







## St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 21/09/2025

			
(3 <sup>rd</sup> in month) Sunday, 21/09/2025 Trinity 14 / Pentecost 15 / Creation 3	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Youth @ 11 (Mtg Rm)/ Godly Play bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	14.00	Forest Church	Meet outside Crichton Church, dressed for weather
	18.00	Sung Evensong (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, 22/09/2025	<del>10.00-17.00</del>	<del>Church Office open</del>	Closed. Reopens tomorrow.
Tuesday, 23/09/2025	09.00-12.00	Nursery Visit (Church & Hall)	
	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.00	Fairtrade Meeting (Rectory)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Hall)	Restarting: Just turn up
Wednesday, 24/09/2025	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	19.00	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 25/09/2025	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, 26/09/2025	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	19.30	St J's Quiz Night	All welcome: just turn up.
Saturday, 27/09/2025			

			
(4th in month) Sunday, 28/09/2025 Trinity 145/ Pentecost 16 / Creation 4	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); Youth @ 11 (Mtg Rm)/ 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

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.
- **Lectio Divina:** Many of those who are involved in Quartz have some familiarity with the way St Ignatius went about things. Here is a handy [website](#) *(if you're reading this electronically; otherwise visit the Ancient Pathways website above to find the link)* and guide for those who are interested. There are Jesuit centres in Glasgow and Edinburgh And the Scottish Episcopal church diocese webpage has a handy ...*[more on the Ancient Pathways website]*

## 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

- 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.

- There will be an **MU Eucharist on Thursday 2nd October 2025** at 2pm in the Church. Revd Jim Booth will be presiding. It will be followed by tea/ coffee and cake in the Hall. Please note, as ever, this service is open to all. Just turn up and be assured of a warm welcome!

**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.

#### **BARCAPLE DAY OF PRAYER:**

**SATURDAY, 11 OCTOBER:** See poster on the lit noticeboard, if you'd like to participate in this free event, which includes the possibility of a free overnight stay (more details on the noticeboard). You may recall that Barcaple hosted the visiting Ukrainian children this year and last.

#### **CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING:** a

huge thank you to everyone who supported the coffee morning--whether you donated home baking or goods for the cornucopia stall, attended, helped on the day--or all 3. Thank you too for the generous donations on Sunday morning. The final total is awaited but I know that **over £1300** will have been raised and I hope that those who were there enjoyed the atmosphere in St George's Hall. Thanks again.



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 white script 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 red serif font across the middle. Below the date, the concert times '14:00' and '19:30' are listed. Under '14:00' is the venue 'CHRIST CHURCH' at 'SOUTH STREET' in 'COCKERMOUTH' (CA13 9RU). Under '19:30' is the venue 'ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST' at 'NEWALL TERRACE' in 'DUMFRIES' (DG1 1LW). A red circle on the bottom left contains the text 'Tickets £12'. To its right, it says 'Musical Director: Tim Knight' and 'Accompanist: Lucas Kelly'. At the bottom, the website 'leedsmalevoicechoir.co.uk' and social media handle '@leedsmalevoicechoir' are listed, along with 'Registered Charity No. 1159299'. A circular QR code on the bottom right is labeled 'Or buy in person at the venue!'. A large blue arrow points upwards from the bottom right towards the QR code.

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...

**LUNCH AT LOCKARD'S FARM – Sunday, 28/09/2025:** Lockard's are offering their discount again. If you'd like to be part of this, put your name on the sign up sheet at the back of the church, so we can let them know numbers. Just order what you want and pay on the day. More information from Annette.

**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*

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: formal notice is given of the AGM. Nomination papers [see detail below], the AGM papers and an Apologies sheet are at back of church. There is also a sheet to sign if you would prefer to receive the AGM papers 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.

**SENIOR INVESTIGATING OFFICERS:** This group, for children in P5-7+, resumed in the Hall, from 18.00-20.00, on Monday, 15/09/2025, under the leadership of David and Kymm, It was great to welcome back seven children, for games, fun and teaching. On the whole, we will be following the themes the church does...so this time, we were looking at **Following Closely, “No matter how bad”, and the Lost Coin** (from this Sunday’s readings), as well as **Smart People Follow Jesus** (from last Sunday’s Opening Sentence (and Psalm 14). See the noticeboard in the Hall for an idea of what we made of it all. 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/is 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 – and is - appreciated.

## FRIDAY AT NOON



New Group/activity

- A time of Prayer in St John’s for Peace in our world.
- Starting on Friday 26th September we invite you to join us for a half hour time of Prayer.



- If like many of us you despair at all that is happening in our world and don't know what to do, come and join us as we pray for peace. Please do not worry about it, just come and join us in this simple time of prayer and lighting candles. This is open to all, not just members of St John's church family.
- Our time of prayer will be followed by Tea and Coffee.



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**Choral  
Evensong**

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

**Introit: Comfort, O Lord - Crotch**  
**Preces & Responses: Smith**  
**Psalm: 77**  
**Canticles: Stanford in C**  
**Anthem: Unto Thee, O Lord - Mozart**

**Sung by the Choir of  
St John's Church,  
Dumfries**  
**Organist:  
John R Turner**

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