


## St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 31/08/2025

			
(5 <sup>th</sup> in month) Sunday, 31/08/2025 Pentecost 12 / Trinity 11	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
Monday, 01/09/2025	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	18.30-22.00	Bridge Club (Hall)	AGM
Tuesday, 02/09/2025	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
Wednesday, 03/09/2025	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	19.00	Choir Practice (Hall)	
Thursday, 04/09/2025	14.00	Mothers' Union Eucharist (Church)	
	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, 05/09/2025	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 06/09/2025	09.30	Silent Prayer @ Elshieshields	All welcome. See notice.
	10.00-17.00	Doors Open Day	Hoping to welcome visitors...help needed, please (see notice below)

			
(1 <sup>st</sup> in month) Sunday, 07/09/2025	08.00	1970 Holy Communion (Church)	
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	13.00-17.59	Doors Open Day	Hoping to welcome visitors...help needed, please (see notice below). Finishes with...
	18.00	Choral Evensong (Church)	Resumes: see posters
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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.

## 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 onwards:

- **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/>
- **Doors Open Day:** Simon will be storytelling in both St John's 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.

## 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
		17/01/2026	Beetle Drive
		30/01/2026	Quiz
		21/02/2026	Film at Burns Centre
26/09/2025	Quiz	27/02/2025	Quiz
04/10/2025	Leeds Male Voice Choir Concert at St J's	14/03/2025	Crafts - Easter Decorations
05/10/2025	Bring and Share Lunch for Harvest Festival		
31/10/2025	Quiz		
08/11/2025	Bus Trip - 10 Pin Bowling (see notice below)		

\*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. Thanks to those who have already done so, but there's still room! We need at least 3 or 4 people on site at any given time.

## **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.

**CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING----Saturday, 13th September 10-12 at St George's Church Hall.** Please note the change of venue. The charge this year will be a minimum of £4 for adults, £2.50 for children and £12 for families.

- Donations of goods for the **baking/ produce stall**, including jams, chutney and marmalade, would be appreciated as well as for the catering. There will also be a **"Cornucopia"** stall: books, gifts and small items sell best. There will be a **plant stall** outside.
- There will be a display of CA activities in Dumfries over the years to mark 80 years of Christian Aid.
- St George's Hall will be open for donations from 4-5.30 pm on Friday, 12th September and from 9 am on the Saturday.
- If you can help--even for part of the morning--with either the stalls or serving that will be very welcome. If you have gifts for any of the stalls but would prefer that they are collected from you please let me know and we can arrange a convenient time. Any questions please ask.

*Margaret Morton*



**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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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. Or, if you're stuck, come and ask the Church Office. 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...

**BOWLING TRIP: 8 NOVEMBER.** Some way off, yet, but here is some advance information. This needs to be in the afternoon: say dep St J's at 13.00, start bowling at 14.00, two games and back, as the bus has another job to do in the early evening. We'll need to book and, at present, the maximum number of people we can book for is 12. We will need to pay a deposit, so, on this occasion, I'll need a £12 deposit (non-returnable) from everyone. The bus will be £9, but we can deal with that later. A sign up sheet will appear shortly, to gauge interest. You won't commit yourself at this stage, but please only sign up if you're pretty sure you'll be coming. We'll firm things up later. David