







Note: Children's Holiday Club will have been set up in multiple areas of Church and Hall. The Holiday Club runs from Monday, 01/08 to Friday, 05/08/2022, again, using both Church and Hall (though normal worship will not be interrupted). Some other things (eg refreshments) may be a bit different...thank you for your forbearance. Any queries, ask Janice or David

(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
Monday, 01/08/2022	09.30-16.30	Children's Holiday Club (Church & Hall)	Any specific access requirements, contact Rector or David Kerr
	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Tuesday, 02/08/2022	09.30-16.30	Children's Holiday Club (Church & Hall)	Any specific access requirements, contact Rector or David Kerr
	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, 03/08/2022	09.30-16.30	Children's Holiday Club (Church & Hall)	Any specific access requirements, contact Rector or David Kerr
	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Church Meeting Room)	
Thursday, 04/08/2022	09.30-16.30	Children's Holiday Club (Church & Hall)	Any specific access requirements, contact Rector or David Kerr
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 05/08/2022	09.30-16.30	Children's Holiday Club (Church & Hall)	Any specific access requirements, contact Rector or David Kerr
	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	

Holiday Club arrangements in place across whole site

			
Saturday, 06/08/2022	10.00	Romanian Orthodox Service (Church)	All welcome; English language liturgy available
	13.00	Memorial Service: Elizabeth Engel	
	15.30	Group visiting (Church)	St Margaret's, Newlands, to view lighting.
	17.30	1982 Eucharist (Church)	Transfiguration of the Lord
(1 st in month) Sunday, 07/08/2022 Pentecost 9	08.00	1970 Holy Communion (Church)	
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); 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

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 have also taken delivery of two **improved radio mikes**; likewise funded by the Provincial Covid Recovery Grant. These seem to be working well, but operators and clergy alike will need time to get used to them, so please be patient. Thanks, in this case, to TG Bakers, who carried out the installation on Monday.

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

Third Sector D&G's Community Action Hub tell us...

Help with Heating Costs - Fuel Subsidy Scheme: We are a referring partner for Home Heating Advice Scotland and so continue to provide this subsidy which covers any form of heating i.e. electricity, gas, oil, LPG/calor gas, coal whether you pay by pre-payment meters, by monthly direct debits or by quarterly bills etc.

HOW TO APPLY: You will need to supply us with the following information:

- Your name, address, date of birth, NI number, phone number, email address, proof of means tested benefits as well as the number of child dependents, adult dependents and number of adults over 75yrs in your household.
- You will need to supply a recent energy bill or paid invoice which shows your name, address and customer reference number.
- If your home is difficult to heat and has an energy performance certificate rating E or F please let us know as well.
- If you are in fuel debt, please submit any evidence of the debt.
- Applications and the information documents required above need to be in the same name of the householder/utility account holder.
- We then submit the application to Home Heating Advice Scotland on your behalf who will assess the level of subsidy they will pay direct to your fuel supplier who will credit the payment to your fuel/utility company account and/or send you an email with pre-payment meter vouchers.
- Please submit your application by email* with all the information required to info@thehubdg.org.uk . For more info phone 01387 269161
- *The Church Office should be able to help members of the Congregation with this, should they not have access to email.