

			
(2 <sup>nd</sup> in month) Sunday, 13/11/2022 <b>Remembrance Sunday / Pentecost 22</b>	<b>10.15:</b>	1982 Family Eucharist, <b>including Act of Remembrance</b> (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	<b>Note earlier start time and that access/parking may be difficult</b>
	18.00	Contemporary Worship (Church)	
	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, 14/11/2022	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	10.30-17.30	UCI Groups (Hall)	
	18.30-22.00	Bridge Club (Hall)	
Tuesday, 15/11/2022	16.00 on	Cross of Nails in St J's	Opportunity for reflection in Church (see notice below), following on to 18.30 Eucharist
	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Hall)	
Wednesday, 16/11/2022	09.00 on	Cross of Nails in St J's	Opportunity for reflection in Church (see notice below), following on to 10.30 Eucharist
	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Church)	St Margaret of Scotland
	18.30	Choir Practice (Hall)	
Thursday, 17/11/2022	12.30	Mothers' Union Lunch & <del>Guest Speaker</del> (Hall)	No speaker today: see notice below.
Friday, 18/11/2022	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 19/11/2022	11.00	MU Centenary Service (Church), followed by lunch (Hall)	
(3 <sup>rd</sup> in month) Sunday, 20/11/2022 Christ the King	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	14.00	Forest Church	Meet outside Crichton Church, dressed for weather
	18.00	Sung Evensong (Church)	
	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
- The Church Office on 07754 596140 / pastadmin@stjohnsdumfries.org

**PVG Training:** It's still possible to attend the second of these sessions, on Saturday, 26/11/2022, at Stirling Methodist Church. More details, or help with booking, from the St J's office.

*River of Life Church says...* The Pantry, based at The River of Life Church Dumfries, are now offering parents with **school aged children** a selection of **free filled rolls and sandwiches** to take away. You are welcome to drop in every Friday between 12:30 to 1:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Yasmin,  
Project Manager,  
River of Life Church,  
Lovers Walk,  
Dumfries  
DG1 1LU (Beside the Train Station)*

### **Cross of Nails:**

During October and November, the Third Order, Society of Saint Francis in association with the Community of the Cross of Nails (Coventry) are offering an opportunity in Scotland of a **Service of Reconciliation, Peace and Justice** in various venues around the Province. By the time the Cross of Nails reaches Dumfries it will have already been to Glasgow and Inverness Cathedrals, St John's Lothian Rd, Edinburgh (11<sup>th</sup> November) and the Gordon Chapel, Fochabers.

We are offering the same opportunity in Dumfries as time for Meditation and Prayer, which can, if desired, be linked to the one of the Daily Eucharists. The Cross of Nails will be in St John's on:

- **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 16.00 up to and including the Eucharist at 18.30**

And again:

- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November from 9.00 until 12.00, including the Eucharist.**

This is very much an open offer event for anyone who has concerns about Justice Peace and Reconciliation. Do feel free to come and join in!

## **Dumfries & Galloway Resettlement Team tell us...**

As you are aware the Ukrainian humanitarian crisis continues and is a source of constant sadness and threat to our guests, their families, friends, and neighbours in Ukraine. Let us continue to offer the Warm Welcome to those in need as we do so well.

The Social Work Ukrainian Support Team has been developed to undertake safeguarding checks for all potential Hosts and offer focussed support to approved Hosts in their role of supporting their Guests. We can offer support calls to Hosts who have concerns or are experiencing difficulties within their role, and of course we would love to hear about the wonderful moments you have shared with your Guests. We all can build relationships, form lifetime friendships, and share cultural celebrations. Let us continue to offer the Warm Welcome and extend the hand of friendship to those in need.

