

## St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 17/04/2022

			
(3 <sup>rd</sup> in month) Sunday, 17/04/2022 EASTER	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	14.00	Forest Church	Easter Forest Church BBQ. See notice below.
	18.00	Sung Evensong (Church)	None this week
	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, 18/04/2022	10.00-17.00	Church Office closed	
	10.30-12.30	UCI Women's Group (Hall)	None this week
Tuesday, 19/04/2022	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	Any time*	Meditation 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
Wednesday, 20/04/2022	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Hall) (except school holidays)	
Thursday, 21/04/2022	11.45 for 12.00	MU postponed (Christmas) lunch, with speaker	So: no 'ordinary' meeting this week.
Friday, 22/04/2022	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 23/04/2022	17.00-18.00	Romanian Orthodox Easter Service	All welcome to come & join in.
(4 <sup>th</sup> in month) Sunday, 24/04/2022 Easter 2	09.15	Sunday Worship: Crichton Memorial Church	Crichton Campus, Dumfries DG1 4ZZ
	09.30	Holy Communion @ Maxwellton Chapel	Just off B729 between Wallaceton & Moniaive. DG3 4DX
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	18.00	Contemporary Worship (Church)	
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And, as always, if you need us, you can contact

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## **2022 Post Covid Arrangements**

The Vestry has considered the latest advice and plans the following changes to return more nearly to the form of worship pre Covid. All the plans are assuming restrictions do not become tighter

- You no longer need to register for worship
- Service sheets and hymn books will continue to be placed in the pews with some distancing but if you wish you can move them to sit with friends
- If you prefer to continue distancing we suggest you use the pews on the side aisles and we ask members of the congregation to respect the views of those who choose to do that

The First Minister has announced that we no longer need to wear masks in church after the 4<sup>th</sup> April and so

- We will use the High Altar on Easter Sunday (17<sup>th</sup> April) The Vestry will not have met to consider the views expressed at the recent SGM but feel that this is an appropriate date to use the High Altar
- On Easter Sunday we will resume use of the common cup. A few points to make in connection with that:
  - Receiving communion at the High Altar will involve closer contact with others than we have become accustomed to in church. If you feel that, when moving between your pew and the High Altar, you wish to wear a mask, feel free to do so
  - In any event the Vestry asks that we continue the practice of moving down the centre aisle and back up the appropriate side aisle
  - More information about the use of the common cup will be given before Easter Sunday but I want to remind you that receiving in one kind, i.e., only the bread, is a valid way of taking communion. We have previously used 2 chalices and it may be that we use more to limit the number of people receiving from each. This will be made clear before Easter.
  - Dipping your wafer in the wine - known as Intinction - is not advised for hygiene reasons

Finally, we plan to resume having the church open after Easter but need to sort out the arrangements for opening and closing each day.

There are two Ukraine-themed notices, both on the lit noticeboard and the St J's website; one detailing the '**Homes for Ukraine**' scheme and another about the work of a small volunteer project in Annan, **Newtsart Recycle**. The latter's requirements are quite specific, so we may be able to do little to help, but our prayers are always useful.

See the additional lit noticeboard at the back of the church (or the St J's website) for details of this year's **Diocesan Lent Appeal**, in aid of **Children in Distress**, a Glasgow-based charity, working in support of children in Romania. This will be a cause particularly close to our hearts, given the connection with our friends in the Romanian Orthodox Congregation, who hold services in St J's on the first Saturday of each month, at which St J's folk (and others) are very welcome. There is a box for your donations at the back of the church throughout Lent.

**MU Christmas Lunch** – it gets earlier each year, the cry goes up. This, however, is the MU Christmas Lunch, postponed from last Christmas, due to you know what! Around 28 of us are booked to meet at the Edenbank Hotel on **Thursday 21st April**, when we will be given a talk by Julie Chisholm from Women's Aid before we have lunch. April 21st is, most of you will know, the Queen's birthday. As she is the MU World-wide Patron, it seemed a fitting date for our rescheduled lunch. Apologies to any who might have been planning to come along to our April meeting, normally held in the Hall. As a compensation, why not put **May 19th** in your diary? At our May meeting, Carolynne Sorrell will give a talk entitled My Day in Delhi – with flower arranging!

**Bear Fest:** Can you help? Our Teddy Bear Fest is on 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> July. Several displays are in hand but we could always take some more displays. If you are interested in doing a display as a group or individually, please contact Christopher Pierson -Harvey on 01387 261731 or [treasurer@stjohnsdumfries.org](mailto:treasurer@stjohnsdumfries.org)

Advance warning of the **second phase of electrical work**: this time in the Tower, Church Porch and Office/Meeting Room. This will take place in the **week beginning Monday, 25/04/2022**. There will be some power outages in the tower, porch and office during this time, but it is hoped that the tower will be back 'on' again in time for bell practice on Thursday evening. Efforts will be made to let bellringers know as much in advance as possible, should this

start to look uncertain. The work also involves lifting some flagstones in the vicinity of the glass doors, itself a biggish piece of work. Again, it is hoped to keep the disruption to a minimum, but depending on progress, access to the Tuesday evening Eucharist and/or Wednesday morning Eucharist may need to be via the Hall. We'll put up notices, but thank you, again, in advance of your forbearance while this essential work is carried out. Any queries, please ask. David Kerr / [pastadmin@stjohnsdumfries.org](mailto:pastadmin@stjohnsdumfries.org) / 07754 596140.

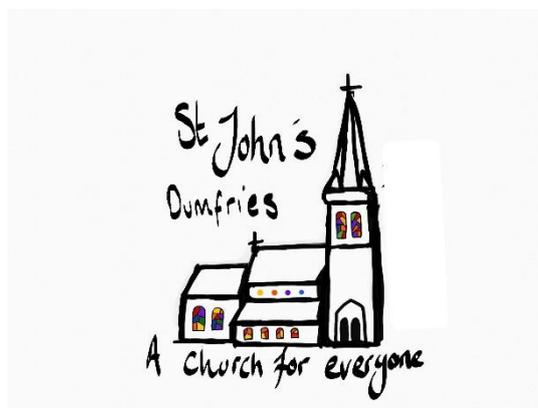
There is, on the lit noticeboard, and a [link](#) on the St J's website, to, a slightly edited version of the public address Archbishop Elpidophoros delivered on Monday, April 4th, at Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church in Port Washington, NY, at the beginning of an event entitled **“Understanding the Role of the Moscow Patriarchate in the Russian Invasion of Ukraine.”** The event was sponsored by the Order of St. Andrew.

**The St J's Quiz Nights** have now ceased until the autumn, but the past season's quizzes have raised of the order of £260, which has been forwarded, by agreement of the participants, to the Ukrainian Chapel near Lockerbie, to help with some urgently needed building repairs. See you in September!

**Easter Sunday Forest Church BBQ.** Meet outside St John's at 2pm or Nunholm car park at 2.45. We will be grilling fish on the beach known as Plainstones on the other side of the river from Lincluden collegiate church.

Many thanks to the Congregation for the **donations towards the Easter flowers** which the members of the flower circle have arranged beautifully. We are delighted to be using new stands today given by Suzanne Hayward in memory of her mother who often arranged flowers in her own church.

*Carolynne*



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