

			
(1 st in month) Sunday, 02/10/2022 Pentecost 17 / Harvest	08.00	1970 Holy Communion (Church)	
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	Including Harvest Gift Day, Bring & Share lunch and AGM...see details below
	18.00	Choral Evensong (Church)	Special for Harvest
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 03/10/2022	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	10.30-17.30	UCI Groups (Hall)	
Tuesday, 04/10/2022	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Hall)	Just turn up
Wednesday, 05/10/2022	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Hall)	
Thursday, 06/10/2022	14.00	Mothers' Union Eucharist (Church)	
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 07/10/2022	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 08/10/2022			
(2 nd in month) Sunday, 09/10/2022 Pentecost 18	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	Including Commissioning of the new Vestry.
	18.00	Contemporary Worship (Church)	
	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 **today**, 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 I I am service will pause after the Blessing; the AGM will then be convened and immediately adjourned for lunch in the Hall. The AGM will then resume as soon as reasonably possible after lunch and will conclude with the Dismissal. The Commissioning of the new Vestry will take place during the I I am service next Sunday.

Margaret Morton
Vestry Secretary

The proceeds from our **Harvest Gift Day** today 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.

Mothers' Union:

- There will be a **Eucharist** on 6th October at 2pm in the Church, followed by refreshments in the Hall. All are welcome.
- **MU Christmas Cards** will be on sale after the Service on 9th October.
- You will all know by now that this year, St John's MU is celebrating its **Centenary**. We will be having a Thanksgiving Service on Saturday 19th November at 11 am, at which Bishop Kevin will preside. This will be followed by lunch in the Hall. The congregation is invited to join us for what will be, we hope, a splendid occasion. For catering purposes, those wanting to attend should sign up on the sheet at the back of the Church (on the wooden unit by the Hall door).

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.

Dumfries & Galloway Council also tell us...

Please find below details of our Free Film Screenings which are taking place across our Region next week as part of our Challenge Poverty Week 2022 Programme of events and activities. Each of the Film Screenings are totally free for everyone to attend and we have included the links to the Online Bookings below too:

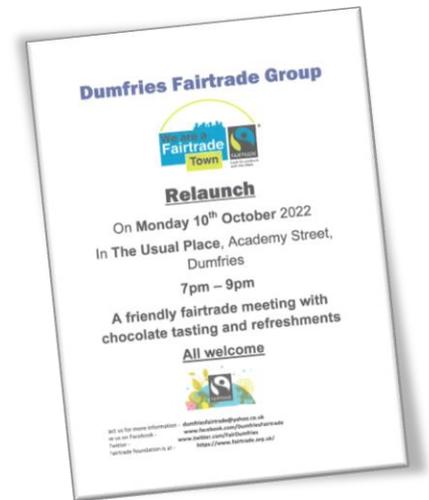
[The Robert Burns Theatre, Dumfries:](https://rbcfilmtheatre.co.uk/) (<https://rbcfilmtheatre.co.uk/>)

- Tuesday 4th October 2022, 7.30pm I, Daniel Blake (cert 15)
- Saturday 8th October 2022, 4.45pm Sing 2 (Cert U)
- Sunday 9th October 2022, 7pm SKINTED (Cert 12A) + PANEL DISCUSSION

All ticket holders to these Free Events, who feel comfortable to do so, are invited to bring along an item of Food which will be donated to one of our

local Food Banks. This is totally discretionary and will depend on an individual ticket holders' circumstances and is not a condition for entry to these Free Film Events.

Fairtrade Group Relaunch. We have received the following message from the Fairtrade Group: *I am pleased to invite you and members of your school, church, or network to the Fairtrade Group Relaunch on Monday 10th October at 7 pm in the Usual Place, Academy Street. Anyone interested in Fairtrade and keeping Dumfries a Fairtrade town will be most welcome. In addition to a short meeting, there will be a chance to sample different Fairtrade chocolates available locally together with refreshments.*



Finally, members of the Congregation will be sorry to learn that the **Romanian Orthodox Congregation** will no longer be using our premises for their services from now on. They have reached the conclusion that too many of their members have to work on a Saturday, and that they would therefore be better to hold their services on a Sunday. Orthodox Church rules dictate that they cannot hold the Eucharist after midday, so, although we had offered Sunday afternoons, they unfortunately could not take us up on it. We understand they are in negotiation with another Dumfries church who do not use their hall on a Sunday morning, so, with any luck, they won't be too far away. We have greatly enjoyed the privilege of hosting them and they, in turn, have been most appreciative of the welcome they had from everyone at St J's.