

## St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 18/01/2026

			
(3 <sup>rd</sup> in month) Sunday, 18/01/2026 Epiphany 2	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Youth@11; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	14.00	Forest Church	Meet outside Crichton Church, dressed for weather
	18.00	Sung Evensong (Church)	See posters
	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, 19/01/2026	09.00-17.00	Sculptor-in-Residence (Church)	<b>'St Michael &amp; the Dragon'</b> All welcome to come and watch, discuss etc. Details below
	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	18.00-20.00	Senior Investigating Officers (Hall)	For P5-7 age children. 07754 596140 / 07520 006290 for details.
Tuesday, 20/01/2026	09.00-12.00	Malory Nursery (Church & Hall)	
	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Hall)	Just turn up
	19.15 for 19.30	Vestry Meeting (Zoom)	Vestry members have been sent joining instructions. 07754 596140 if any difficulties.
Wednesday, 21/01/2026	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	19.00	Choir Practice (Church)	
	19.15-21.00	Study Group (Rectory)	Currently studying: Advent Course [sic] <i>A Son is Born</i> and temporarily moved from Tuesday 07754 596140 for details.
Thursday, 22/01/2026	12.30	Mothers' Union Lunch & Guest Speaker (Hall)	All welcome: 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, 23/01/2026	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, 24/01/2026			
(4th in month) Sunday, 25/01/2026 Epiphany 3	09.15	Sunday Worship: Crichton Memorial Church	Crichton Campus, Dumfries DG1 4ZZ
	09.30	Holy Communion @ Maxwelton Chapel	Just off B729 between Wallacetown & Moniaive. DG3 4DX
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Youth@11; 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 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.

**We have a new external noticeboard!!** Very many thanks to Kay Solaja for designing, building and installing it; also for donating the materials; an extremely generous investment of time and money. Please be patient while it is populated and, we hope, lit.

## **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!
- The next gathering as Forest Church will be **today the 18th of January.**

**CLC:** will meet on:

- 26th Jan
- 9th Feb
- 17th of February - Pancake Day! Should we have a special party?
- 23rd Feb
- 9th March
- 23rd March
- And then it is Easter!

We will need to sort out who is hosting and topics. Is anyone interested in adopting the theme of "Prayer for Healing"? Perhaps we could meet in a St John's building and invite people

to join us for the period of Lent? Get in touch to discuss this, or we can chat on Monday.

### **St Michael and the Dragon**

The Stars will come down at Candlemas - but the light continues to shine! We are also starting a new installation. This time it will be a pop up residency by Dee. She will be bringing a sculpture to life and chatting with people who drop in. We are very pleased she has chosen St John's as one of her venues. She has arranged to be in the building on the **15th and 19th of January** and the **12th and 16th of February** so far. Please drop in and say hi!

### **Candlemas** (Or close to it - Saturday the 31st of January)

We will be taking part in the "Worship in the Wild" outdoor worship event on 31st January. This marks Candlemas and looking forward towards Spring. It will take place near the lake in the grounds of Barnbarroch House, nr Whauphill, starting at 2pm.

We will be helping Anthony by providing the makings of candles as part of our worship. Please RSVP to help us work out logistics!

### **LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD...**

Date	Activity
30/01/2026	Quiz
01/02/2026	Lunch @ Lockard's Farm (details below)
21/02/2026	Film at Burns Centre
27/02/2025	Quiz

**The Bible study group, *A Son Is Born*** is still going and, this week, meets on Wednesday, 19.15, in the Rectory. 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.
- These sessions have been held regularly for a number of weeks, now, each attracting about a dozen people; really pleasing. Still room for plenty more.

## **MU NOTICES:**

The first lunchtime meeting of 2026, will take place on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** in the Hall. In the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, our speaker will be the Rev Nick Mark. Nick is a United Reformed Church minister, who after moving to Lockerbie a few years ago with his wife, Janet, an Anglican, has been assisting at All Saints, Lockerbie. His talk is titled "*Church Unity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century possible or impractical?*" 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. As ever, despite its name, MU is an inclusive organisation, with 4 million members world- wide, supporting families and projects around the world. Anyone is welcome to come along - you do not have to be a mother, married, or even female. Just turn up and MU members look forward to welcoming you!

A date for your diary – On **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February**, Mothers' Union will be holding a **Quiet Day** in the Hall. It will be led by Revds Richard and Rachel Allen from New Abbey, who gave us an inspiring talk last year. It will not surprise you to know that the subject of the Quiet Day will be love, offering three types from biblical precedents – Song of Solomon, David & Jonathan, and Jesus. Rachel & Richard's short inputs will give us questions on which to reflect and pray on the day, and take into Lent. The full programme is on the MU Noticeboard in the Hall.

You are all invited to join us. We'll start with coffee at 9.30, with the Quiet Day beginning at 10 am. If you bring a sandwich, MU will provide soup, tea/coffee and cake for lunch. We will have worship in the church at 2.30 and close at 3pm. All very welcome to attend.



**Prayer Walk on Sunday 25th January, 3-4pm**, starting and finishing at the Salvation Army Haven of Hope in Queensberry Square.

- Please encourage people to come along, as we include Dumfries in the National Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which runs from 18th to 25th January.--

*Sent by Mark Smith, on behalf of Dumfries Christian Network*

We're delighted to announce that we have secured a **£4,000 Provincial Grant** to help us develop and further our existing work with children and young people at St John's. *Amie, David, Kymm.*



*st* John's  
Dumfries

Sunday  
18th January  
at 6pm

Sung by the choir of

St John's Church, Dumfries

# Choral Evensong

Introit: Comfort O Lord - Crotch

Psalm: No. 34

Preces & Responses: Radcliffe

Hymn: No.56 - Song of Thankfulness and Praise

Conticles: Brewer in D

Anthem: King of Glory, King of Peace

Hymn: No. 433 O Worship The King All Glorious Above

All very welcome

St John the Evangelist,

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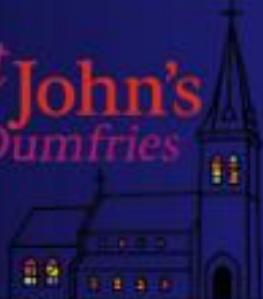
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We've done this a couple of times before: we have been able to obtain a fair (though not infinite) number of 30% off vouchers for the restaurant at Lockard's Farm, Lockerbie Road, Dumfries. We're proposing to go again on **Sunday, 01/02/2026**, after church. There is, or will shortly be, a sign up sheet at the back of the church. This is obviously a 'Dutch' trip, and you don't need to order in advance, but it's helpful to them if we can let them know approximate numbers in advance, and also make sure we have enough vouchers to go round.