








St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 15/02/2026

			
(3 rd in month) Sunday, 15/02/2026 Epiphany 6 / Sunday before Lent	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Youth@11; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	14.00	Forest Church	Meet outside Crichton Church, dressed for weather
	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
Note: Church Office limited hours Mon, Tue & Thu this week.			
Monday, 16/02/2026	10.00-17.00	Sculptor-in Residence (Church)	Come and watch, discuss. See posters.
	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, 17/02/2026	09.00-12.00	Malory Nursery (Hall)	
	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Hall)	Just turn up
Wednesday, 18/02/2026	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	Incl. Imposition of Ashes
	19.00	Choir Practice (Church)	
	19.30	1982 Eucharist for Ash Wednesday	Incl Imposition of Ashes
Thursday, 19/02/2026	12.30	Mothers' Union Lunch & Guest Speaker (Hall)	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, 20/02/2026	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.
	12.00-13.30	Lent Lunches (Hall)	See details below
	15.00	Finance Group Meeting (Hall)	

			
Saturday, 21/02/2026	13.45	Film Trip to Burns Centre	(See detail below)
(4th in month) Sunday, 22/02/2026 1 st in Lent	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); Youth@11; Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	Including Ministry for Healing; listen for announcement.
	13.00 (approx.)	Congregational Special General Meeting	See detail below. Sandwich lunch provided. Cake would be welcome!
	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 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
- **Our usual meeting time** is 7.30 till 9. We take it in turns to host and lead so let Simon know if you would like to join us!
- Tuesday the 17th of February - **Pancake Day!** We will have a gathering to celebrate the joy of food at Simon and Kate's.
- **St Michael and the Dragon:** Sculpture artist Ildiko Malovecz (Dee Art and Design) is publicly creating a half size papier mache statue design of the patron saint of Dumfries. We are blessed that she has chosen St John's church as one of the venues for this project. We are glad to support her in inviting and involving the local community to visit St John's Church. Dee will be working on her sculpture in St John's on Mondays and Thursdays in February in St John's. [12th & 16th confirmed so far] Please drop in and say hi - and let your friends know too! This is an opportunity to use visual art to think about light and dark as well as the wrestling match between them.
- For all Quartz information: <https://www.ancient-pathways.co.uk/>

The Bible study group has reverted to meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 19.15, in the Rectory. We have resumed our study of *Joel: Getting Real With God*. Joiners welcome. 07754 596140 for details. We'll be pausing this study (again) in order to follow a Lent course shortly. Details to follow.

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD...

Date	Activity
17/02/2026	Quartz Pancake Party (see details beside other Quartz information)
21/02/2026	Film at Burns Centre (details below)
27/02/2025	Quiz

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:

Our next **lunch-time MU meeting** will take place **on February 19th 2026** in the Hall. Our speaker is Kay Solaja who is a volunteer with *Children's Hearing Scotland*. He will tell us about his work as a Children's Panel member, making legal decisions for infants, children and young people who need support. We will gather from 12.30, with prayers at 12.45 and lunch at 1pm. Please bring a sandwich, 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!

Rural Dean the Rev Dr Elizabeth Breakey is **being installed as a Canon of St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, at 17.00 today, Sunday, 15 February.** I'll be going, and there might be one seat left, if anyone would like it, departing at 15.00. *David*

PRAYER LIST: I know how much people value being prayed for in times of illness, distress or difficulty of any kind. You will all know that we maintain a list in the Sacristy of the names of those who have asked for prayer and whose names we include in our Prayers of Intercession week by week. Not everyone who would like us to hold them in prayer wants their name to be read out in public. So, alongside the prayer list that we already have, another is to be set up for those for whom the pastoral group will commit to pray regularly but whose names will not be included in our public prayers. If you want to add the name of someone to either list – and please, before you do so, make sure that the person concerned has consented to be added to one of our prayer lists, and to which one – then contact Linda Scott, David Kerr in the Church Office, or one of the clergy team. Thank you.

