





## St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 19/01/2025

			
(3 <sup>rd</sup> in month) Sunday, 19/01/2025 Epiphany 2	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	[Janice at Netherton Methodist Church]
	14.00	Forest Church	Meet outside Crichton Church, dressed for weather
	18.00	Sung Evensong (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
Monday, 20/01/2025	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	18.30-22.00	Bridge Club (Hall)	
Tuesday, 21/01/2025	09.00-12.00	Nursery Visit (Hall)	
	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Hall)	Just turn up
	19.30	Contemporary Service Music Practice (Church)	
Wednesday, 22/01/2025	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 23/01/2025	19.00	Book discussion	Rectory (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, 24/01/2025	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	11.30	Memorial Service for Alan Withall (Church)	All welcome.
	18.30 – 20.00	Mystery Evening (Hall)	Primary Age children welcome. Speak to Janice or call 07487 653069 for details.
Saturday, 25/01/2025			

			
(4th in month) Sunday, 26/01/2025	09.15	Sunday Worship: Crichton Memorial Church	Crichton Campus, Dumfries DG1 4ZZ
	09.30	Holy Communion @ Maxwelton Chapel	Just off B729 between Wallaceton & 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)	
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And, as always, if you need us, you can contact

- The Rector on 01387 254126 / 07487 653069  
/ [rector@stjohnsdumfries.org](mailto:rector@stjohnsdumfries.org)
- The Church Office on 07754 596140  
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## THANK YOU...

A fantastic evening was enjoyed by all at the Burns Supper last night. Thanks to all those who entertained us so well; thanks to all who attended, and a huge thanks to Annette and her team for all the hard work in organising.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- 09/02/2025: 14.30: **An Afternoon of Song (see poster below)**
- March, 2025 (date to be confirmed)
- **Pamper Session**
- Some Saturday in March or April:  
14.00: **Possible trip to see *The Way* at Burns Centre (sign-up sheet at back of church)**

## ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Thank you to everyone who supported this. **427** Quizzes were sold; **45** completed entries were received, of which **41** had all answers correct.

**Three** winning entries were drawn from that 41 by different members of the Congregation, on Sunday, 05/01/2025, and the prize winners have all been notified. One prize winner kindly returned their £10 prize, so the total raised was **£437**, a welcome addition to St J's fund-raising efforts.

**Big thanks** to Rhona Pringle, who organised it all and provided the prizes. The answers to the Quiz can be found on the St J's website.

## MU NOTICES:

- The first **MU lunchtime meeting of 2025** will take place on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025** in the Hall. Our speaker **was** to have been Revd Chris Wren: *3 Knots*, but his work as Interim Priest at Castle Douglas and Dalbeattie has led to a diary clash. However, in St John's, we are very lucky to get two for the price of one and Revd Ann has kindly agreed to come and talk to us about the *Wrens and the Franciscans* – which could be another talk title! 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.
- You know all this already, but it's worth saying again - despite its name, MU is an inclusive organisation, with 4 million members world- wide, 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. Just turn up and MU members look forward to welcoming you!
- If anyone has unwanted Christmas gifts (or birthday gifts), they will be gratefully received by MU for distribution to **Women's Aid** and **Bethany Trust**. There is a white box at the back of the Hall, and items for both men and women will be most welcome. Thank you.

## **QUARTZ say...**

### **CLC:**

- 27th of January: Hosted by Alison and Andy. Kate will be helping us get to know St Aiden
- 10th of Feb: Hosted by Simon and Kate. Get two saints! Caedmon and Hilde.
- We will then be meeting on the 24th of Feb with Andy leading and the 10th of March tbc...
- Our usual meeting time is 7.30 till 9 Please let us know if you would like to join us!

### **Forest Church: TODAY, 19th of January**

- We will meet as usual at 2pm outside the Crichton chapel though and get some fresh air!
- We will read from God's message to creation, which is creation itself, and also from the Bible. Please dress for the weather and check the website for more details.

### **Wednesday Afternoons!**

- Working with St Michael's church, we are holding some "Faith and Art" sessions. We will meet on four Wednesday afternoons 1-3pm in January taking time to reflect on the invisible properties we can sense in beautiful and treasured things. We will use words, and other arts and crafts to do this.
  - They will be held in the St Michael's Hall which you get to from Brooms Road - NOT the main kirk entrance.
  - Sorry if you are at work during these times. We have been cooking up more plans and hope to build contacts across Dumfries and Galloway this year for some special events.

### **For all Quartz information:**

<https://www.ancient-pathways.co.uk/activities/faith-and-art-2025/>

**It IS January, and, therefore, no longer Advent.** What was David's Advent Group (about 4 or 5 of us) is going to continue as a house group of sorts, meeting monthly at 19.15 on the first Tuesday of the month; either in the Meeting Room or perhaps moving round people's houses, depending on preference. We will be following a course; on the OT book of Habakkuk. Anyone is welcome to join this group, or to come along and try it. Speak to David in person, or email [pastadmin@stjohnsdumfries.org](mailto:pastadmin@stjohnsdumfries.org) or call 07754 596140 *without obligation* if you think you might be interested. No salesperson will call!

**Janice's Book Discussion Group** (Henri Nouwen's *The Beloved*) resumed on Thursday, 16/01/2025 at 19.00 in the Rectory and will continue at this time on a weekly basis.

### **ELSHIELDS NEWS:**

Please keep your first Saturdays in the month free!  
Starting on Saturday 1 February we will begin our 2025 series with a 10 to 1 'celebrating creation' morning, at which to enjoy the snowdrops and aconites. More details nearer the time.

Blessings and love  
Ann

### **THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

Advance Notice that the funeral of **Jennie Livingstone** will be at 11.00 on Thursday, 30 January, at St John's.

**Keep the date:**

IN AID OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH & CANCER RESEARCH

# AN AFTERNOON OF SONG

LIGHT CLASSICAL - OPERA - SONGS FROM MUSICALS

HOSTED BY  
**LEWIS MENZIES & MATTHEW BUDD**  
WITH ALEX BRADFORD (ACCOMPANIST)  
THE ROYAL NORTHERN COLLEGE OF MUSIC  
MANCHESTER

SUNDAY  
9 FEBRUARY 2025  
AT 2.30PM

ST JOHN'S CHURCH  
NEWELL TERRACE  
DUMFRIES DG1 1LW

Tickets £10 from St John's Church office  
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