

## St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 20/04/2025

			
(3 <sup>rd</sup> in month) Sunday, 20/04/2025 Easter	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	14.00	Forest Church	See notice below.
	18.00	<del>Sung Evensong</del> (Church)	None this week
	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, 21/04/2025	<del>10.00-17.00</del>	<del>Church Office open</del>	Closed Mon-Thu (Hols); reopens Friday
	16.30	Reception of the coffin of Ann Toner (Church)	Family only; church will close thereafter
	<del>18.30-22.00</del>	<del>Bridge Club (Hall)</del>	Finished for the season.
	19.00	<del>Lent Group: <i>Resilient Disciple</i></del>	Not meeting this week; resumes on 28/04
	19.30	GLC Lent Group: <i>Restoring the Woven Cord</i>	Postponed to 28/04

Tuesday, 22/04/2025	10.15	Funeral of Ann Toner (Church); interment at St Michael's Cemetery at 13.00.	All welcome. Refreshments in Hall immediately after the funeral
	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	St Mark, Evangelist
	19.15	<del>Lent Group: <i>Fleeting Shadows</i></del> (Meeting Room)	Finished. This group will resume its study of <i>Habakkuk: Choosing God's Way</i> [mostly] fortnightly from 06/05/2025. You're still welcome to join. 07754 596140
	19.15 for 19.30	Vestry Meeting (Hall)	

	19.30	Contemporary Service Music Practice (Church)	
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Wednesday, 23/04/2025	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Church)	Choir Holiday this week
Thursday, 24/04/2025	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, 25/04/2025	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	Re-opens today
Saturday, 26/04/2025			
(4th in month) Sunday, 27/04/2025 Easter 2	09.15	Sunday Worship: Crichton Memorial Church	Crichton Campus, Dumfries DG1 4ZZ
	09.30	Holy Communion @ Maxwellton 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.
	13.00	Vacancy Committee meets (Rectory)	
	18.00	Contemporary Worship (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

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](mailto: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](mailto: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. **AND NOTE THAT DAVID WILL BE ON HOLIDAY MOST OF EASTER WEEK; BACK ON FRIDAY.**
- So, in general, normal service will continue, under exception of the Rectory landline.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **St J's Fashion Show:** (see poster; a bigger one is on the noticeboard)

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

**That's this  
week:**

**tomorrow, in  
fact!** Tickets  
available from  
Carolynne or the  
Church Office.

- Saturday,  
03/05/2025: Note:  
that the **Trip to St  
Mary's Cathedral,**  
Glasgow, for  
institution of Bishop  
Nick Bundock will .be  
dependent upon  
ticket allocations; this  
will be done by the



Diocesan Office. The minibus has been 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. As an alternative, we may be able to live stream the event in the Hall here. More when we know it.

### **QUARTZ INFORMATION:**

- [Forest church](#) once a month in Dumfries
- [CLC meetings](#) every second Monday
- **For all Quartz information:**  
<https://www.ancient-pathways.co.uk/>

Here's a sample. More on the website above:

- 3rd Sunday, Easter Sunday, 20th of April This Sunday is Easter Sunday! We will gather for Forest Church by the River Nith, just downstream from the car park at the end of Nunholm road. There is a beach opposite Lincluden Abbey. We have been gathering there on Easter Sunday for quite a while now! (not at the Crichton this month) ...
- In Dumfries we are nearing the end of a time when people say goodbye to the barnacle geese who visit from Svalbard. This has been curated into a "Wild Goose" festival which WSC contributes to in various ways. There is another Wild Goose - and this is the Wild Goose publishing of the Iona Community [www.ionabooks.com](http://www.ionabooks.com) They have many resources ...
- Quartz Easter Weekend 19th/20th April 2025 Easter Banner This Easter, as Quartz and the wider community, have been using visual arts to explore contrasts inspired by early medieval crosses. Visually there are contrasts between stone and vegetation, the overflowing of life and containers that hold things together. The banners will hang in darkness, like burial cloths, until they are illuminated ...

