

St J's Notices & Diary: w/c Sunday, 16/01/2021

			
(3 rd in month) Sunday, 16/01/2022 2 nd after Epiphany	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	Please book (07572 006290) by 16.00 on Fri, if possible. No refreshments at present; will be reviewed towards Easter
	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)	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
Monday, 17/01/2022	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Tuesday, 18/01/2022	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)	None for the time being. Watch this space
Wednesday, 19/01/2022	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) (except school holidays)	Not for the moment.
Thursday, 20/01/2022	12.30	Mothers' Union Lunch & Guest Speaker (Hall)	Postponed (see Notices)
	19.30	Book discussion	Periodically; Zoom or in person [varies]; see Notices
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Suspended meantime: Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 for information
Friday, 21/01/2022	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 22/01/2022	19.30	Music in Dumfries Concert: The Wallace Collection Brass Quintet	Uncertain at time of printing if this will go ahead. Please check with www.musicindumfries.com nearer the time
(4 th in month) Sunday, 23/01/2022 3 rd after Epiphany	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

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	14.00	Zoom Coffee	07487 653069 for joining details
	18.00	Contemporary Worship (Church)	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 / rector@stjohnsdumfries.org
- The Church Office on 07754 596140 / pastadmin@stjohnsdumfries.org

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

Due to the current Covid restrictions, **the January meeting of Mothers' Union** has had to be **cancelled**. If the restrictions are lifted, the Rev Jim Booth will now give his talk on Christian Unity on **Thursday February 17th**. 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 general 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, Covid permitting!