

## St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 17/08/2025

			
(3 <sup>rd</sup> in month) Sunday, 17/08/2025 Trinity 9 / Pentecost 10	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	14.00	Forest Church	Meet outside Crichton Church, dressed for weather
	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, 18/08/2025	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Tuesday, 19/08/2025	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
Wednesday, 20/08/2025	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
Thursday, 21/08/2025	14.00	MU informal meeting	Baptist Church Centre: all welcome
	19.00	Prayer Meeting/ discussion on last Sunday's gospel	At Annette's. All welcome. Church Office can put you in touch.
	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, 22/08/2025	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 23/08/2025			
(4th in month) Sunday, 24/08/2025	09.15	Sunday Worship: Crichton Memorial Church	Crichton Campus, Dumfries DG1 4ZZ
	09.30	Holy Communion @ Maxwellton 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.
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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.
- So, in general, normal service will continue, under exception of the Rectory landline.

**GODLY PLAY:** Please note that this has now paused for the summer and will resume in September. Godly Play bags are available throughout.

#### **QUARTZ INFORMATION:**

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

#### **Quartz: August 2025**

- **Forest Church:** 17th of August 2pm , outside the Crichton Chapel. We will gather this August to meet with each other and God. To bathe in the green, and look for signs of harvest. As is our custom we will gather outside the Crichton chapel

at 2pm on the third Sunday of the month. **(17<sup>th</sup> August)**. We will meet in peace We will read from the book. We will walk around the estate and re-acquaint ourselves with old friends after the summer holidays, - reading from creation. We will pray. We will share fellowship with each other. Everyone is welcome to join us.

- **Season of Creation:** If you haven't heard of A-Rocha before then please visit their website! We went to a presentation by them in Dumfries Baptist Church a few years ago, and have recently been sent a link to some resources for Autumn 2025 <https://arocha.org.uk/the-season-of-creation-2025-peace-with-creation/>

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

Somehow I found myself filling Janice's shoes and organising the holiday club. It seemed a highly daunting task - planning, organising and gathering all the resources and people power required for a week long camp whilst working full time in Ayrshire, but as Galatians states: "bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (6:2). So, with a fantastic team of support from volunteer leaders within the congregation, and the help from the many hats which David wears, the holiday club was a great success. The highlight for me was the sound of laughter and fun echoing around the church as we did crafts, sports and a scavenger hunt. I am hugely grateful to all who supported the holiday club in any way. *More about this in a forthcoming Magazine*  
- Ed

**PLANTERS:** Take a moment to admire the beautiful new planters in the church car park; the generous gift of a member of the congregation. Very much appreciated.

**Dates for provisional social activities: get the diaries out!** Note these are provisional meantime, but, subject to sufficient support/interest, here's what we're planning...



Date	Activity	Date	Activity
06/09/2025 – 07/09/2025	Doors Open Day. St J's is participating. Plenty of help needed. Details to follow. <a href="https://www.doorsopendays.org.uk/regions/dumfries-and-galloway">https://www.doorsopendays.org.uk/regions/dumfries-and-galloway</a>	28/11/2025	Quiz
		06/12/2025	Carol Service
		14/12/2025	Bring and Share Christmas Lunch
		17/01/2026	Beetle Drive
26/09/2025	Quiz	30/01/2026	Quiz
04/10/2025	Leeds Male Voice Choir Concert at St J's	21/02/2026	Film at Burns Centre
05/10/2025	Bring and Share Lunch for Harvest Festival	27/02/2025	Quiz
31/10/2025	Quiz	14/03/2025	Crafts - Easter Decorations
08/11/2025	Bus Trip - 10 Pin Bowling		

## MU INFORMAL MEETING

Although the **MU** programme for 2024/25 has ended, we are continuing with our tradition of meeting up informally on the third Thursday of the month. We will gather at 2pm at the Baptist Centre on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August** for coffee, cake and chat. Please feel free to come along – everyone will be made very welcome.

The ***Habakkuk – Choosing God's Way*** study group has now completed the course and will be taking a break for the summer. We thought we'd probably resume in September, (Tuesday evenings,

roughly fortnightly) looking at something else. We'd likely be choosing from the 'Cover to Cover' series - <https://www.eden.co.uk/cover-to-cover-series/>. If you might be interested in coming (new members welcome), have a look at the list and, if something particularly stands out, let me know, and we'll see if there is a consensus. *David*