









St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 30/03/2025

			
CLOCKS GO FORWARD! MIND YOU, BY THE TIME YOU'RE READING THIS...			
(5 th in month) Sunday, 30/03/2025 Lent 4 / Mothering Sunday	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
Monday, 31/03/2025	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	18.30-22.00	Bridge Club (Hall)	
	19.00	Lent Group: <i>Resilient Disciple</i>	See details below
	19.30	CLC Lent Group: <i>Restoring the Woven Cord</i>	See details below
Tuesday, 01/04/2025	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Hall)	None now till September
	19.15	Lent Group: <i>Fleeting Shadows</i> (Meeting Room)	See details below
Wednesday, 02/04/2025	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Church)	

			
Thursday, 03/04/2025	14.00	Mothers' Union Eucharist (Church)	See notice below
	19.00	Lent Group: <i>Bread and Wine Readings for Lent and Easter</i>	See details below
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 04/04/2025	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	10.30	Lent Group: <i>Word in the Wilderness</i> (Church)	See details below
	12.00-13.30	Lent Lunches (Hall)	See details below
Saturday, 05/04/2025	09.30	Silent Prayer @ Elshieshields	See below.
(1 st in month) Sunday, 06/04/2025 Lent 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

If you need to contact St John's, for any purpose, you can do the following:

- The Rev Jim Booth, Interim Priest, has the Rector's phone (07487 653069) throughout the Vacancy, and any emails addressed to rector@stjohnsdumfries.org will be received by him (and only him).

- Please do **not** contact the Rectory landline (01387 254126) meantime; it is currently out of use.
- For most things, you can contact the Church Office (07754 596140) / pastadmin@stjohnsdumfries.org. The Office will continue to be open Mondays and Fridays and most other days besides, but please call before making a special trip.
- So, in general, normal service will continue, under exception of the Rectory landline.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 03/04/2025: **Pamper Session** sorry: owing to the indisposition of one of the providers, we've had to postpone this, meantime.

- **St J's Fashion**

Show: (see poster; a bigger one will appear on the noticeboard shortly)

**Monday,
28/04/2024.**

Tickets available from Carolynne or the Church Office.

- Saturday,
03/05/2025:
Note: that the **Trip to St Mary's Cathedral,**

Glasgow, for

Bishop Nick Bundock will .be dependent upon ticket allocations, this will be done by the Diocesan Office. The minibus has been



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provisionally booked, and a sign up sheet will appear in due course, but we don't know, as yet, how many tickets this Congregation will be allocated. More when we know it.

Lent Lunches: the lunches have started well but we can welcome more people, so if you've not tried them yet do come along to the Hall any Friday in Lent. The lunches, organised by the local churches are held to raise money for Christian Aid. A minimum donation of £4 buys a bowl of homemade soup, a filled roll and tea or coffee. A slice of cake is available to buy and there is a sales table to tempt you. Lunch is served from 12 noon until 1.30pm.

QUARTZ INFORMATION:

- CLC
 - We will follow the theme of Saints that we started with the book "Restoring the Woven Cord" Walking through Lent with the saints. Pick a saint! And if you have been unable to spend much time thinking about walking with them this Lent, then our Monday evening gatherings are at least a time set aside for it.
 - 14th of April: Hosted by Alison and Andy.
 - 28th of April: Hosted by Simon and Kate
 - Our usual meeting time is 7.30 till 9 Please let us know if you would like to join us!
- Holy Week
 - Find out about the activities in and around St John's Dumfries on the St J's website: www.stjohnsdumfries.org [and further on in these notes]
 - The Dumfries Christian Network has published a what's on guide for the week at <https://dumfrieschurches.org.uk/notices/> [The poster is also on the St J's noticeboard, our Website, and elsewhere in these Notices]
 - For those that are available we will be gathering with Sarah from Asheiri on Tuesday 15th of April at 2pm in the woods,

with music from Gabriel's at 3. Please get in touch to share lifts.

- Easter Sunday
 - We are planning to gather on Easter Sunday in the afternoon, by the river across from Lincluden Abbey. This page has an idea of what we did in 2024 - look out for ideas of what we will do this year.
- **For all Quartz information:**
<https://www.ancient-pathways.co.uk/activities/faith-and-art-2025/>

LENT GROUPS:

Anyone is welcome to join any of these Lent Groups. Contact the Group Leader direct, or speak to the Church Office, if you'd like to join.

