

			
(3 <sup>rd</sup> in month) Sunday, 15/01/2023 Epiphany 2	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available* (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	*Next week sees resumption of normal pattern.
	14.00	Forest Church	Meet outside Crichton Church, dressed for weather
	18.00	Sung Evensong (Church)	See posters
	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, 16/01/2023	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	10.30-17.30	UCI Groups (Hall)	
	18.30-22.00	Bridge Club (Hall)	
Tuesday, 17/01/2023	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Hall)	
	19.30	Vestry Meeting	Via Zoom
Wednesday, 18/01/2023	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	11.30-15.00	Warm Space (Hall)	Just turn up. Volunteers also welcome.
	18.30	Choir Practice (Hall) (except school holidays)	
Thursday, 19/01/2023	12.30	Mothers' Union Lunch & Guest Speaker (Hall)	See notice below.
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact <a href="mailto:bells@stjohnsdumfries.org">bells@stjohnsdumfries.org</a> or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 20/01/2023	09.30	Lent Lunches Planning Meeting (Choir Vestry)	
	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	12.30	Funeral (Ron Beagrie) (Church)	Private cremation thereafter; then tea at the Woodlands Hotel, Newbridge, Dumfries DG2 0HZ. The family will be delighted if you could join them there to share memories of Ron.
Saturday, 21/01/2023			
(4 <sup>th</sup> in month) Sunday, 22/01/2023 Epiphany 3	09.15	Sunday Worship: Crichton Memorial Church	Crichton Campus, Dumfries DG1 4ZZ
	09.30	Holy Communion @ Maxwellton Chapel	Just off B729 between Wallaceton & Moniaive. DG3 4DX

	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall), including Table Top discussion on church finances	
	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

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

**Christmas Giving:** Here is a summary of St J's giving, and the various beneficiaries, over the Advent and Christmas period, 2022. Thank you so much to everyone who so generously contributed, particularly with times as they are.

Collection from Crichton Carol Service (net of organist fee etc):	£598.02
Proceeds of St J's Xmas Card	<u>£464.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,062.02</b>
(Split 50/50 between DEC Ukrainian Appeal and Aberlour - £531.01 each)	
Add: proceeds of children's cake sale for DEC Ukraine	£50.00
Add: collection from Advent Carol Service for Aberlour	<u>£201.25</u>
<b>Total raised:</b>	<b>£1313.27</b>

*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)*

St J's, in common with a number of other Dumfries churches and other public spaces is offering a **warm space** for those who need it (whether part of this Congregation or not) on **Wednesdays, between 11.30-15.00** in the Hall, starting Wednesday, 11/01/2023, until mid-March. (See posters) We are hoping to continue to offer tea, coffee, hot soup and a roll to those attending, depending, slightly, on the numbers we get. If you would like to help steward this, or to help out with occasional donations of suitable foodstuffs, please speak to Janice. (07487 653069 / [rector@stjohnsdumfries.org](mailto:rector@stjohnsdumfries.org))

Please note that the recent **Vestry Update** is on display on the lit noticeboard.

### **MU News:**

- MU would like to say a very big thank you to the congregation for all the donations of **Christmas gifts for Women's Aid**, which were given to the organisation following our Eucharist on December 1st. Also, a big thank you for all the donations for Smalls for All, which conclude our support for this project. As we move into 2023, we expect to be supporting the Bishop's 2023 Lenten Appeal, details of which will follow soon. Thank you for your continued support.
- The first MU meeting of 2023 will take place on Thursday 19th January 2023 in the Hall. Our speaker is **Alison Bixler – Craft and Me**. We will gather from 12.30, with prayers at 12.45 and lunch at 1pm. Please bring a sandwich lunch, and soup, tea / coffee and cake will be provided. Despite its name, MU is an inclusive organisation, with 4 million members, supporting families and projects around the world. Anyone is welcome to come along - you do not have to be a mother, married, or even female. MU members look forward to welcoming you!
- We will be having a **produce stall** in the Hall after the service on Sunday 5 February 2023. We hope to have lots of home - made goodies for sale. Please come prepared to splash the cash to support St John's MU Branch!

### **Finances:**

Please take particular notice of the flier accompanying this, which gives news on our current financial position, and please remember the **Table Top Discussion** on finance, which will take place next **Sunday, 22/01/2023**, after the 11.00 Eucharist, and do your best to take part in it, when it happens. **Please note:** this will be over coffee; it will not involve lunch.

The funeral of our dear friend **Ron Beagrie** will be at **12.30 on Friday, 20/01/2023** at St John's, followed by a private cremation at Roucan Loch and tea at the Woodland Hotel, Newbridge DG2 0HZ afterwards. Bear in mind that parking may be difficult in the vicinity of the church, particularly as the church car park will be reserved for the funeral party.