
(3 rd in month) Sunday, 15/12/2024 Advent 3	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall);	B&S lunch, Christkindl etc afterwards (Hall)
	14.00	Forest Church	Meet outside Crichton Church, dressed for weather
	18.00	Sung Evensong (Church)	None this week
	18.00	Contemporary Service (Church)	(Not its usual date pattern!)
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org . *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 16/12/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	18.30-22.00	Bridge Club (Hall)	
Tuesday, 17/12/2024	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Sep-Mar) (Hall)	Resumes after Christmas; watch for announcement.
	19.30	Contemporary Service Music Practice (Church)	None this week
	19.00	Advent Study Group	See details below, or contact David Kerr (07754 596140)
Wednesday, 18/12/2024	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 19/12/2024	12.30 for 13.00	Mothers' Union Christmas Lunch (Woodlands Hotel, Newbridge)	For those who have booked!
	19.00	Advent Study Group	See details below, or contact Janice for info. (07487 653069)
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 20/12/2024	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 21/12/2024			

			
(4th in month) Sunday, 22/12/2024 Advent 4	09.15	Sunday Worship: Crichton Memorial Church	Crichton Campus, Dumfries DG1 4ZZ
	09.30	Holy Communion @ Maxwelton Chapel	Just off B729 between Wallace-ton & Moniaive. DG3 4DX
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	Including Ministry for Healing; listen for announcement.
	18.00	Contemporary Worship (Church)	Resumes after Christmas; watch for announcement.
	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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- **15th December – Bring and Share Christmas Lunch ...** Christkindl – sharing of gifts+ an activity and some carol. **Today:** please join us; even if you weren't expecting this!
- **18th January, 2025: Burns Supper**
- **March, 2025 (date to be confirmed) Pamper Session**

ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Look out for **St J's Christmas Quiz**, £1/entry, which is now available on Sundays, from the Church Office, and at other church events; and if you can sell any to friends, neighbours, family, colleagues etc, that, too, would be helpful. There will be prizes for the best few winning entries, and the winners, and answers, will be announced in early January. More details from Rhona Pringle, or the Church Office.

ADVENT COURSES

Two courses are running this year:

1. *Do Not Be Afraid* by Rachel Mann, in the Rectory, Thursdays, at 19.00, starting Thursday, 05/12/2024. Further details from Janice (07487 653069)
2. *Preparing the Way* by Derek Tidball, probably in the Church Office, but maybe moving around participants' houses; 19.00 on Tuesdays, starting Tuesday, 03/12/2024. Further details from David Kerr. (07754 596140)

MU NOTICES:

- A wee reminder to all MU members and friends who have booked for our **Christmas Lunch**. It will be at the Woodlands Hotel, Newbridge on **Thursday 19th December**, 12.30 for 1 pm.. We hope to have some carol singing afterwards.

MAKING CHRISTMAS

Wordsmith Crafts will be hosting a space in the Loreburn Centre on four Saturdays in the run up to Christmas. This is building up to the weekend of the 21st/22nd of December where Summerhill run free events for families. On that weekend we will be setting up an immersive environment where people can encounter "**Christmas Past**". We will use the space in a similar way to the way in which we do [school] assemblies: using visual arts and performance to give people the opportunity to reflect on the Christmas they have inherited and think of

other possibilities. If you'd like to help, or know more about this, please speak to Simon Lidwell.

QUARTZ also say... Do you remember when **John Bell** came to talk with us at St John's? We had to change venue to down the street so that there would be enough seats for everyone to fit in. Follow the [link](https://www.youtube.com/live/bdZRXTOR2oo?si=siX9-NaAwRn8iIQr#) [https://www.youtube.com/live/bdZRXTOR2oo?si=siX9-NaAwRn8iIQr#] to watch him chatting with Ricky Ross about a wide range of topics which affect the whole Church in Scotland today.

He has just released a new book (that I'm off to order online) but this discussion is far from an advert! There are many points he raises that merit further discussion, and if you'd like to do that then please get in touch.

