





## St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 14/09/2025

			
(2 <sup>nd</sup> in month) Sunday, 14/09/2025 Trinity 13 / Pentecost 14 / Creation 2	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Youth@ 11 (Mtg Rm); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	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, 15/09/2025	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	18.00-20.00	Senior Investigating Officers (Hall)	For P5-7+. 07754 596140 / 07572 006290 / <a href="mailto:pastadmin@stjohnsdumfries.org">pastadmin@stjohnsdumfries.org</a> for details
Tuesday, 16/09/2025	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	St Ninian of Whithorn
	<del>19.15</del>	<del>Short Mat Bowling (Sep-Mar) (Hall)</del>	Resumes next week
Wednesday, 17/09/2025	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	19.00	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 18/09/2025	12.30	Mothers' Union Lunch & Guest Speaker (Hall)	Dr Lindsay Florey (Details 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 <a href="mailto:bells@stjohnsdumfries.org">bells@stjohnsdumfries.org</a> or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 19/09/2025	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	Closing early (15.00); and closed Monday; reopens Tuesday)
Saturday, 20/09/2025			

			
(3 <sup>rd</sup> in month) Sunday, 21/09/2025 Trinity 14 / Pentecost 15 / Creation 3	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Youth@11 (Meeting Rm); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	14.00	Forest Church	Meet outside Crichton Church, dressed for weather
	18.00	Sung Evensong (Church)	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/>
- **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
26/09/2025	Quiz (Resumes: try it, if you haven't been before!)	06/12/2025	Carol Service
28/09/2025 (new date added)	Lunch @ Lockards Farm (see sign up sheet at back of church).	14/12/2025	Bring and Share Christmas Lunch
04/10/2025	Leeds Male Voice Choir Concert at St J's	17/01/2026	Beetle Drive

05/10/2025	Bring and Share Lunch for Harvest Festival		30/01/2026	Quiz
31/10/2025	Quiz		21/02/2026	Film at Burns Centre
08/11/2025	Bus Trip - 10 Pin Bowling (see notice below)		27/02/2025	Quiz
28/11/2025	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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

**DOORS OPEN WEEKEND (6-7 September):** Thanks to everyone who helped out with this. We didn't have huge numbers, but those who did visit clearly enjoyed themselves and were hugely impressed by the building. And they went away with quite a bit of our literature. It was also a nice opportunity for numbers of us to collaborate on a project, and forced us to get our Front of House in a bit better order than it

was. This was our first (I think) involvement in Doors Open, as a whole church, and there are things we might do differently next year. But a worthwhile exercise; and thank you again, everyone who helped.



**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!



The above 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 – several people already have!** 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. 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.

Love and blessings

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** formal notice is given of the AGM. **Nomination papers [see detail below] are at back of church; other papers will be available shortly, either on paper or electronically.**

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.

**SENIOR INVESTIGATING OFFICERS:** This group, for children in P5-7+, will resume in the Hall, from 18.00-20.00, on Monday, 15/09/2025, under the leadership of Amie, David and Kymm, and with occasional guest stars. The plan is for the **Mystery Evenings** (for P1-4) to meet at the same time on the **first** Monday of the month, and for the **SIOs** to meet on the **third** Monday. Your prayerful support of this would be appreciated.

**GODLY PLAY/YOUTH@11:** Due to some changes in availability of personnel, Godly Play will continue to be offered by Joanne and Inna on the **first** Sunday of the month; on the **second, third and fourth** Sundays, **Youth@11** will be offered by a combination of Amie, David & Kymm, to mostly the same groups, except perhaps the very youngest. On Youth@11 Sundays, younger children will be offered Godly Play Activity bags. As things progress, we hope to be able to share the things we have been learning with the rest of the Congregation. Meantime, keep an eye on the lit noticeboard near the Hall door, to get an idea of what's going on. Again, your prayerful support of all of this would be appreciated.