

			
(1 <sup>st</sup> in month) Sunday, 07/08/2022 Pentecost 9	08.00	1970 Holy Communion (Church)	
	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
Monday, 08/08/2022	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	10.30-17.30	UCI Groups (Hall)	
Tuesday, 09/08/2022	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, 10/08/2022	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
Thursday, 11/08/2022	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, 12/08/2022	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 13/08/2022	09.30	Silent Prayer @ Elshields	<a href="mailto:revann@stjohnsdumfries.org">revann@stjohnsdumfries.org</a> for details
(2 <sup>nd</sup> in month) Sunday,	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

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)

As there is **no MU meeting scheduled** for August, Kim has proposed people might want to have an **informal get-together** on Thursday 18th

August. It will be at The Usual Place at 2 pm. Anyone wishing to join in will be most welcome.

We have instructed the work on the **automatic doors**, but they are, of course, waiting for parts to be delivered. In more positive news, Scottish Gas Networks have replaced the **main gas pipe** in to the church from the street. We had apparently been quoted around £10k for this work a number of years ago, but SGN have now, in fact, carried the work out for free, and we're most grateful. This will enable us to use both boilers for heating in the colder weather (for a number of years, owing to the inadequacy of the supply, we've only been able to use one). It won't make the church warmer - the organ wouldn't stand that, anyway - but it will make the church (and Hall) heat up more quickly, because the heating will need less of a run at getting things up to temperature. And that should be more efficient and save us a bit. Plus, it should enable us to combine the two gas supplies we have, so the kitchen will be fed from the same one as the boilers...and that will save us some £400 a year in standing charges, we hope. The combining of supplies is still to happen, but it's the aim to get this done as soon as possible.

*David*

**Use of St J's building for same sex marriages** (see Notices from the past few weeks). The voting papers will be given to those entitled to vote at the 11.00 service this week (07/08/2022) and next (14/08/2022). Any remaining will be posted to the individuals concerned. A reminder that the votes **must be returned to the Rectory, in the envelope provided, by 08/09/2022.**

**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](mailto: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.***

Many thanks to all those involved, in any way, with the **Children's Holiday Club** over the past week; for those who volunteered at it and who peripherally supported it by prayer or other background works, and for those who bore with the disruption, which, we hope, was kept to a minimum. More information about how it went over the coming weeks, but the children enjoyed it hugely – as did the adults – and our average attendance, over the week, was in the low to mid-twenties. Thank you again, everyone.