## **ABERNETHY TRUST/BARCAPLE CENTRE/UKRAINIAN CHILDREN:**

- In 2024, at our Barcaple Centre in Dumfries and Galloway, Abernethy Trust hosted a group of children from the Kharkiv region of Ukraine, just 20km from the front line. ***[They visited St John's: see the Sept-Nov 2024 Magazine]***
- The trip gave them respite from the stress and anxiety of the hostilities they are being forced to live amongst. It provided an opportunity for them to be children – carefree with days full of joy and adventure.
- It was only due to generous donations from individuals ***[inc. St John's Vestry & members of this Congregation]*** that this trip was able to take place. This August we would love to offer another group of children from Kharkiv the opportunity to visit Scotland and stay at our Barcaple Centre.
- This year we hope to bring 27 children aged 8 to 18 to stay accompanied by two teachers. All the children have lost parents or close family members or have them volunteering at the front line.
- We need to raise at least £36,000 for the children to visit. This will cover costs including flights, visas, accommodation, food, transport and activities.
- Please partner with us and donate to provide Ukrainian children with a life-changing respite break in Scotland. Thank you.
- <https://www.abernethy.org.uk/ukraine-appeal/> ***[Or you can donate via the Church Office: just ask] More detail on the lit noticeboard, or from the Church Office***

Is anyone interested in a trip to **Scottish Opera's production of *Trial by Jury and A Matter of Misconduct*** [double bill] at the Theatre Royal, Glasgow, on Friday, 16/05/2025, at 19.15? I have a spare ticket, [note: **one** only!] and transport would be provided. *David*

**LENT LUNCHESES:** Thank you to everyone who has supported the Lent Lunches in any way. We know that they raised about £5000 and that there is some more money to come but there are expenses to pay. When we have a final total we will let you know.

### **ELSHIESHIELDS NEWS:**

- The next **Quiet Morning** will be held at a different time, and this will be on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April. This is to allow those of us who are lucky enough to have tickets to attend the new Bishop's consecration on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.
- 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'.

### **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. The 'window' for this will remain open for another week or so, meantime.

**VACANCY COMMITTEE:** The Vacancy Committee has now met twice: once with the Dean, who outlined the procedure (which is much changed since the last time), and provided us with a quantity of documentation: forms to fill in and submit to the Diocese and so on. We then met again last Sunday, and elected a Chair (Jamie Brand) and a Clerk/Secretary (David Kerr). We have agreed on various initial tasks

to be carried out; one of which involves capturing as much as possible of the various aspects of the life of St John's on video. To that end, there will be some filming taking place at various points, and groups will be asked to submit short videos of suitable aspects of their activity. As far as the filming of any services is concerned, this will be of limited duration and, so far as possible, from behind. But if you have any concerns about this, please speak to Jamie or David. More information when we're a bit further on. We are due to meet again on Sunday, 27/04/2025.

### **ST JOHN'S HOLIDAY CLUB (Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> August)**

Once again, we're running our Holiday Club for Primary aged children at St J's during the above dates. It will be based on the theme of the movie *Toy Story*, and Head Honcho this year will be Annabelle Guthrie, assisted by a number of other St J's folk. Whilst the main core of activities is probably adequately staffed, we can always do with some extra help, including people to help, first thing in the morning with Registration, to be backstage, dealing with snacks or any contingencies, and the like. You wouldn't have to commit to a whole day, or to being there every day. Anything you can offer would be welcome. We could also do with (some of it now, some nearer the time):

- Donations of snacks, juice, baking (including gf items), cash
- The inner cardboard tubes of kitchen rolls (toilet rolls now frowned upon for hygiene reasons) or similar

If you can, or will be able to, offer any of the help above, or anything else not mentioned, please speak either to Annabelle, or to David.

**NEW BISHOP:** we have had a beautiful card from Bishop Elect Nick Bundock. He writes,

*To everyone at St John's: "Hello", I wanted to write to introduce myself*



*to you all. My name is Nick and for some reason your electoral Synod decided to appoint me as your new Bishop! This is an honour I wish to seize with both hands and my whole heart. Be assured of my prayers for you all and please remember me in yours. Actually, particularly would you please remember St James and Emmanuel as they join you in Vacancy, which, as you know, can bring anxiety and stress, along with hope and vision. I will ask them to pray for you. I've been reading poetry this Lent and offer these lines from Charles Kingsley's "**Easter Week**":*

*“See the land, her Easter keeping,  
Rises as her maker rose.  
Seeds, so long in darkness sleeping,  
Burst at last from winter snows.”*

*Until we meet in person...God bless and thank you for all your hard work and witness in Dumfries, Nick.*