






St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 05/10/2025

			
(1 st in month) Sunday, 05/10/2025 Trinity 16 / Pentecost 17 / Creation 5 / Harvest	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	18.00	Choral Evensong (Church)	See posters
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 06/10/2025	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	18.00-20.00	Mystery Evening (Hall)	For children aged P1-4. Please contact us (07754 596140) if the child hasn't been before.
Tuesday, 07/10/2025	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Hall)	Just turn up
Wednesday, 08/10/2025	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	18.00	Healing Training Meeting (Rectory)	
	19.00	DCN Meeting (Hall)	
	19.00	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 09/10/2025	12.00 & 20.00	MU Prayer Space (via Zoom)	Open to all (not just MU members, not just females). (See detail 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, 10/10/2025	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	12.00	Friday Prayers for World Peace (Church)	30 mins or so, followed by tea/coffee. All welcome. Just show up.
	19.30	Regional Youth Choir Concert [with special guest stars!]	Free admission, but retiring collection. See posters
Saturday, 11/10/2025	19.30	Music in Dumfries Concert	Nikita Lukinov, Pianist. See www.musicindumfries.com

			
(2 nd in month) Sunday, 12/10/2025 Trinity 17 / Pentecost 18	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Youth @ 11, Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	15.00	Music in Dumfries Concert (yes, another!)	Katrina Lee, Violinist. See www.musicindumfries.com
	18.00	Contemporary Worship (Church)	
	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.

MU NOTICES

- The next **lunchtime meeting** of our new programme will take place in the Hall on **Thursday 16th October 2025**. The speaker is Revd. John Stevenson, Interim Priest at St John's,

Moffat and All Saints', Lockerbie. Before he was ordained, he was Rector at Moffat Academy. Revd John has spent much of his ministry in the Middle East, in Israel and Turkey and will be talking about his experiences there.

- 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 for lunch, and soup, tea / coffee and cake will be provided. Just turn up, and be assured of a warm welcome.
- **Harvest Produce Stall** – members are reminded that we aim to have a Produce Stall in the Hall after the morning service on 5th October. Please bring any goodies you can provide – jams, jellies, chutneys, cakes, tablet and such.
People of the congregation – please bring some pennies!
The money raised will go to support MU projects.
- **MU: Online prayer space this Thursday, 09/10/2025, 12.00 & 20.00.** All welcome, not just mothers, not just females, nor do you have to be a MU member.
 - Midday prayers 13.00 link open 12.45
 - Night Prayer 20.00 link open 19.45
 - Both are for 15 - 20 min.
 - Zoom Link: 81199836403
 - Meeting ID: 833 0646 4708
 - Passcode: 062490

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:

- **CLC:** We have worked out some **dates** up until the October school Holidays:
 - Monday, 06/10/2025: Hosted by Alison and Andy, led by Kate
 - Monday, 20/10/2025: School holidays, arrangements TBC
 - Monday, 03/11/2025: TBC
- Our usual meeting time is 7.30 till 9. Please let us know if you would like to join us!
- November Forest Church will be on the 16th
- This Autumn we will have a monthly gathering for those who want a more intentional online community to support starting or developing an expression of outdoor church.
 - These gatherings will be about building relationships, sharing learning and listening and discerning prayerfully what our next steps in our project could be.
 - The link to register at is
 - <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/GY3bAaTGTtqUWQtoxj4KjQ>
 - And for more info their website is called "Sacred Spaces", not to be confused with the long running "Sacred Space" provided online by the Jesuits in Ireland!)
- Christmas 2025
 - If you have any suggestions about the star making activity, please get in touch!
 - Our aim is that the star making activity is one that is simple to carry out, but profound enough to provide the opportunity for deep reflection. In community locations this spark off discussions about the similarities and differences between wishes, hopes, prayers, manifesting and many other words.

- If you are curious but cautious about how this might work, what would help you?
- Would you be interested in meeting to learn some ideas?

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
31/10/2025	Quiz	17/01/2026	Beetle Drive
08/11/2025	Bus Trip - 10 Pin Bowling (see notice below)	30/01/2026	Quiz
28/11/2025	Quiz	21/02/2026	Film at Burns Centre
06/12/2025	Carol Service	27/02/2025	Quiz
14/12/2025	Bring and Share Christmas Lunch	14/03/2025	Crafts - Easter Decorations

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.

ELSHIESHIELDS NEWS:



Dear Everyone

This is to wish you a Happy and Fruitful autumn and to let you know that there will be no Silent Prayer in October.

On **Saturday 1 November** at Elshields we will host the long postponed **poetry event**, 2 to 5 pm. A time to reflect on poems new and old, if fine to stroll outside, or to find peace by the log fire in the tower. There might also be a slice of pumpkin pie!
Please RSVP for this event.

Love and blessings

Ann ann.shukman@gmail.com 07884 256913.

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 **today 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.

Following the successful relaunch of SENIOR INVESTIGATING OFFICERS for children in P5-7+, last month, **this Monday, 06/10/2025, from 18.00-20.00**, sees the resumption of the popular **MYSTERY EVENINGS**, for children in P1-4. We're looking forward to welcoming back children, for games, fun and teaching. As with SIOs, on the whole, we will be following the themes the church does...so this time, the plan is to look at being enthusiastic to share our faith and to think about God's pleasure in giving us things (from this Sunday's readings). See the noticeboards in the Hall and at the back of the church for an idea of how we're going about it. 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.

LUNCH AT LOCKARD'S FARM – SUNDAY, 28/09/2025

Nearly 20 members of the Congregation took part in this, and enjoyed the food and each other's company. A big thank you to Annette for organising it, and to Lockard's Farm for accommodating us and providing the discount. Here's to the next one...

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.
- Over a dozen people, many of them not part of our regular Congregation, attended the first one on Friday, 26/09/2025; a really pleasing result. Still room for plenty more.



HEALING AT ST JOHN'S.

On **Saturday 18th October** there is an opportunity for everyone who is interested in Healing ministry (at what ever level: curious, professional, prayerful, sceptical) to engage in a **study day** in the hall. We are fortunate to have Fr. Dominic Ind from St Michael's, Helensburgh to come to lead the day. Please sign up at the back of the Church if you intend to join in .

- The day is FREE
- 10.00 until 15.00
- Bring your own lunch (Tea and Coffee provided)
- There will be a Healing Eucharist at the end of the day to share together what we have been talking about.

**DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY
REGIONAL
YOUTH CHOIR
CONCERT**



with the Dumfries twin-town choir
from Humboldt Gymnasium
Gifhorn



7pm on Friday 10th October
at St John's Church
Newall Terrace, Dumfries DG1 1LW

This is a free event
with a retiring collection
on behalf of DGRYC

Conducted by
Jamie Brand

