

(2 <sup>nd</sup> in month) Sunday, 10/07/2022 Pentecost 5	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	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, 11/07/2022	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	10.30-17.30	UCI Groups (Hall)	
Tuesday, 12/07/2022	17.45	A Time for Meditation (Meeting Room)	
	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, 13/07/2022	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
Thursday, 14/07/2022	14.30	MU Strawberry Tea at Jenny & Neale Lawson's	(Admission by ticket only)
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact <a href="mailto:bells@stjohnsdumfries.org">bells@stjohnsdumfries.org</a> or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 15/07/2022	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 16/07/2022			
(3 <sup>rd</sup> in month) Sunday, 17/07/2022 Pentecost 6	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	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

And, as always, if you need us, you can contact

- The Rector on 01387 254126 / 07487 653069  
/ [rector@stjohnsdumfries.org](mailto:rector@stjohnsdumfries.org)

The Church Office on 07754 596140 / [pastadmin@stjohnsdumfries.org](mailto:pastadmin@stjohnsdumfries.org)

It is hoped St John's MU will be able to donate £100 from the proceeds of the Strawberry Teas (and raffles) to the Jubilee Summer of Hope, as part of our Centenary celebrations. **All tickets are now sold.** The event at Jenny and Neale Lawson's is on 14th July at 2.30 pm, and that at Carolynne and Ken Sorrell's is on 21st July at 2.30 pm.

Also: all MU quizzes please to be handed in at Church or to any MU member by Sunday 17th. Winner will be drawn at Carolynne's Strawberry tea.

**Alison Fair Bixler is having her hair cut** in aid of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Ukraine Appeal and to donate for wigs. Go to [JustGiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com) and search for [Alison Fair](#) [or click Alison's name if reading the electronic version of this] before the Big Event on 15 July!

The Vestry has been discussing how to take forward the ideas that were the **priorities** in the discussions on Welcoming and Belonging. I delivered a **Vestry Update** at the I I am service on Sunday 26 June to bring everyone up to date on this and other matters discussed recently at Vestry. A transcript of this is available on the lit noticeboard, should you have missed it.

*Margaret Morton*

The **Flower Cupboard roof** has now been repaired. A period of drying out will be needed and we will then be able to look at replastering. One or two other smaller roofing matters are also being attended to, including St J's contribution to reforestation at the Lovers' Walk gable of the church. Thanks to Maxwelltown Roofing for dealing with this.

*David*

At long last our **enhanced Wi-Fi**, funded by the SEC's Provincial Covid Recovery Grant will be installed throughout the site on Monday and Tuesday (11 & 12 July) this week, the components having finally become available. Whilst there will be some disruption involved, I would expect this to be fairly minimal. Any queries, please ask me. We are also awaiting installation of a couple of **improved radio mikes**; likewise funded by the Provincial Covid Recovery Grant. And we are in active negotiation about the repair to the non-working **automatic door**.

*David*

The Vestry has been asked to reconsider the decision in 2019 not to use the church building for **same sex marriages**.

- You may recall that at that time the Vestry determined that the matter would not be discussed again within the next 3 years. Then, and now, the decision is for the Vestry to take.
- The Vestry wishes to know if it is the will of the congregation that the matter should be reconsidered.
- To determine this there will be a ballot of those on the congregational roll who are entitled to vote at the AGM or a SGM. Ballot papers will be handed out on the 7th and 14th August in individually addressed envelopes. Any that have not been collected by then will be delivered separately. There will also be an envelope in which the ballot paper must be returned to the Rectory by the 8th September. 2 people independent of St John's will open the envelopes and count the votes. The result will be announced at the AGM on the 18th September.
- If you have any questions, please ask one of us.

**Janice H Aiton**  
**Rector**

**Margaret Morton**  
**Vestry Secretary**