





St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 07/12/2025

			
(1 st in month) Sunday, 07/12/2025 Advent 2	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	18.00	A Service of Carols for Advent (Church)	
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 08/12/2025	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	19.30	Healing Team Meeting (Rectory)	
Tuesday, 09/12/2025	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Sep-Mar) (Hall)	DON'T Just turn up...paused for Christmas! Resuming January
Wednesday, 10/12/2025	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	19.00	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 11/12/2025	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 Henri Nouwen's <i>Prodigal Son</i>	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, 12/12/2025	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.
Saturday, 13/12/2025			

			
(2 nd in month) Sunday,, 14/12/2025 Advent 3	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; BRING & SHARE LUNCH afterwards (Hall)	We've decided against doing Secret Santa this year...too much else going on.
	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.

QUARTZ INFORMATION:

- [Forest church](#) once a month in Dumfries
- [CLC meetings](#) every second Monday
- For all Quartz information:
<https://www.ancient-pathways.co.uk/>

- Our usual meeting time is 7.30 till 9. Please let us know if you would like to join us!
- 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?
- **There will be no Forest Church on the 3rd Sunday in December.** We are encouraging everyone to join in the other activities, and send in photos and stories of their encounters with God throughout the season. The next gathering as Forest Church will be on the **18th of January**.

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD...

Date	Activity	Date	Activity
07/12/2025	18.00: A Service of Carols for Advent @ St J's TONIGHT	17/01/2026	Beetle Drive
14/12/2025	Bring and Share Christmas Lunch NEXT SUNDAY	30/01/2026	Quiz
22/12/2025	19.00: Dumfries Choral Xmas Concert @ St J's (info below)*	21/02/2026	Film at Burns Centre
24/12/2025, 16.00	Christingle Service (see posters nearer the time)	27/02/2025	Quiz
24/12/2025, 18.30	Crichton Carol Service	14/03/2025	Crafts - Easter Decorations

*Dumfries Choral's Christmas Concert is on **Monday 22nd December starting at 7pm** in St John's. Tickets will be available from the MidSteeple, Dfs Choral members, and maybe at the door on the night, if there are any tickets remaining by then.

Posters detailing all the Christmas Services will appear shortly.

The Bible study group, looking at Cover to Cover's *Joel: Getting Real with God* is going to **pause** that study and, for **Advent**, is going to meet on **Tuesdays at 19.15, in the Rectory**. We agreed upon using Cover to Cover's *A Son Is Born*. I have, or will have, about 4 copies available (£8). It was out of stock at www.eden.co.uk when I looked, but Amazon, and no doubt others, have it. If you'd like to join this Advent course, it's already started, but you can still join. Please contact the Church Office. There is an existing core group of half a dozen people or so, but anyone else would be welcome to join. More details from 07754 596140, if you need them. *David*

FRIDAY AT NOON

- A time of Prayer in St John's for Peace in our world.
- Happens every Friday at 12noon, for about half an hour.
- 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.
- Several of these sessions have been held so far, each attracting about a dozen people; really pleasing. Still room for plenty more.

MU NOTICES:

- A huge thank you to the congregation for their generous response to our appeal for gifts for Women's Aid and Bethany Trust. These have now been donated. MU is very grateful for your help in supporting these 2 charities.
- All members and friends who have booked, please remember our Christmas Lunch, which will take place on Thursday 18th December, 12 for at 12.30, at the Woodlands Hotel. Don't forget your pressie for the Secret Santa!
- Looking ahead to 2026, please note, our January Eucharist will take place on the *second* Thursday of the month, the 8th January 2026.

ADVANCE NOTICE of the funeral of Jackie Freeman, which will be held at St J's on Monday, 15/12/2025, at 11.00, followed by cremation at Roucan Loch. All welcome.



SPECIAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS: the Vestry has agreed that the collection from the **Advent Carols** service will be shared between Bethany and St J's, that from the **Crichton Carols** will be forwarded to Aberlour (after deduction of expenses). The usual **collecting box** will be available at the back of the church during service times and its contents, together with the collection taken at the **Christingle** service will be given to First Base.

A service of Carols for Advent



st John's
Dumfries

Sunday
7th December
at 6pm



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



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All very welcome

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Dumfries Choral Society

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Monday 22nd December at 7pm

in aid of Paragon Music SC0009006 and The Usual Place SC050602

Conductor: Jamie Brand

Soloist: Robert Lind

Accompanist: Kate Durran

Organist: John R Turner

St John's Church

Newall Terrace

Dumfries

Tickets £10 (students £5, children free)
from choir members, the Midsteeple
and any remaining tickets at the door

www.dumfrieschoralsociety.co.uk Scottish Charity No. SC002864

Christmas Services

Christingle

in St John's Church,
Christmas Eve at 4pm



Festival of Carols

in the **Crichton Memorial Church**
Dumfries, Christmas Eve at 6.30pm
sung by the choir of St John's



Midnight Service

in St John's Church
Christmas Eve at 11.30pm
sung by the choir of St John's



Family Service

in St John's Church
Christmas Day at 11am
sung by the choir
of St John's



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