

## St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 22/02/2026

			
(4th in month) Sunday, 22/02/2026 Lent 1	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. Also Congregational SGM (see detail below)
	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
Monday, 23/02/2026	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	19.15-21.00	Study Group (Rectory)	Currently studying: <i>The Prayers of Jesus</i> 07754 596140 for details. Lent joiners welcome.
Tuesday, 24/02/2026	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Hall)	Just turn up
Wednesday, 25/02/2026	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	19.00	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 26/02/2026	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, 27/02/2026	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
	19.30	St J's Quiz Night (Hall)	All welcome: just show up.
Saturday, 28/02/2026			

(1 <sup>st</sup> in month) Sunday, 01/03/2026 Lent 2	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	18.00	Choral Evensong (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.

### 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!
- **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. 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/>

**BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL:** +Nick has advised us that this year's Bishop's Lent Appeal will be in aid of The Daisy Project, a Glasgow based charity which helps women and girls heal from domestic abuse. (See more information on the Diocesan website: <https://www.glasgow.anglican.org/bishops-lent-appeal-2026-the-daisy-project/>). A Collecting Box will be available at the back of the church at service times and the Church Office can also receive donations (clearly marked as such, if in *specie*), or via the office card machine. The card machine next to the lit noticeboard can only receive donations specifically for St John's.

**The Bible study group** has reverted to meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 19.15, in the Rectory. We have paused our study of *Joel: Getting Real With God* (yet again!) and, for Lent, are studying Cover to Cover's *The Prayers of Jesus*. The plan is to follow this course weekly, but days will have to vary a bit. First one is tomorrow, Monday, 23/02/2026, 19.15, in the Rectory. Watch this space. 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 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 2pm** in the Church. It will be followed by tea/coffee and cake in the Hall, As ever, this is open to all. Please just come along and be assured of a warm welcome. This year it will be 150 years since Mary Sumner founded Mothers' Union. We will mark this anniversary and the work of MU all over the world in St John's on **Mothering Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**. St John's Mothers' Union members will be responsible for all aspects of the service. Revd Ann Wren, who is on the Worldwide Board of Trustees, representing the Province of Scotland, will be preaching. As well as the little flower posies which will be given to everyone, there will be Simnel Cake in the Hall afterwards.

**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 LUNCHESES :**

- Thank you to everyone who supported the lunch on Friday and particularly to those who provided the soup, prepared the rolls, set out the hall or helped tidy up afterwards. The lunches will continue every Friday during Lent. Please do come and join us. 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 lunches are organised by the churches in Dumfries and the local area and the proceeds 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

### **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 **today** 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 at 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.

<b>Annette Beagrie</b>	<b>Margaret Morton</b>
<b>Chair of the Vestry</b>	<b>Vestry Secretary</b>

Pleased to say the downlighters in the side aisles have now been fixed; also, if you're passing St J's in the evening, note that our beautiful new noticeboard is now **illuminated**. And, yes, I know there's a terrible leak in the exit lobby by the back door...I've got a quote for it and will get it attended to as soon as possible. *David*

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  
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or at the door

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