
(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); Bring & Share lunch & Secret Santa afterwards (Hall)	
	18.00	Carols for Advent Service	
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 05/12/2022	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	10.30-17.30	UCI Groups (Hall)	
	18.30-22.00	Bridge Club (Hall)	
Tuesday, 06/12/2022	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Hall)	Last one before Christmas break: resumes January: watch this space
	19.15	<i>A Child is Born</i> Advent Group	07754 596140 for joining details
	19.30	Vestry Meeting	Via Zoom Cancelled
Wednesday, 07/12/2022	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Hall)	
Thursday, 08/12/2022	19.00	<i>Be Born in Us Today</i> Advent Group	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, 09/12/2022	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 10/12/2022	09.30	Silent Prayer @ Elshieshields	revann@stjohnsdumfries.org for details.
(2 nd in month) Sunday, 11/12/2022 Advent 3	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

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 TODAY (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.

This month, **MU** is concluding our support for the **Smalls for All** project, so there are just a couple of weeks left to pop some dark pants into our black box at the back of the hall. We will be concentrating on supporting our local Away From It All (AFIA – holidays for families) project in the New Year. Thank you for all your support for Smalls for All.

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 is hosting a group on **Thursday evenings at 7:00pm via Zoom**, based on *Be born in us today* by John Davies. David Kerr is 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.

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.

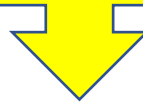
Thank you to everyone who donated, whether in kind or financially, to our collection for **Seafarers' Sunday** a few weeks ago. As well as a number of knitted items (and we know they are much appreciated by the recipients), people also donated a total of £208.75. There will be some Gift Aid to be added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

All Saints' Lockerbie is offering a **service entirely in Ukrainian** at 18.30 on Tuesday, 20/12/2022. We are planning to have the Thornhill minibus available, and to transport anyone who would like to go. There will be a sign up sheet at the back of the church in a week or so's time: look out for it! Attending this would be a nice way to support our Ukrainian members...and get some idea of what it's like to attend a service in an entirely foreign language!

Dumfries & Galloway Council says...

- As you may have seen on social media, a new website has been launched today (Tuesday November 22) to help Dumfries and Galloway residents with cost-of-living increases.
- The Cost of Living DG website is a one-stop shop detailing help with money and benefits, household bills, finding work, health and wellbeing, as well as support for families, young people, the elderly and disabled.
- Cost-of-living increases are now affecting everyone living and working in Dumfries and Galloway, but many residents remain unaware of what help is available to them.
- The website – <https://costofliving.dumgal.gov.uk> – details the support at local, national, and UK level and will evolve as information and support changes. It has been developed by the region's Poverty and Inequalities Partnership and will signpost people in need to information and resources that can mitigate the impact of falling income or increased bills.

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

Home baking

Tombola


Pick & mix

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

