






## St J's Diary & Notices: for two weeks commencing Sunday, 21/12/2025

			
(3 <sup>rd</sup> in month) Sunday, 21/12/2025 Advent 4	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Youth @ 11 (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	<del>14.00</del>	<del>Forest Church</del>	
	13.00 onwards	Dfs Choral setting up, rehearsals (Church & Hall)	
	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, 22/12/2025	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	Thereafter <b>closed</b> until Friday, 02/01/2025. Phone (07754 596140) will be monitored.
	19.00	Dumfries Choral Concert (Church & Hall)	Some setting up/rehearsals beforehand
Tuesday, 23/12/2025	17.00-18.30	Malory Nursery Showcase Evening (Hall)	(Malory's invitees only)
	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
Wednesday, 24/12/2025 Christmas Eve	<del>10.30</del>	<del>1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)</del>	Not today...plenty of other services later on!
	16.00	Christingle Service (Church)	
	18.30	Festival of Carols (Crichton Church)	Get there in plenty of time...
	23.30	Midnight Eucharist of the Nativity (Church)	
Thursday, 25/12/2025 Christmas Day	09.15	Christmas Worship: Crichton Memorial Church	Crichton Campus, Dumfries DG1 4ZZ
	11.00	1982 Sung Eucharist for Christmas Day	Note: no refreshments after this service; and church will then close.
Friday, 26/12/2025 St Stephen	<del>10.00-17.00</del>	<del>Church Office open</del>	<b>Closed</b> until Friday, 02/01/2026. Phone (07754 596140) will be monitored.
	10.30	1982 Eucharist (St Stephen)	Church will be open for this service only.
Saturday, 27/12/2025	<b>CHURCH CLOSED TODAY</b>		

			
(4 <sup>th</sup> in month) Sunday, 28/12/2025 Christmas 1 (& observed as St John the Evangelist)	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); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	<del>Including Ministry for Healing;</del> <del>listen for announcement.</del> None this week, sorry
	<del>18.00</del>	<del>Contemporary Worship (Church)</del>	On Christmas break. Resumes January.
	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, 29/12/2025	<del>10.00-17.00</del>	<del>Church Office open</del>	Closed until Friday.
Tuesday, 30/12/2025	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
Wednesday, 31/12/2025 Hogmanay	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	<del>19.00</del>	<del>Choir Practice (Church)</del>	
Thursday, 01/01/2026 New Year's Day			
Friday, 02/01/2026	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	Reopens after hol
	12.00	Friday Prayers for World Peace (Church)	30 mins or so, followed by tea/coffee. All welcome. Just show up.
Saturday, 03/01/2026			
(1 <sup>st</sup> in month) Sunday, 04/01/2026 Christmas 2	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	18.00	Choral Evensong (Church)	For Epiphany
	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 weekdays besides, except Wednesdays, but please call before making a special trip.
- So, in general, normal service will continue, under exception of the Rectory landline.

Note:  
Church  
Office  
closed  
from 17.00  
Monday,  
22/12/  
2025, until  
10.00,  
Friday,  
02/01/  
2026,  
though the  
phone  
(07754  
596140)  
will be  
monitored.

**ST JOHN'S COMMUNAL CHRISTMAS CARD** is available at the back of the church for you to sign. The hope is that, when signing, you will add a donation to the box adjacent (which is for our collection for First Base). Thank you; and thank you to Mark Toner for designing and making it.

#### 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
17/01/2026	Beetle Drive
30/01/2026	Quiz
21/02/2026	Film at Burns Centre
27/02/2025	Quiz

\*Dumfries Choral's Christmas Concert is on **Monday**

**22<sup>nd</sup> 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** are on the lit noticeboard..

**The Bible study group, *A Son Is Born*** is, itself, now paused until Tuesday, 06/01/2025. Didn't get 'enough' Advent? In some places, it's still running! Joiners welcome. 07754 596140 for details.

### **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.

Dear David

A belated proper thank you for your work in getting so many donations to The Depot.

All the bags were sorted within a day or two by a committed band of Ukrainian ladies!

Please could you pass on hearty thanks to your congregation for another very successful collection.

Best wishes

David Formstone, The Depot (formerly MOOL)

## MU NOTICES:

- Looking ahead to 2026, please note, our **January Eucharist** will take place on the **second** Thursday of the month, the **8<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

**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.

**CHRISTIAN AID DISPLAY:** Christian Aid nationally is 80 years old this year. Our local branch is younger and there is a **display in the Hall** about the work that has been done over the years. May bring back some memories!





# 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](http://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



*A Church for Everyone*

**All very welcome**

St John the Evangelist Newall Terrace, Dumfries DG1 1LW

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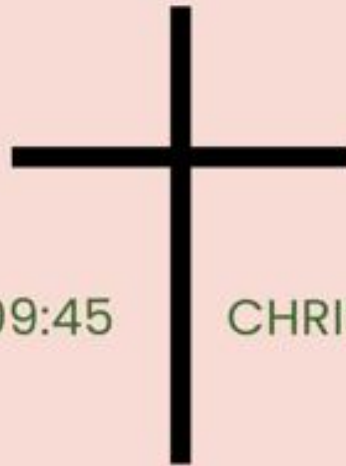


CRICHTON MEMORIAL CHURCH



# CHRISTMAS SERVICE

READINGS AND CAROLS  
ALL WELCOME



09:15-09:45

CHRISTMAS DAY

Crichton Memorial  
Church  
The Crichton, Dumfries  
DG1 4ZZ









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Office staffed Mondays, Fridays and most other weekdays besides, but phone/text  
before making a special trip. Email/phone monitored regularly.

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