
(3 rd 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	www.stjohnsdumfries.org . *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 21/11/2022	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	10.30-17.30	UCI Groups (Hall)	
	18.30-22.00	Bridge Club (Hall)	
Tuesday, 22/11/2022	11.00-16.00	Regional Council AGM (Church & Hall)	
	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Hall)	Just turn up: all welcome
Wednesday, 23/11/2022	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Hall)	
Thursday, 24/11/2022	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 25/11/2022	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	19.30	St J's Quiz Night	All welcome: just turn up
Saturday, 26/11/2022	19.30	Dumfries Choral November Concert	www.dumfrieschoralsociety.co.uk
(4 th in month) Sunday, 27/11/2022 1 st in Advent	09.15	Sunday Worship: Crichton Memorial Church	Crichton Campus, Dumfries DG1 4ZZ
	09.30	Holy Communion @ Maxwellton Chapel	Just off B729 between Wallaceon & Moniaive. DG3 4DX
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	18.00	Contemporary Worship (Church)	

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

The thanksgiving and funeral service for our dear friend **Geoff Edbrooke** will take place in St J's on **Wednesday 23rd November at 1:30pm**. The committal, at Roucan Loch, will be family only. Our thoughts and prayers are with Anna and the family at this time.

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.

Advance Notice of a Bring & Share/Secret Santa Lunch to be held after worship on Sunday, 04/12/2022. The idea is to bring food to share and a small gift (max £10). Gifts should, so far as possible, be unisex and designed to appeal to as wide an age group as possible.

If you are interested in **reading about Ukraine**, there is a list (from Blackwell's Booksellers, Oxford and online) of suggested titles. The list can be viewed on the lit noticeboard in the church, and the original email can be forwarded to you, on request to the Church 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)*

We will be running **Advent Courses** this year again. The Rector will host a group on **Thursday evenings at 7:00pm** based on *Be born in us today* by John Davies (the Rector has 5 spare books). David Kerr will be hosting a group on **Tuesday evenings at 7.00pm**; almost certainly based on CWR's *A Child is Born*, but still to be finalised. Depending on interest shown, a decision will be made by each group as to whether they will be conducted face to face or via Zoom. Please let the group leaders know if you might be interested.

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.

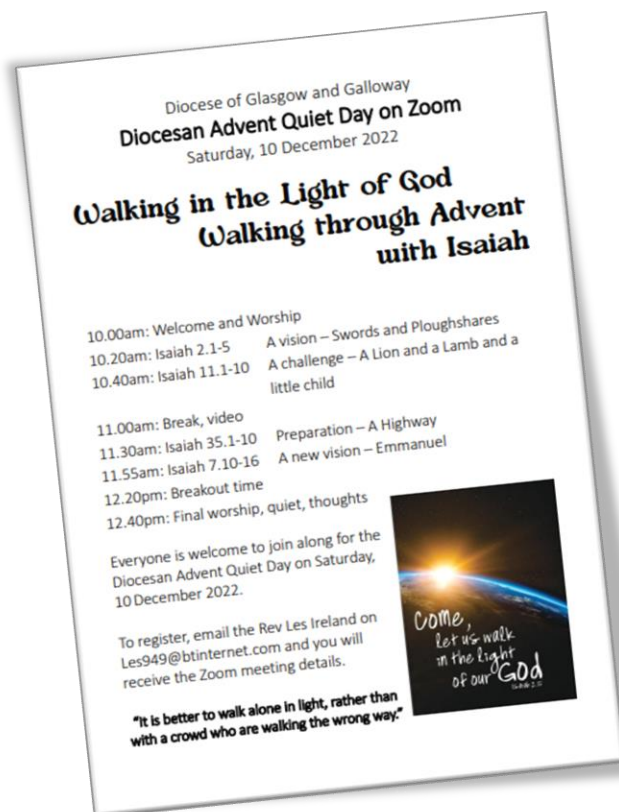
Advance Notice of Diocesan Advent Quiet Day → (proper size poster will be up nearer the time!)

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 Fairtrade Group News:

Following the success of our relaunch in October, we would like to invite you to our next meeting which will be on Tuesday 29th November 7-9pm at Second Nature's at Newall Terrace. It is on the corner by Catherine Street next to the Aberdour Hotel (the old Baptist Church). An idea of numbers would be helpful to plan Advent refreshments. Please reply to Dumfries Fairtrade: dumfriesfairtrade@yahoo.co.uk

Thank you to everyone who donated, whether in kind or financially, to our collection for **Seafarers' Sunday** a few weeks ago. As well as a number of knitted items (and we know they are much appreciated by the recipients), people also donated a total of £208.75. There will be some Gift Aid to be added to this, also. Thank you, everyone, for your generosity.



Headquarters

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