

			
(4th in month) Sunday, 24/04/2022 2 nd in Easter	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)	
	18.00	Contemporary Worship (Church)	
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org . *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Note: Extensive electrical work in tower, porch and meeting room this week; some disruption inevitable. 07754 596140 / pastadmin@stjohnsdumfries.org for more information			
Monday, 25/04/2022	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	10.30-12.30	UCI Women's Group (Hall)	
Tuesday, 26/04/2022	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Mark, Evangelist) (Church)	Access via back gate or hall may be advisable
	Any time*	Meditation online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org . *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Wednesday, 27/04/2022	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	Access via back gate or hall may be advisable
	18.30	Choir Practice (Hall)	Access via back gate or hall may be advisable
Thursday, 28/04/2022	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 29/04/2022	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	15.30	Visit & Exhibition by Scottish Association of Change Ringers (Tower)	
Saturday, 30/04/2022			

(1 st in month) Sunday, 01/05/2022	08.00	1970 Holy Communion (Church)	
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	18.00	Choral Evensong (Church)	
	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 / pastadmin@stjohnsdumfries.org

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 4th April and so

- We will be using the Nave Altar today, 24/05/2022 and the High Altar on Sunday, 01/05/2022. The Vestry is meeting to consider the views expressed at the recent SGM and the pattern henceforward of which altars will be used, and when, will be communicated shortly thereafter.
- On Easter Sunday we resumed use of the common cup. A few points to make in connection with that:
 - Receiving communion at the High Altar involves 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
- You are reminded you that receiving in one kind, i.e., only the bread, is a valid way of taking communion.
- Dipping your wafer in the wine - known as Intinction - is now once again permitted, for those who wish it. Please be very sure, in that instance, to sanitise your hands thoroughly beforehand.

Finally, the church is now open once again throughout the day (approx. 10.30-16.30) to visitors, and for private prayer and reflection.

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.

Our collection for this year's **Diocesan Lent Appeal**, in aid of **Children in Distress**, a Glasgow-based charity, working in support of children in Romania, has now officially ended, but there is still just time, if you wish it, to contribute to it. Speak to the Rector, Christopher Pierson-Harvey or David Kerr, if you need help with this.

MU Christmas Lunch – thank you to all who attended, and organised, this event; and to the guest speaker, Julie Chisholm, from Women's Aid, for a fascinating, and enlightening, talk on the work of that organisation.. 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 7th-9th 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

Please note that the **second phase of electrical work:** this time in the Tower, Church Porch and Office/Meeting Room 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 bigish piece of work. Again, it is hoped to keep the disruption to a minimum, but depending on progress, access to the Monday (St Mark), Tuesday evening and/or Wednesday morning Eucharists may need to be via the Hall or back gate. 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 / 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!

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 given by Suzanne Hayward in memory of her mother who often arranged flowers in her own church.
Carolynne

Advance notice that the **Tuesday evening Meditation** will recommence, face to face, in the Meeting Room at the old time of 17.45 every Tuesday, as of Tuesday, 03/05/2022.