
(4th in month) Sunday, 27/11/2022 Advent 1	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)	
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org . *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 28/11/2022	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	Closed today; open Friday
	10.30-17.30	UCI Groups (Hall)	
	18.30-22.00	Bridge Club (Hall)	
Tuesday, 29/11/2022	09.00-12.00	Mallory Nursery (Hall)	
	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.00	Advent Group: <i>A Child is Born</i>	Note: this will now be via Zoom. 07754 596140 for joining details.
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Hall)	
Wednesday, 30/11/2022	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall) St Andrew	
	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Church)	St Andrew
	18.30	Choir Practice (Hall)	
Thursday 01/12/2022	14.00	Mothers' Union Eucharist (Church)	
	19.00	Advent Group: <i>Be Born in Us Today</i>	Via Zoom. 07487 653069 for joining details
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 02/12/2022	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	19.30	Music in Dumfries Concert	Carmenco: see www.musicindumfries.com
Saturday, 03/12/2022			
(1 st in month) Sunday, 04/12/2022 Advent 2	08.00	1970 Holy Communion (Church)	
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	18.00	Carols for Advent (Church)	

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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

Bring & Share/Secret Santa Lunch will 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 bringing food that needs any kind of preparation or setting out, please bring it to the kitchen *before* the service starts.

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 are running **Advent Courses** this year again. The Rector will host a group on **Thursday evenings at 7:00pm via Zoom**, based on *Be born in us today* by John Davies (the Rector has 5 spare books). David Kerr will be leading a group on **Tuesday evenings at 7.00pm**; based on CWR's *A Child is Born*; **please note that this group will now also be conducted via Zoom**; and there is, or should be, one spare copy of the book. Please let the group leaders know if you might be interested.

The MU says...

- **MU Centenary Thanksgiving Service** - The MU would like to thank the Rector, the Choir, the Vestry and the Congregation for their

support. The service was a splendid occasion and both it and the hospitality afterwards were appreciated by all. As one last flourish for our Centenary, the beady-eyed among you will have spotted that a Magnolia Stellata has been planted in the church garden (next to the Rectory drive) to commemorate our Centenary and the late Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee.

- **The MU Eucharist** will take place on Thursday 1st December at 2pm in the Church. It will be followed by tea and cake in the Hall. We will also be writing Christmas cards for the prisoners at Dumfries HMP. All are welcome.

Please note that there will be no St Andrew's Day Service on Wednesday evening at 6:30pm but it will now be in the morning at 10:30am.

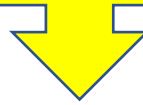
Diocesan Advent Quiet Day: Saturday, 10/12/2022 (via Zoom): *Walking in the Light of God/Walking Through Advent with Isaiah* Email The Rev Les Ireland (Les949@btinternet.com) for joining details. For more details, see the lit noticeboard, or the St J's website.

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.

On Friday 2 December Rev Rob Brown will be speaking on the **Bewcastle Cross** at 11am in the Barn at Elshields. Talk with Slides.

- All most welcome
- No need to book - just turn up!
- Donations for Coffee

People have kindly contributed to this before. If you would like to pass any donations to me, I'll ensure they reach MOOL - David Kerr



Come to the Hens' Den Christmas Fayre

Unique Christmas crafts

Christmas stalls

Stocking fillers

Tombola

Pick & mix

Home baking

St John's Church Hall, Newall Terrace

19th December
2pm ~ 6pm

Raffle prizes

Free entry
Free festive snacks

**Collection for Refugees
Sunday 11th December 2022,
from 12-2 pm
at the Friendship Club, West Morton St,
Thornhill**

We are collecting items for Ukrainian families in D&G, as well as for refugees abroad. We need:

- Ladies & gents' warm winter jackets, coats, jumpers, tops & trousers (NO extra-large sizes please, ladies' dresses or gents' suits please)
- Children's and teens clothing
- Hats, gloves & scarfs
- Luggage
- New underwear and socks.
- Children's craft items - colouring and painting things, plasticine etc
- Blankets & sleeping bags
- Old (unlocked) smartphones
- Sanitary products/ toiletries

ALSO if you would like to buy Xmas presents for our Ukrainian guests, we would welcome children's Xmas toys (approximately £10 in value) and adults presents (£5-7 in value)

Many thanks for your generosity!
For further information or to arrange a collection, contact Sue on 0784 6991025