Please contact the Social Work Ukrainian Support Team at [socialworkukrainiansupport@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:socialworkukrainiansupport@dumgal.gov.uk)

Regards

Jan Hastie

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Here at St J's, we're aware of families and individuals, some known to us, who still need host families, or who have friends or relatives who need Visa sponsorship to come here from Ukraine. The Scottish (and indeed Welsh and NI) Govt Super Sponsor Scheme(s) is/are paused for the moment, whilst they try to clear the backlog of applicants they have, but individuals can still offer accommodation, or sponsor a visa applicant. Those entering from Ukraine are entitled to benefits and allowed access to the NHS and to work, so they would be reasonably financially self-sufficient. Visa sponsors do not necessarily have to offer accommodation. The Church Office has more details if you think you

might be able to help with any aspect of this as, indeed, a number of congregation members already have done, in various ways.

**Stewards are invited to meet**, at the Rectory, on one of two dates, Monday 14th November at 2pm or Wednesday 16th November at 2pm, please choose which one suits you best and let David or the Rector know. The purpose of the meeting is to see how things are going and if anything further can be done to help. Thanks to those who have already replied. Anyone else, please let Janice know asap.

### The MU says...

- **Smalls for All** is a charity supported by MU. It provides underwear to enable girls to attend school during their periods, and can help women and girls escape rape and gender-based violence. There is a box at the back of the hall for donations of new, black or dark coloured knickers. MU will be grateful for your additional support for this worthy cause.
- **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 once more 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. Again, there is a box in the hall for these donations.
- MU's **monthly meeting** takes place on Thursday 17th November, meeting from 12.30 as usual for soup and sandwiches. There will be no speaker, as this meeting will be the opportunity to make the final arrangements for our Centenary Service and lunch on the 19th.

**Advance Notice of Diocesan Advent Quiet Day** → (proper size poster will be up nearer the time!)

Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway  
**Diocesan Advent Quiet Day on Zoom**  
Saturday, 10 December 2022

**Walking in the Light of God**  
**Walking through Advent**  
**with Isaiah**

10.00am: Welcome and Worship  
10.20am: Isaiah 2.1-5 A vision – Swords and Ploughshares  
10.40am: Isaiah 11.1-10 A challenge – A Lion and a Lamb and a little child

11.00am: Break, video  
11.30am: Isaiah 35.1-10 Preparation – A Highway  
11.55am: Isaiah 7.10-16 A new vision – Emmanuel  
12.20pm: Breakout time  
12.40pm: Final worship, quiet, thoughts

Everyone is welcome to join along for the Diocesan Advent Quiet Day on Saturday, 10 December 2022.

To register, email the Rev Les Ireland on [Les949@btinternet.com](mailto:Les949@btinternet.com) and you will receive the Zoom meeting details.

**"It is better to walk alone in light, rather than with a crowd who are walking the wrong way."**

**Ann & Chris Wren** wish to thank everyone for their prayers and kind enquiries, following their car accident. They are recovering and are thankful that it was no worse.

*Dumfries & Galloway Council also say...*

- Throughout November, Dumfries and Galloway Council will be running events across the region where we are inviting families and individuals to come along and help themselves to some free warm winter clothes.
- We have a huge range of clothes in various sizes for both adults and children including, coats, jackets, jumpers, hoodies, cardigans, jeans and some pyjamas.
- In addition, at our Dumfries Events we will also be giving away FREE School Uniform including branded sweatshirts, polo shirts, trousers, skirts and shirts.
- Our FREE Warm Winter Clothes Events will be held on the following dates and times:
- Saturday 12th November 2022, 11am – 3pm - Ryan Centre, Fairhurst Road, Stranraer
- Saturday 12th November 2022, 9am – 12 noon - Newstart Recycle, Provost Mill, North Queensberry Street, Annan
- Sunday 13th November 2022, 11am – 3pm - Castle Douglas Community Centre, Cotton Street, Castle Douglas
- This year we will be opening up a Pop-Up Shop in **Dumfries** where we will be giving away Free Warm Winter Clothes and Free School Uniform. Please visit us at our Pop-Up Shop in 'The Press' (across from the Midsteeple), High Street, Dumfries on the following dates:
- Thursday 24th November 2022, 9.30am – 5pm
- Friday 25th November 2022, 9.30am – 7.30pm