Christmas Services

Christingle

in St John's Church,
Christmas Eve at 4pm



Festival of Carols

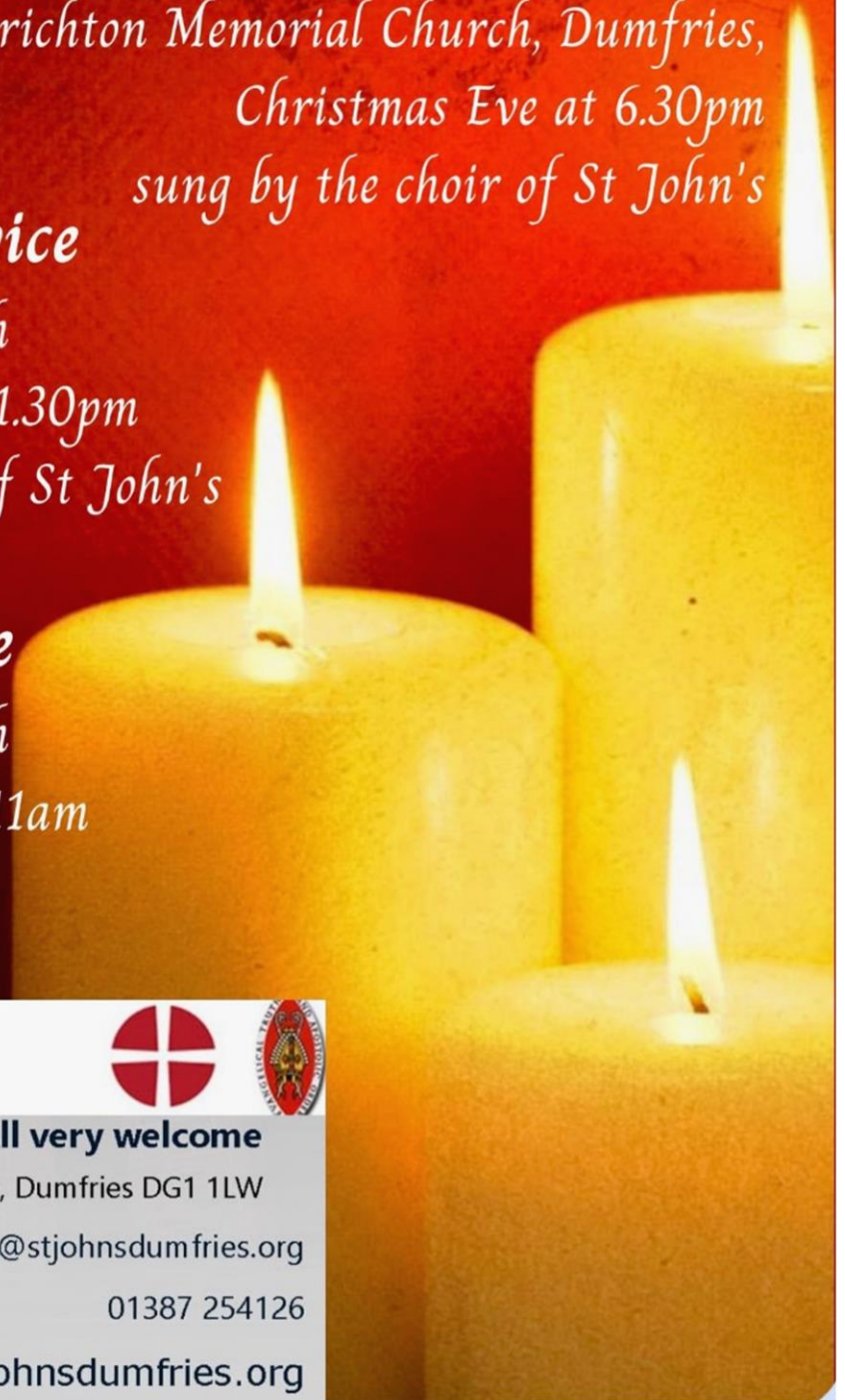
in the Crichton Memorial Church, Dumfries,
Christmas Eve at 6.30pm
sung by the choir of St John's

Midnight Service

in St John's Church
Christmas Eve at 11.30pm
sung by the choir of St John's

Family Service

in St John's Church
Christmas Day at 11am
sung by the choir
of St John's



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Christmas 2024



Tuesday, 24/12/2024 (Christmas Eve)

- 🌲 16.00: Christingle Service (St John's)
- 🌲 18.30: Festival of Carols (Crichton Memorial Church)
- 🌲 23.30: Midnight Eucharist of the Nativity (St John's)

Wednesday, 25/12/2024 (Christmas Day)

- 🌲 11.00: Christmas Morning Family Eucharist (St John's)

Thursday, 26/12/2024 (St Stephen, Martyr)

- 🌲 10.30: Eucharist (St John's. The Church will be open for this service only)

Saturday, 28/12/2024 (Holy Innocents; St John the Evangelist)

- 🌲 10.30: Eucharist (St John's. The Church will be open for this service only)

Sunday, 29/12/2024 (1st after Christmas)

- 🌲 09.30: Matins (St John's)
- 🌲 11.00 : 1982 Family Eucharist ('as normal')
- 🌲 No Evening Service

Tuesday, 31/12/2024

- 🌲 18.30: Eucharist (St John's)

Wednesday, 01/01/2025

- 🌲 Church closed today

Sunday, 05/01/2025

- 🌲 11.00: Epiphany and Covenant Service (St John's)
- 🌲 18.30: Choral Evensong for Epiphany (St John's)

WISHING YOU ALL A BLESSED CHRISTMAS



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