





St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 29/01/2023

			
(5 th in month) Sunday, 29/01/2023 Epiphany 4	09.30	Matins (Church)	
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org . *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
	18.00	Interweave/Outerweave (Provisional)	See posters/website nearer the time
Monday, 30/01/2023	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	10.30-17.30	UCI Groups (Hall)	
	18.30-22.00	Bridge Club (Hall)	
Tuesday, 31/01/2023	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Hall)	All welcome. Just turn up
Wednesday, 01/02/2023	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)	
Thursday, 02/02/2023	14.00	Mothers' Union Eucharist (Church)	
	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Church)	Presentation of the Lord
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 03/02/2023	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	19.30	Music in Dumfries Concert (Church)	Joshua Ellicott & Anna Tillbrook. www.musicindumfries.com for details
Saturday, 04/02/2023			
(1 st in month) Sunday, 05/02/2023 Epiphany 5	08.00	1970 Holy Communion (Church)	
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	18.00	Choral Evensong (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

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)

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

MU Notices

- There will be a Eucharist on Thursday 2 February at 2pm in the Church, followed by tea / coffee and cake in the Hall. Please note this is not an MU – only event and anyone coming along will be made most welcome.
- We will be having a produce stall in the Hall after the service on Sunday 5 February 2023. There will be lots of (lovingly) home-made produce on sale. We know times are hard, but St John's MU will be most grateful for any support you can give us at this fundraising event.

Finances:

Thank you to all who took part in the **Table Top Discussion** on finance last Sunday, 22/01/2023, after the 11.00 Eucharist. Your input is being collated and will be considered by the Vestry at a meeting on 31/01/2023, after which a

report will be made to the Congregation. If you were unable to be there, but would like to review your giving anyway, as a number of people have already done, bank details, Gift Aid forms etc. can be obtained either from Christopher Pierson-Harvey (07908 046284 / treasurer@stjohnsdumfries.org) or from the Church Office (07754 596140 / pastadmin@stjohnsdumfries.org). Thank you for your support of St J's.

Strathclyde Circuit are delivering a Foundation Module Safeguarding Training session on **Saturday Feb 25th 09.45 till 12.15** at Pollokshaws Methodist Church, 74 Shawholm Crescent, Pollokshaws, Glasgow G73 1LH All are invited to join. Booking essential : anitakshaw@gmail.com 01698 317220.

There is a container at the back of the church, containing sundry items of **lost property**, including a surprising number of pairs of glasses. Please grope your way there and claim what is yours...some of the items have been around for a while and we will have to dispose of them soon.

Lent Lunches: At last!-- this year we can hold the Lent Lunches again to raise money for Christian Aid. As previously they will take place in the Hall **each Friday of Lent (24th February and 3rd-31st March) from 12noon to 1.30pm**. For a minimum donation of £3.50 there will be soup, a filled roll and tea or coffee. It is planned to have a sales table each week and we hope to have fairly traded goods on sale as well.

St John's is catering for the first Lent Lunch on the 24th February. We want to get them off to a good start. **Can you help?** We need people to make soup, to fill the rolls (a sitting down job), to help serve and to tidy up. Obviously not everyone can volunteer for everything but the more of us who are involved the easier it will be.

More information from and offers of help to Margaret Morton 01387 262734 memorton@mypostoffice.co.uk