

St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 25/01/2026

			
(4th in month) Sunday, 25/01/2026	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	www.stjohnsdumfries.org . *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 26/01/2026	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	15.00	Pastoral Group Meeting (Choir Vestry)	
	19.15-21.00	Advent* Group (Rectory)	Reverting to studying: <i>Joel: Getting Real with God</i> 07754 596140 for details.
Tuesday, 27/01/2026	Church Office closing early (15.00)		
	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Hall)	Just turn up
Wednesday, 28/01/2026	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	19.00	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 29/01/2026	Church Office closed today		
	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.

	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Friday, 30/01/2026	12.00	Friday Prayers for World Peace (Church)	30 mins or so, followed by tea/coffee. All welcome. Just show up.
	19.30	St J's Quiz Night (Hall)	All welcome. Just show up.
Saturday, 31/01/2026			
(1 st in month) Sunday, 01/02/2026 Epiphany 4	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	18.00	Choral Evensong (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 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.

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!

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 was in the building on the **15th and 19th of January** and will be back on the

12th and 16th of February, and maybe more dates thereafter.

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)
17/02/2026	Possible Pancake Party? TBC
21/02/2026	Film at Burns Centre (details below)
27/02/2025	Quiz

The Bible study group has finally finished its Advent book, *A Son Is Born* and, this week, reverts to meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, starting this Monday (26/01), 19.15, in the Rectory. We'll be resuming our study of *Joel: Getting Real With God*. 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 next **MU Eucharist** will be on **Thursday 5th February 2026 at 2pm** in the Church. Revd. Jim Booth will be presiding. It will be followed by tea/coffee and cake in the Hall. Please just come along and be assured of a warm welcome.

On **Saturday 14th February**, Mothers' Union will be holding a **Reflection 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. Given the date, it will not surprise you to know that the subject of the Reflection 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. Coffee available from 9.30, with the Reflection 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.

Today!



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, Kym.*

Rural Dean the Rev Dr Elizabeth Breakey is being installed as a Canon of St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, at 17.00 on Sunday, 15 February. There probably won't be enough demand for a bus from here, but I'll be going, and can offer seats for up to 5 or 6 others, departing at 15.00. *David*

LENT LUNCHES: Ash Wednesday is on 18 February (start digging out those Palm Crosses for return [Ed]) so the **first Lent Lunch will take place on Friday, 20th February**. St J's is catering for that lunch. It will be the usual format (soup, roll with cheese, tea/coffee) and the price remains £4 for adults, £2.50 for children. There will also be cake to buy at 50p/slice and a sales table each week. **Please can you help** on the 20th? We need soup makers, people to butter and make up rolls, people to serve soup and others to help clear up afterwards. **If you can help with any of these, please let Margaret Morton know.**

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 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.



St J's Movie Matineé at the Burns: Saturday, 21/02/2026, 13.45 for 14.00 start; over by 16.00. We're off to the movies! The Burns Centre has been booked for a showing of *What We Did On Our Holiday*, starring David Tenant, Rosamund Pike and Billy Connolly. It was written and directed by Andy Hamilton and Guy Jenkin, the team behind the TV series *Outnumbered*. Please sign up to indicate you're coming. There's a sign up sheet at the back of the church. The terms of our booking mean we can't charge an entry fee, but, given the cost, to St J's, of booking, may we

suggest a minimum donation of £10 per head, which can be made to the Church Office, preferably around the time you sign up.

Further information from Catriona.