



St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 27/04/2025

			
(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 @ 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)	
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org . *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 28/04/2025	10.00- 17.00	Church Office open	
	09.00- 17.00	St J's Fashion Show (Hall)	(Including set up etc). Show itself runs 14.00-16.00 approx. See poster below
	19.00	Lent Group: <i>Resilient Disciple</i>	(Resuming)
	19.30	CLC Lent Group: <i>Restoring the Woven Cord</i>	(Resuming)
Tuesday, 29/04/2025	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
Wednesday, 30/04/2025	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.30	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 01/05/2025	14.00	Mothers' Union Eucharist (Church)	
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.

			
Friday, 02/05/2025	10.00- 17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 03/05/2025			
(1 st in month) Sunday, 04/05/2025 Easter 3	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

- 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!** A

few tickets
possibly
still
available
from
Carolynne or
the Church
Office.

- Saturday,
03/05/2025:
Institution of
Canon Nick
Bundock as
Bishop, St
Mary's
Cathedral,
Glasgow. We



have been
allocated **two** (yes, that's right) tickets for this, so obviously
we are not running a bus! These will be on offer to anyone
from the Congregation who wishes to go (speak to David or
Margaret after Sunday 11.00), but you will have to make your
own way there. As for the rest of us, we will try to live stream

it to the Hall, but the technology for us to do this here is relatively untested, so you may have to take pot luck as to whether it actually works. Sorry for the short notice about all of this, but have only just been told what the arrangements are to be. There's a sign up sheet for the live streaming event on the Saturday at the back of the church. Sign up to indicate your interest in this, and we'll undertake to contact you (preferably by email) in the latter part of the week to clarify things (a bit!).

QUARTZ INFORMATION:

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

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 Khakiv 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*

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.

BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL:

Bishop Andrew selected Refuweege, 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 this Sunday, 27/04/2025.

ST JOHN'S HOLIDAY CLUB (Monday 4th – Friday, 8th 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.

To mark **World Fair Trade Day** this year, we are hosting, with the Robert Burns Centre a film screening of *Made In Ethiopia* on **Saturday 10th May at 16:30.**

- The film is about the expansion of a Chinese Factory in rural Ethiopia. Reflecting on world trade and its effects on local people through 3 women's experiences. There will be an informal Q&A afterwards.
- I do hope you will be able to join us.
- Tickets are available from the Robert Burns Centre or their website
- <https://rbcfilmtheatre.co.uk/all-listings/ethiopia100525>

Best wishes, Alison Wright

On behalf of the Dumfries Fairtrade group

- **MU Eucharist:**

After the face-washing in the morning dew, the MU Eucharist will take place on **Thursday 1st May at 2pm** in the Church. Revd Chris Wren will be presiding. It will be followed by tea/coffee and cake in the Hall. This Eucharist is open to all and you will be made very welcome.

- Please note, our **AGM will take place** after the Eucharist. Also, members and friends are asked to return their Lent boxes (aka Pringle boxes!) at this meeting, hopefully full of money!

MU Summer Outing

A date for your diary.....the MU Summer outing will take place **on Thursday 19th June.** We are going to have a tour of Arbigland House with a chance to have a look at the extensive gardens. Lunch will be at New Abbey Tea Room where you can have a baked potato with filling and a traybake, plus tea / coffee. The

minibus has been booked. There may be a few places available if anyone would like to join us on what promises to be a good afternoon out. Please speak to Carolynne, Mary, Linda or Lizanne if you'd like to come along.

HAPPY EASTER everyone and many thanks to all who make the celebration of Easter so special, including those who decorated the church, the choir, the servers, the stewards, those who give their time with the children and provide refreshments afterwards, those who make banners, and so many others behind the scenes who make the experience of being a member of St. John's a joyful one! *Steven Ballard & Others*