




## St J's Diary & Notices: two weeks, commencing Sunday, 05/04/2026

			
(1 <sup>st</sup> in month) Sunday, 05/04/2026 EASTER	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	<del>18.00</del>	<del>Choral Evensong (Church)</del>	None this week
	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, 06/04/2026	<del>10.00-17.00</del>	<del>Church Office open</del>	<b>Closed</b> all week. More info below
	<del>18.00-20.00</del>	<del>Mystery Evening (Hall)</del>	None this week (Holidays)
Tuesday, 07/04/2026	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
Wednesday, 08/04/2026	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	<del>19.00</del>	<del>Choir Practice (Church) (except school holidays)</del>	None this week
	20.00	MU Prayer Space (via Zoom)	Open to all (not just MU members, not just females). (More detail below)
Thursday, 09/04/2026	<del>19.00</del>	<del>Prayer Meeting/ discussion on last Sunday's gospel</del>	None this week
	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, 10/04/2026	<del>10.00-17.00</del>	<del>Church Office open</del>	Closed all week. Reopens Monday, 13/04/2026
	12.00	Friday Prayers for World Peace (Church)	30 mins or so, followed by tea/coffee. All welcome. Just show up.
Saturday, 11/04/2026			

			
(2 <sup>nd</sup> in month) Sunday, 12/04/2026 Easter 2	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Youth@11; Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	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, 13/04/2026	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	Reopens after hols
	19.15-21.00	Study Group (Rectory)	Currently studying: Joel: <i>Getting Real with God</i> 07754 596140 for details.
Tuesday, 14/04/2026	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
Wednesday, 15/04/2026	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	19.00	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 16/04/2026	12.30	Mothers' Union Lunch & Guest Speaker (Hall)	Details below
	19.00	Prayer Meeting/ discussion on last Sunday's gospel	At Peter Mack'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, 17/04/2026	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, 18/04/2026			
(3 <sup>rd</sup> in month) Sunday, 19/04/2026 Easter 3	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Y@11; Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	14.00	Forest Church	Meet outside Crichton Church, dressed for weather
	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!
- 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. **WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS FOR A WEEK OR SO, YET**

**THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will be resuming its study of *Joel: Getting Real With God* (yet again!) on **Monday, 13/04/2026, 19.15, in the Rectory**. Joiners welcome. 07754 596140 for details.

**LENT LUNCHESES:** Thanks to all who supported these in any way. We'll let you know how much was raised for Christian Aid as soon as the figures are finalised.

By the time you read this, I hope that the **side aisle lights** will have been fixed (promised for Good Friday) and the **roof leak at the exit lobby** was addressed earlier in the week. ...*David*

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed during all of Easter week and will re-open on Monday, 13/04/2026; however the phone and email will be monitored, albeit response times may be slower.

There will be **NO MYSTERY EVENING** on Monday, 06/04/2026, sorry. Next Senior Investigating Officers will be on Monday, 20/04/2026.

**The FUNERAL OF MARY PURDIE** will take place at St John's on Thursday, 16/04/2026 at 10.00; thereafter at Roucan Loch. Not known, at the time of writing, if latter will be private or not.. All welcome at the church, in any event.

MU:

- Our next lunch- time meeting will be on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026**. Our speaker is our globe-trotting Branch Leader,

Carolynne Sorrell, whose return will be greeted with joy! Her talk is entitled **All Together Now**. 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.

### **In case you're interested...**

Dear Sir/Madam,

- I'm writing to you as a member of the British Regional Transport Association (BRTA). We're a small, unincorporated group that, with the resources we have, is working towards improving public transport across the UK. We're particularly excited about the possibility of reopening, rebuilding and building new conventional railways for both passengers and freight on local lines. We also advocate for a transport system that's environmentally friendly, well-integrated, comprehensive, inclusive and affordable, including buses, cycling and pedestrian facilities.
- Website: <https://brtarail.com/dumfries-to-stranraer/>
- I'm writing to invite you and any of your staff to a Public Meeting on Saturday, 25 April, from 2-4pm at the Dumfries Day Centre, Cumberland Street, Dumfries DG1 2JX (Phone: 01387-266401). I'd love to know if you're interested in attending.
- Also, if you have any thoughts on the potential reopening of the rail link between Stranraer and Dumfries and how it might benefit you or your club/organisation, and if you'd be willing to print a copy of the poster and display it to promote the meeting,
- We plan to hold more meetings along the proposed route, which we'll announce this year.



Annual Concert 2026

*Music from the  
Renaissance to the  
Romantics*

**SUNDAY 26th APRIL**

**2.30 pm**

**KIRKPATRICK DURHAM  
CHURCH**

**Admission free**

Donations to Church Music Fund

*Refreshments + Raffle*

Performers include Jim Booth and Liz Ballard. All welcome.