
(4th in month) Sunday, 25/09/2022 Pentecost 16	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)	See posters
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org . *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 26/09/2022	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	10.30-17.30	UCI Groups (Hall)	
Tuesday, 27/09/2022	17.45	A Time for Meditation (Meeting Room)	This event is 'paused', meantime. We'll let you know if/when it resumes.
	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
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Hall)	All Welcome
Wednesday, 28/09/2022	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Hall)	
Thursday, 29/09/2022	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Church)	St Michael & All Angels
	18:30	Prayer Meeting	Zoom: contact 07487 653069 or Speak to Janice for joining details.
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 30/09/2022	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	19.30	St J's Quiz Night (Hall)	All Welcome
Saturday, 01/10/2022	10.00, but TBC	Romanian Orthodox Service (Church)	All welcome. English language liturgy also available.
(1 st in month) Sunday, 02/10/2022 Pentecost 17	08.00	1970 Holy Communion (Church)	
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); Harvest Festival,	See details below.

		AGM & Bring & Share lunch (Hall/Church)	
	18.00	Choral Evensong (Church)	See posters
	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

Annual General Meeting (AGM): as previously notified the AGM will take place on the 2nd October. As usual this will be in the context of the I I am service--this year our harvest service--and will follow a bring and share lunch. Please bring any contributions for lunch to the kitchen before the I I am service. The formal notice of the meeting is on the lit noticeboard by the glass doors. Nomination sheets for the various representatives are available at the back of church, as are the meeting papers, made up into booklets, and also the apologies sheet. Please contact the church office if the booklets run out. Also: if you would prefer an electronic copy, you can put your name on the sheet at the back of the church, or, again, contact the church office – 07754 596140 or pastadmin@stjohnsdumfries.org. The pastadmin email now seems to be working again satisfactorily, but should you get a ‘mailbox full’ error message, please give me (David) a call on the above number to let me know.

Margaret Morton
Vestry Secretary

Quiz Night resumes this week – in the Hall, Friday, 30/09/2022, 7.30pm. All welcome.

I am looking after the flowers in the church for September. I have a great love for **Michaelmas daisies** and would like to use them to celebrate St Michael, the Patron Saint of Dumfries whose day this year is Thursday September the 29th. The Michaelmas daisies in my garden are scraggy so I am hoping that members of the congregation will be able to supply some. I would like them to be in place for Sunday the 25th. If you can help, please let me know on autofield@btinternet.com, Tel: 750386 or inform the church office. Many thanks, Kim Tofield.

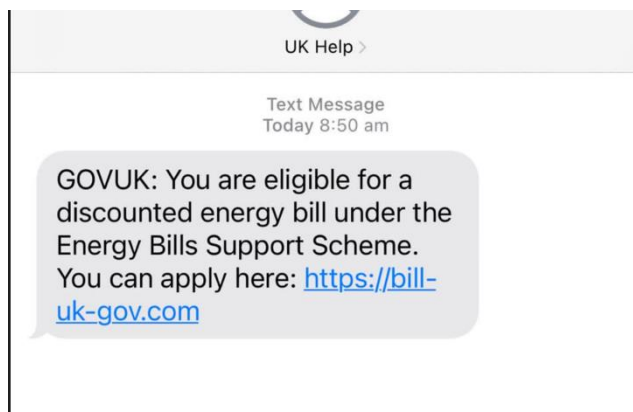
Women's Aid -The congregation at St John's has been very generous in helping MU supply toiletries for the women who go to the Refuge and donations are again requested. Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, shower gel, flannels, deodorant, any wee 'extras' like talc, scented soap - all will be gratefully received and passed on. Any unused household cleaning products will also be helpful. There is a box in the hall for these donations.

The proceeds from our **Harvest Gift Day** (same day as the AGM – 02/10/2022) will be divided 25% towards the Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal for flood relief in Pakistan and 75% to help replenish the funds we have had to expend in recent months for electrical work to satisfy insurance requirements, repairs to the automatic glass doors, the flower cupboard roof and so on, as well as essential planned future work, including emergency lighting for the ringing chamber and tower stairs. As always, the Congregation's generous support is much appreciated.

Zoom Prayer Meetings resume this week: first one will be on **Thursday, 29/09/2022 at 18.30**. Janice will send out joining details nearer the time, but, if you haven't had them before, and would like to be able to join, please email her – rector@stjohnsdumfries.org or call 07487 653069.

Energy Matters:

- Please note that we have been made aware of a scam going the rounds, and which might arrive by text or email. Here's what it looks like: **DO NOT CLICK ON THE LINK:** your domestic energy discount will be arranged automatically by your own supplier, without the need for you to do anything.
- Secondly, Dumfries & Galloway Council sent us this (it's genuine!): *please find below the link to the UK Government plans to help cut energy bills for businesses including charities which was announced yesterday.:* <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-outlines-plans-to-help-cut-energy-bills-for-businesses> We would be very grateful if you could please pass this information onto all of your networks and contacts so that we can highlight



this new support to as many businesses and charities as possible at this challenging time. St J's has an existing energy contract that keeps what we pay at the same rate as we have been paying for a year or two until the end of 2024, but, if you are involved with any other charity or small business which is not in so fortunate a position, the above link might be useful to you.