





St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 03/05/2026

			
(1 st in month) Sunday, 03/05/2026 Easter 5	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
Monday, 04/05/2026	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	18.00-20.00	Mystery Evening (Hall)	Sorry: none this week
Tuesday, 05/05/2026	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
Wednesday, 06/05/2026	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	19.00	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 07/05/2026	14.00	Mothers' Union Eucharist (Church)	
	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, 08/05/2026	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.
	15.00 onwards	Dalgarno Singers setting up (Church & Hall)	
Saturday, 09/05/2026	14.00 onwards	Dalgarno Singers rehearsing, setting up etc: Concert 19.30	See posters

			
(2 nd in month) Sunday, 10/05/2026 Easter 6	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; B&S lunch afterwards (Hall)	Bishop Nick visiting and preaching. Bring & Share lunch in Hall afterwards.
	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!
- For all Quartz information: <https://www.ancient-pathways.co.uk/>

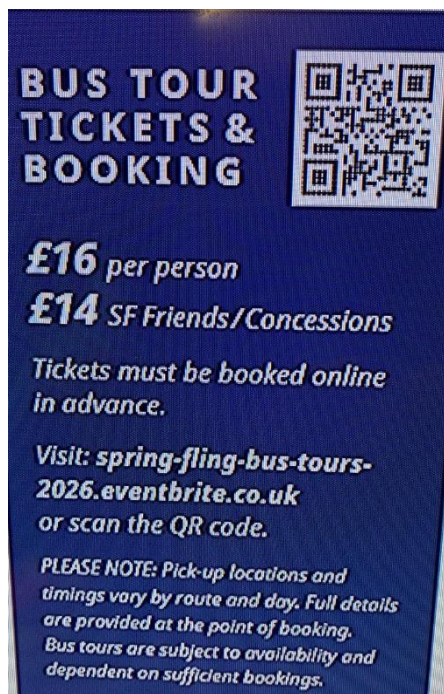
Alison Wright says...

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 :](#) , Burns Centre booking at <https://rbcfilmtheatre.co.uk/all-listings/riverofgold06052026?rq=river>



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:. You can book a tour via the Spring Fling online brochure on their website or by scanning the QR code opposite

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.

FAIRTRADE STALL IS BACK! After the service on **May 10th** there will be a **Fairtrade Stall**. As well as the usual tea, coffee and chocolate, a selection of other products will be available including sauces, chutneys, jams and soft drinks. Rice from Malawi will be promoted and there is a Palestinian range including olive oil, almonds and couscous. It will be an

opportunity to stock up on Fairtrade goods, to discuss the importance of Fairtrade and where Fairtrade products can be sourced locally.

ASCENSION DAY falls this year on the **14th May**. The regional Eucharist service will take place at All Saints Gretna at 12 noon. This is the regional service and all are welcome.

Lunch--homemade soup, cakes, tea, coffee and soft drinks--will be provided after the service.

All Saints is on the Annan Road and the postcode is DG16 5DH. Parking is on the streets around the church.



St John's Dumfries  

All very welcome
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A Church for Everyone

Choral Evensong

Sunday
3rd May
at 6pm



Introit: Holy Spirit, Truth Divine - Andrew Carter
Psalm: No.96
Preces & Responses: Radcliffe
Hymn: God of Mercy, God of Grace
Canticles: Noble in A Minor
Anthem: Lead Kindly Light - Howard Goodall
Hymn: Christ is the World's True Light

Sung by the choir of
St John's Church, Dumfries



Shetland End to End Cycle Challenge

On the 5th of June 2026 I intend cycling from Sumburgh lighthouse on the southern tip of Shetland's mainland to Skaw beach at the northern tip of Unst. This is Shetland's most northerly inhabited Island. The challenge will be completing the 101 mile ride in one day, not to mention negotiating the unpredictable weather!

My trusty steed, as it was in 2024, will be my Claud Butler tourer of 1970s vintage. This is rather fitting in that I am now in my 70s!

This day will be the 10th anniversary of the passing of my dear wife, Lorraine from Motor Neurone Disease.

If you would like to sponsor me, please get in touch :-

John Mann,

Church Office can put you in touch

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make time count**

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Spring Concert 'Requiem'

**Requiem Op. 48 - Gabriel Fauré
And Full Varied Supporting Programme**

St John's Episcopal Church - Dumfries

Saturday 9th May 2026 - 7:30pm

Ray Robson ~ Music Director

Hilary Craig ~ Accompanist

Miriam Graham-Clark ~ Soprano

Blair Kalotka ~ Bass Baritone

Gordon Mursell ~ Organ

Tickets

Adult £15

Student/Child FREE

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