









## St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 24/08/2025

			
(4th in month) Sunday, 24/08/2025 Trinity 10 / Pentecost 11	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	<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, 25/08/2025	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Tuesday, 26/08/2025	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
Wednesday, 27/08/2025	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	19.00	Choir Practice (Church)	<b>Resumes</b>
Thursday, 28/08/2025	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, 29/08/2025	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	16.00	Reception of Coffin (Archie Donaldson) (Church)	Private ceremony; church closed thereafter
	17.00 onwards	Private ceilidh (Hall)	
Saturday, 30/08/2025	11.00 (TBC)	Funeral (Archie Donaldson)	All welcome. Refreshments in Hall afterwards

			
(5 <sup>th</sup> in month) Sunday, 31/08/2025 Trinity 11 / Pentecost 12	09.30	Matins (Church)	
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	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.
- So, in general, normal service will continue, under exception of the Rectory landline.

## 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

- **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/>
- CLC will restart on 25/08/2025 after our summer break with a simple meal at Simon and Kate's. Alison and Simon are cooking GF and Dairy free soup. If you are able please bring something simple to go along with this. If you need directions phone Simon on 0777 595 7689. We will therefore start at the earlier time of 18.30! We will continue to meet every second week at 19.30 after that until the October school holidays.
- Doors Open Day: Simon will be storytelling in both St Johns and St Michael's churches in Dumfries for "Doors Open Day". This year's theme is *Windows on the past, doors to the future*. We are working on a colouring book to go with the windows and stories. <https://www.ancient-pathways.co.uk>
- Forest Church 21st of September: We will meet as usual at 2pm outside the Crichton chapel. In August we found many brambles - will there be any left? 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.

## 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. Annabelle. *More about this in a forthcoming Magazine - Ed*

## 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 below*. <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
26/09/2025	Quiz	17/01/2026	Beetle Drive
		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		

\*Can you help us welcome people to St John's for **Doors Open Weekend** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> September? It would be nice to have some folk on hand to help with refreshments, answer questions, and generally make people feel welcome. A detailed knowledge of the history of the building is not required! Please sign up at the back of the church.

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*

## **MU PROGRAMME FOR 2025/26**

Our new programme begins with our Eucharist on **4<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 2 pm** in the Church, followed by tea / coffee and cake in the Hall. Revd Chris Wren will preside. As you know by now, despite its name, MU is an inclusive organisation and everyone, regardless of gender, is welcome. A copy of our full programme can be found on the MU noticeboard in the Hall. Paper copies - please take one if you are interested in joining us for any Eucharist or lunchtime meeting, or ask Carolynne, Mary or Lizanne for a copy.

*Dumfries & Galloway Palestine Solidarity Campaign says...*

Dear Friends

It would be great if you could join us at 2pm on Saturday 30th August at the Planestanes, Midsteeple, Dumfries as we meet together to reflect, remember and commemorate the thousands of children that have been so cruelly killed in Gaza.

The vigil will include readings, poetry, music and ritual reflections. We will be calling out the names of some children as a representation of all the children killed. If you would like to take part in this please let me know.

We would be very grateful if you could share this with your congregation. Please do feel free to print out and display the poster below.

This is an open event for all people of all faiths, political parties etc, that care about what is happening to the people in Gaza. We would love to see you there.

Best wishes Anne Bryce

On behalf of Dumfries and Galloway Palestine Solidarity Campaign



**LEEDS**  
MALE VOICE CHOIR  
In Concert

**Saturday 4 October 2025**

14:00  
**CHRIST CHURCH**  
SOUTH STREET  
**COCKERMOUTH**  
CA13 9RU

19:30  
**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST**  
NEWALL TERRACE  
**DUMFRIES**  
DG1 1LW

Tickets  
**£12**

Musical Director: Tim Knight  
Accompanist: Lucas Kelly

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QR code with text: [www.leedsmalevoicechoir.co.uk/tickets](http://www.leedsmalevoicechoir.co.uk/tickets)  
Or buy in person at the venue!



This promises to be a fantastic evening and will – we hope – be a good fundraiser for us. You can book now, using this QR code or, if the print isn't clear enough, on the poster on the lit noticeboard or fliers elsewhere in the church. There were still places available when I checked the website at time of drafting...but they may go, so don't

delay! Also: we'll be looking for help on the evening, serving refreshments and the like...