





St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 26/04/2026

			
(4th in month) Sunday, 26/04/2026 Easter 4	09.15	Sunday Worship: Crichton Memorial Church	Crichton Campus, Dumfries DG1 4ZZ
	09.30	Holy Communion @ Maxwelton Chapel	None this month, sorry.
	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, 27/04/2026	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	15.00	Pastoral Group meeting (Rectory)	
	19.15-21.00	Study Group (Rectory)	Currently studying: Joel: Getting Real With God 07754 596140 for details.
Tuesday, 28/04/2026	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
Wednesday, 29/04/2026	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	19.00	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 30/04/2026	19.00	Prayer Meeting/ discussion on last Sunday's gospel	At ?Annette's. (TBC) 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, 01/05/2026	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, 02/05/2026	09.30	Silent Prayer @ Elshieshields	See further information below
(1 st in month) Sunday, 03/05/2026 Easter 5	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	+ visiting 'Open Doors' speaker
	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

- **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/>

LENT LUNCHESES: A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Lent Lunches in any way. **The total raised was £5,200 after expenses.** This is more than last year (£5093), despite the increased costs of supplies and you might remember how cold and wet the first week (when St John's catered) was. To give an example, this would enable Christian Aid to provide 104 solar dryers that will turn fresh produce produced by urban farmers in Nairobi, Kenya, into valuable long-life products. Using very small areas to grow crops in the slums of Nairobi will be the focus of this year's Christian Aid Week---watch this space!!

Thank you again.

Margaret Morton

Performers include Jim Booth and Liz Ballard. All welcome. →

Alison Wright says...

River of Gold:

Wednesday 6 May

7.30pm, the film *River of Gold* will be shown at the Robert Burns Film Theatre to mark World Fair Trade Day. Did you know the Fairtrade mark can be found on gold?



This documentary shows the devastating environmental and humanitarian consequences of illegal gold mining in the Amazon.

We are delighted to welcome jewellers Alison Macleod and Lisa Rothwell-Young who are both based in Dumfries and Galloway and work with gold. Alison and Lisa will take part in a post film conversation. Alison and Lisa will talk about their craft and how they run their jewellery businesses as ethically as possible. [*Both these jewellers are regular exhibitors at [Spring Fling](#): see below*] [More Information and to book tickets \[for the Burns Centre\] here](#) : And if you're reading a paper version of this, Spring Fling can be found at <https://www.spring-fling.co.uk/visit/spring-fling-2026-brochure/>, Burns Centre booking at <https://rbcfilmtheatre.co.uk/all-listings/riverofgold06052026?rq=river>

ELSHIESIELDS NEWS: By kind permission of Ann, you are invited to **Silent Prayer** in May. It will be held in the barn at Elshiesields at the usual time **9:30am-10:30am, Saturday 2nd May.**

- The Rev John Stevenson will be giving us thoughts on a meditation topic.
- The urn will be on for tea and coffee, and the biscuit tin will be there.
- The bluebells have just begun coming out, and shortly the woods will be a sea of blue; please feel free to stay on and enjoy the grounds after Silent Prayer.
- Ann would welcome emails, phone calls and visits. Church Office can put you in touch.

My best wishes and regards to you all

Kim Tofield

SPRING FLING: Thornhill Community Transport will be running the Green/Orange tour [Saturday, 23/05/2026] and the Red/Orange tour [Sunday, 24/05/2026]. Jewellers mentioned above - Alison [Thornhill, on the Green Route], Lisa, based at the Crichton, not apparently participating in SF this year, but see www.lisarothwell-young.co.uk.):More about this in due course. SF website doesn't seem to be taking bookings yet, but should be soon.

The next **MU EUCHARIST** will take place on **Thursday 7th May at 2pm** in the Church.

- Revd Andrew MacKenzie will be presiding. It will be followed by tea/coffee and cake in the Hall. This Eucharist is open to all and you will be made very welcome. Members please note, our **AGM** will take place after the Eucharist.
- **JUNE OUTING** - The MU outing will be on **Thursday 18th June** and we are going to the Devil's Porridge Museum. If you are interested in joining us, further details will be available from Carolynne Sorrell.

KEEP THE DATE! On the 10th May Bishop Nick will be with us to preach and preside at the 11am service. We are inviting him to stay for lunch. Please, as usual, bring food to share with him and each other. More details about the day to follow.