





St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 07/09/2025

			
(1 st in month) Sunday, 07/09/2025 Trinity 12, Pentecost 13 / Creation 1	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	18.00	Choral Evensong (Church)	Resumes today! See posters
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 08/09/2025	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Tuesday, 09/09/2025	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
Wednesday, 10/09/2025	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	19.00	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 11/09/2025	12.00 & 20.00	MU Prayer Space (via Zoom)	Open to all (not just MU members, not just females). (See joining instructions below)
	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 bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 12/09/2025	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 13/09/2025			
(2 nd in month) Sunday, 14/09/2025	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	18.00	Contemporary Worship (Church)	Resumes this week.
	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.

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/>
- 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.

CHORAL EVENSONG IS BACK!



Choral Evensong

Sung by the Choir of
St John's Church
Dumfries

Organist:
John R Turner

**Sunday
7th September 2025
at 6pm**

Introit: Glory To Thee, My God, This Night - Tallis
Preces & Responses: Neary
Psalm: 73
Canticles: Stanford in B flat
Anthem: O Send Thy Light Forth - Balakireff

All very welcome
St John the Evangelist, Newall Terrace, Dumfries DG1 1LW
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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
26/09/2025	Quiz	06/12/2025	Carol Service
04/10/2025	Leeds Male Voice Choir Concert at St J's	14/12/2025	Bring and Share Christmas Lunch
05/10/2025	Bring and Share Lunch for Harvest Festival	17/01/2026	Beetle Drive
31/10/2025	Quiz	30/01/2026	Quiz
08/11/2025	Bus Trip - 10 Pin Bowling (see notice below)	21/02/2026	Film at Burns Centre
28/11/2025	Quiz	27/02/2025	Quiz
		14/03/2025	Crafts - Easter Decorations

MU NOTICES

- The first lunchtime meeting of our new programme will take place in the Hall on Thursday 18th September 2025. The speaker is Dr Lindsay Florey, well known to the St John's family, and the title of her talk is *End of Life Care*. This difficult subject will resonate with many of us and is very topical. MU meetings aim to be inclusive and open to all. We will gather from 12.30, with prayers at 12.45 and lunch at 1pm. Please bring a sandwich lunch, and soup, tea / coffee and cake will be provided. Just turn up, and be assured of a warm welcome.

- Copies of our interesting and varied new programme are available at the back of the church. Please take one and feel free to come to any of our meetings. Also, Carolynne has a copy of the latest MU catalogue, containing information about many gifts and cards suitable for all occasions. If you would like to support MU in this way, we would be most grateful – just speak to Carolynne

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

A poster for the Leeds Male Voice Choir. At the top, the text 'LEEDS' is in large white serif font, followed by 'MALE VOICE CHOIR' in a smaller white serif font, and 'In Concert' in a large white serif font. Below the text is a photograph of the choir members, mostly men in suits and ties, holding black songbooks and singing. The date 'Saturday 4 October 2025' is written in a large, bold, red serif font. Below the date, the concert times '14:00' and '19:30' are listed. The first location is 'CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTH STREET, COCKERMOUTH, CA13 9RU'. The second location is 'ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, NEWALL TERRACE, DUMFRIES, DG1 1LW'. A red circular badge on the left says 'Tickets £12'. To the right of the badge, it says 'Musical Director: Tim Knight' and 'Accompanist: Lucas Kelly'. At the bottom, there is a QR code with the text 'www.leedsmalevoicechoir.co.uk/tickets' and 'Or buy in person at the venue!'. Below the QR code, the website 'leedsmalevoicechoir.co.uk | @leedsmalevoicechoir' and 'Registered Charity No. 1159299' are listed. A large blue arrow points upwards from the bottom right towards the QR code.

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 is now at the back of the church, 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*

ELSHIESHIELDS NEWS...

Greetings in August! I expect we're all feeling better after some really good summer weather - not to mention an abundance of soft fruit and vegetables. Here are some dates for **September**.

- **Saturday 6 September.** We will restart **Silent Prayer** as usual in the Barn, 9.30 to 10.30 am. The coffee urn will be ready.
- Sorry we have not yet fixed a date for the long announced poetry event, postponed from July, but hopefully that can be arranged for later in the autumn.
- **Monday 1 September.** - Something extra! Expedition to **Bewcastle Cross**
 - On Monday 1 September there will be an expedition by cars to the Bewcastle Cross by kind invitation of Rev. Robert Brown, Priest in Charge of the Bewcastle parishes, and specialist on the rich meaning of the Cross. Planned itinerary is as follows:

- 3.30 arrive for tea with Rob and Adele Brown at Greenholme, Bewcastle CA6 6PW. Their house is just half a mile on the way to the Church. (Contributions for tea welcome).
 - 4.30. Talk by Rob about the Cross at the Church, inside if wet, outside round the cross if fine.
 - 5.45 Compline and depart.
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- Bewcastle is best reached via Longtown using by Satnav. I hope you will find it's well worth the rather long journey!
 - Both the Bewcastle Cross and its sister, the Ruthwell Cross near Annan, are rare and precious examples of 8th century Anglo-Saxon art . But they are not just historical monuments. Many people find that they are bearers of rich Christian symbolism which can speak to us today. Come and enjoy and be enriched!
 - I'll be glad to help (if I can) putting drivers in touch with would-be passengers and vice versa.

Love and blessings

Ann ann.shukman@gmail.com 07884 256913.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: The Annual General Meeting of the Congregation will be held on **Sunday, 05/10/2025**. As usual, the meeting will be convened towards the end of the 11.00 service; adjourned for a Bring & Share lunch, and then reconvened for business thereafter. The whole thing should be over by 2.30pm. Three members of the current Vestry are retiring, and, therefore, three places are available for new members. Please consider prayerfully whether you, or someone you know, might be a suitable candidate. Please do not nominate anyone without having obtained their consent. Accounts, meeting papers etc, as well as an Apologies

sheet, will be available in the church shortly; or please contact the church office if you would prefer to have them electronically.

**PUBLIC TESTING OF THE EMERGENCY ALERTS SYSTEM – 3PM,
Sunday, 07/09/2025**

The government will be carrying out a national test of the UK emergency alerts system on 7th September 2025 at 3:00 PM. The test alert will be sent to all compatible 4G and 5G mobile phones and compatible tablets across the UK. It will take the form of a loud, siren like sound and your phone or tablet will vibrate. Obviously, in most circumstances, this is a useful thing to have. If, however, you do not wish to receive the emergency alert, it is possible to opt out. People in potentially dangerous situations, who may have a concealed “extra” phone, may feel the need to do this. It can be usually done via the “Settings” menu on your device. If you need to do this, but don't know how to go about it, the church office (07754 596140) may be able to help.