Jim Booth

LENT LUNCH 20TH FEBRUARY. : Thank you to those who have offered to help with the lunch. If you are bringing soup and/or are coming to help with the rolls please come to the Hall at 9.30am. If you have kindly made soup, please would you also supply a list of the ingredients. If you are coming to help serve the lunch please can you be here for 11am.

- Please do come and join us for lunch. A minimum donation of £4 buys homemade soup with a plain or cheese roll and tea or coffee to follow. You can buy a slice of cake to accompany the drink and also be tempted by the sales table.
- The proceeds from the lunches (each Friday in Lent) support Christian Aid's work worldwide to help at times of disaster and to improve conditions for the world's poorest people.

- Any questions please ask Margaret Morton 01387 262734

ST J'S MOVIE MATINEE 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.

HEALING MINISTRY AT SAINT JOHN'S.

- From Ash Wednesday through to Easter Day the ministry of Laying on of Hands and Prayer will be available on a Sunday Morning at the 11.00 Eucharist. We believe that this ministry is valued by us all in the Church and for it to only be available on the 4th Sunday is very restrictive.
- You will have noticed that this ministry is available during and after the administration of Communion and also the members of the team are happy to stay on a little after the end of the service if you would like to approach them in a less formal setting. Please feel free to come to pray either for yourself, a member of your family or a friend.
- Anything shared during this time is totally confidential. However, should anyone disclose a matter which relates to safeguarding, we all have a responsibility to take the matter further with the appropriate authority. None of the members of the team are trained counsellors though they may offer suggestions of where you might find appropriate help if that is required.
- We will welcome your comments on this new arrangement. Feel free to talk with members of the team about your feelings, responses and ideas. It is important to remember that this is a ministry of prayer with the Lord and not an opportunity for advice and counsel. Anointing with

oil for serious illness is, at present, restricted to the clergy to administer.

- During the coming months we will be making available opportunities for anyone in the congregation to share in group discussion and teaching about the Healing Ministry.

Chris Wren

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE GENERAL MEETING

- There will be a SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE GENERAL MEETING in St. John's following the 11.00am service on Sunday 22nd February 2026.
- The purpose of the meeting will be to consider the provision of accommodation for the new Rector.
- This meeting gives everyone the opportunity to let the Vestry hear your views on future arrangements, together with the options that may be available to us, for the provision of suitable accommodation for the new Rector.
- We are in the process of obtaining detailed information concerning our options and obligations in this regard, all of which will be made available to you before the meeting, in order to enable us to have an informed discussion.
- We hope you will be able to attend the SGM---tea, coffee and sandwiches will be provided, cake is always welcome---so that the Vestry can listen to your views.
- All final decisions rest with the Trustees, who are the elected members of the Vestry. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to make your views known, please put them in writing to Margaret Morton, Vestry Secretary, before Sunday 22nd February. These will be read out at the meeting.
- If you cannot attend and would like your apologies recorded there is a sign up sheet at the back of church.

Annette Beagrie	Margaret Morton
Chair of the Vestry	Vestry Secretary



Sorry: all the **downlighters in the side aisles** have failed, and it's not something I can fix myself. Brian, the original specialist installer, should be here next Friday to sort it. In the meantime, you may have to sit somewhere else! David

St John's Dumfries
A Church for Everyone

All very welcome
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Sunday
15th February
at 6pm

Choral Evensong
Organist: John R Turner
Sung by the choir of
St John's Church, Dumfries

Introit: The King Shall Rejoice - Handel
Psalm: No.72
Preces & Responses: Neary
Hymn: Christ Is The World's True Light
Canticles: Wood in E Flat, No.2
Anthem: And The Glory Of The Lord - Handel
Hymn: Angel Voices Ever Singing

Dumfries
Choral Society

SPRING CONCERT
Stabat Mater in F Minor - Schubert
Eternal Light - Howard Goodall

Saturday
21st March 2026
at 7.30pm

St John's Church
Newall Terrace
Dumfries

Conductor: Jamie Brand
Soloist: Catriona Hewitson (Soprano)
Soloist: Euan McDonald (Tenor)
Soloist: Colin Murray (Bass)
Accompanist: Katharine Durran

Tickets
£12 adults
£5 Students
Children free
from choir members
the Midsteeple
or at the door

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