- **Mondays:** at **7:00pm** Kay's Lent Course is looking at the book "**Resilient Disciple**" -**A Lenten Journey from Adversity to Maturity** by Justine Allain Chapman. For more information, please contact 07398 814676.
- CLC Group led by Simon Lidwell and others will meet on **Mondays at 7:30pm**. They are encouraging people to adopt a Saint for Lent, and the theme is "**Restoring the Woven Cord**". For more information, please contact 07775 957689.
- **Tuesdays:** 7.15pm: David's Lent Group is looking at **Fleeting Shadows**, by Malcolm Duncan, part of the Cover to Cover series. Please speak to David if you'd like to join the group in the Meeting Room. More details on 07754 596140.
- **Thursdays** at 7pm, a Lent course based on the book entitled "**Bread and Wine Readings for Lent and Easter**" will meet at Annette's house. Culled from the wealth of twenty centuries, the selections in Bread and Wine are ecumenical in scope, and represent the best classic and contemporary Christian writers. For venue and more details please contact 07821 809943.
- On **Fridays at 10.30**, Christopher and Ann Wren's Lent Group will look at some poems from "**Word in the Wilderness**" by Malcolm Guite. Two poems will be available on the table at the

back of the church on the Sunday prior to the group meeting. The group meets at **10:30am** in the Church. For more information, please contact 07900 006795. **Please note that the poems for the following Friday are in the white envelopes by the door to the Hall.**

MU:

- There will be an MU Eucharist on **Thursday 3 April 2025** at 2pm in the Church. Revd Andrew MacKenzie will be presiding. It will be followed by tea/ coffee and cake in the Hall. Please note, this service is open to all. Just turn up and be assured of a warm welcome!
- Will members please note their subscriptions are now due - £33.50. All of this money goes to Mary Sumner House (MU Headquarters) and the Diocese - hence the fundraising which our Branch does to support various projects. On which note, please see the Fashion Show poster.

Pilgrimage to Taizé (see poster). Speak to Kymm Byers, if you'd like to know more.

Elshields News:

- Ann is inviting us to Elshields for **Silent Prayer** in April; Saturday 5th April from 9:30am to 10:30am in the barn. It will be a chance to enjoy fellowship before and after we have reflected and meditated with the Lord.
- As usual tea and coffee available (please bring your own mug). Afterwards you are quite free to stay on and enjoy the beauty of the woods.
- The next **Quiet Morning** will be held at a different time, and this will be on Saturday 26th April. This is to allow those of us who are lucky enough to have tickets to attend the new Bishop's consecration on the 3rd May. More details of the Quiet Morning nearer the time.
- Due to people's generosity at the last Quiet Morning Ann was able to send £100 to Action around Bethlehem Children with Disability.

- For the above two events please just turn up but for the **Lent Course** please book, this will now be on Friday morning instead of the Tuesday as originally planned:
- David Preston will be taking us through a study of St Luke's Gospel. Luke wrote more of the New Testament than any other writer. If we include Acts, David thought a working title would be 'From the birth of Jesus to the death of Paul. Luke the first chronicler of Christianity'.

Fundraising News: More will be said about this in due course, but the fund for repairs to the Hall roof is currently standing at just over £5,000 [Stop Press: £8,000!] and that for the Children and Families' Project at just over £20,500. Thank you to all who have contributed, or who continue to contribute, to either fund.

BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL:

Bishop Andrew selected **Refuweegee**, a Glasgow-based charity that offers a warm welcome and vital support to refugees and asylum seekers arriving in Scotland.

You can support it direct via the Diocesan Office, or via St John's. Church Office has details and can also take payments.

Holy Week Services at St John's, 2025 (see poster following for services involving other Dfs churches during Holy Week)

- Thursday, 17/04/2025 (Maundy Thursday) 19.30: Eucharist, Stripping of Altar; Vigil
- Friday, 18/04/2025: 12.00-15.00: Good Friday observance and talks (Rev John McHale)
- Friday, 18/04/2025: 19.30: Stainer's Crucifixion (Church)
- Saturday, 19/04/2025: 20.30: Easter Eve Eucharist
- Sunday, 20/04/2025: 11.00 Easter Eucharist; (**No** Evening Service)
- DCN services (in other churches) listed on poster below (and on lit noticeboard, website).



HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2025

Everyone very welcome to all events

Mon 14th 7.00pm	St Andrews RC Church
Tues 15th 7.30pm	St Michael's & South Church
Wed 16th 7.30pm	River of Life Church at St Mary's
Thurs 17th 7.30pm	Dumfries Baptist Church (communion)
Good Friday 10am	Walk of Witness; Troqueer to Fountain
Good Friday 3pm	Maxwelltown West Church
Good Friday 7.30pm	Salvation Army at St Mary's
Easter Morning 8am	Sunrise Service on the Mill Green

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