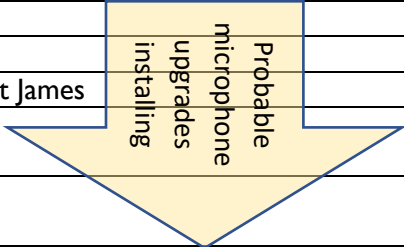





(4th in month) Sunday, 24/07/2022 Pentecost 7 Rector at Methodist Service in Netherton, Wishaw	09.15	Sunday Worship: Crichton Memorial Church	Crichton Campus, Dumfries DG1 4ZZ
	09.30	Holy Communion @ Maxwelton Chapel	Just off B729 between Wallaceon & Moniaive. DG3 4DX
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org . *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 25/07/2022	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	10.30-17.30	UCI Groups (Hall)	
	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Church)	St James
Tuesday, 26/07/2022	17.45	A Time for Meditation (Meeting Room)	
	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	Any time*	Meditation online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org . *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Wednesday, 27/07/2022	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
Thursday, 28/07/2022	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 29/07/2022	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 30/07/2022			

			
(5 th in month) Sunday, 31/07/2022 Pentecost 8	09.30	Matins (Church)	
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	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

Due to holidays, these notices are being prepared rather further in advance than normal and may not, therefore, be as up to date as we usually aim for. Presiding Clergy will keep you *au courant* with any new developments.

Thank you to everyone involved, in any way, with the **Bear Fest** between 7 and 9 July. The church looked truly magnificent and so much care, artistry and imagination had gone into creating the various displays. Feedback was extremely positive from all visitors and, independently of the ursine attractions, people who have not visited before are always stunned by the beauty of the building inside, and its atmosphere, as well as the welcome they receive. We reckon in the region of 300 people visited in total and the event raised some £1750, at the present count (though there is still money coming in), which will be divided equally between ourselves and Aberlour Childcare Trust. It seems that people *did* get a big (and pleasurable) surprise. Thank you again, one and all.

At long last our **enhanced Wi-Fi**, funded by the SEC's Provincial Covid Recovery Grant has been installed throughout the site. This will enable us, amongst other things, to live stream from church to hall and, if necessary, beyond, and, in due course, to upgrade the heating controls. Thanks to Claro Comms for dealing with this in the past week. 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. [STOP PRESS: probably installing Monday and Tuesday 25&26/07] And we are *still* 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