

			
(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)	For Candlemas
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 06/02/2023	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	10.30-17.30	UCI Groups (Hall)	
	18.30-22.00	Bridge Club (Hall)	
Tuesday, 07/02/2023	12.30	Lunchtime Meeting @ Elshieshields	Peacekeeping in South Africa. See notice below
	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Hall)	Just turn up
Wednesday, 08/02/2023	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, 09/02/2023	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 10/02/2023	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	18.30	Mystery Evening (Hall)	Primary Age children welcome: 07487 653069 for details
Saturday, 11/02/2023	09.30	Silent Prayer @ Elshieshields	revann@stjohnsdumfries.org for details
(2 nd in month) Sunday, 12/02/2023 Epiphany 6	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

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, 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)

Ann Shukman says... **Peacekeeping in South Africa:** On Tuesday, 07/02/2023, from 12.30 – 14.00, Liz Carmichael who spent many years in South Africa, will give a talk with slides introducing her new book on her work there. No charge, but donations for coffee. All most welcome. Contact ann.shukman@gmail.com Please bring own sandwiches.

(With apologies to Henry Hall), If you go into the Hall today, you're sure of a big surprise! **MU is having a produce stall**, with lots of home-made goodies on sale. In these hard times, we will be most grateful for any support you can give our fund-raising event.

Finances:

Thank you to all who took part in the **Table Top Discussion** about finance on Sunday, 22/01/2023, after the 11.00 Eucharist. Your input was discussed at Tuesday's Vestry Meeting and an update will follow soon. 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

By the time you read this, we should have our new **range cooker** installed and working. As you may recall, one of the ovens and the one electric hotplate had packed up in the old one, and it proved almost impossible either to source parts for it, or to find anyone prepared to undertake the work. An extremely generous offer of a brand new replacement was received, which we were, of course, delighted to accept. The new cooker is all electric, which was thought a prudent move, since it proved to be impossible to arrange repairs to the previous – gas – one. This also means we can remove the separate gas supply to the kitchen, which has been costing us upwards of £400 per annum in standing charges alone. The donor has also generously offered to fund the

electrical work necessary for the installation of the new cooker. So: as a congregation, we are thankful both for the generosity of the donor and for the blessing that this undoubtedly is.