. Given the current level of Covid-19 infection, the advice from the SEC is to limit meetings and we are all hearing requests from both the NHS locally and the Scottish Government to limit social contact. We will continue the decision taken before Christmas to use the church for services only.

We will keep these arrangements under review as further guidance is received.

Margaret Morton
Vestry Secretary

Subject to church and government guidelines regarding Covid, the first **Mothers' Union meeting** of 2022 will take place on Thursday 20th January, when there will be a talk by Rev Jim Booth : Christian Unity. Despite its name, MU is an inclusive organisation, supporting families and projects around the world. Anyone is welcome to come along - you do not have to be a mother, married, or even female! We will gather in the Hall from 12.30, with prayers at 12.45 and lunch at 1pm. Due to Covid restrictions we are unable to serve soup as we normally do, but please bring your own sandwich lunch, and tea and coffee will be provided. MU members look forward to welcoming you!



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