





St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 10/05/2026

			
(2 nd in month) Sunday, 10/05/2026 Easter 6	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Youth@11; Godly Play Activity Bags available; B&S lunch afterwards (Hall)	Bishop Nick visiting us today; lunch afterwards. Please join us, even if you weren't expecting this; there will be plenty! Fairtrade Stall (also in Hall) after service
	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, 11/05/2026	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	19.15-21.00	Study Group (Rectory)	Currently studying: <i>John's Gospel: Exploring the Seven Miraculous Signs</i> . 07754 596140 for details.
Tuesday, 12/05/2026	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
Wednesday, 13/05/2026	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	19.00	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 14/05/2026	12.00 noon	Ascension Day Service (All Saints, Gretna)	See details 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.
	20.00	MU Prayer Space (via Zoom) [Note: evening session only now on offer]	Open to all (not just MU members, not just females). See joining instructions below.
Friday, 15/05/2026	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, 16/05/2026			

			
(3 rd in month) Sunday, 17/05/2026 Easter 7	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Youth @ 11 (Meeting Room); 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

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.

THERE WILL BE A RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY IN AID OF OPEN DOORS, following the visit last week by Alan Meldrum. You can, of course, make donations by card (*but speak to David as the machine on the windowsill can only take donations for St J's*) as well as in cash. We have

been running the Open Doors video on the TV at the back of the church for the past week or so, and it's still there to view today.

FAIRTRADE STALL IS BACK! After the service today, **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.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10-16 MAY: this year Christian Aid week focuses on two women: Fridah Moraa and Belinda Kasudi. They live in the informal settlement of Dagoretti in Nairobi, Kenya. Life there is precarious and there is very little space to grow food. However, with the help of Christian Aid's partners they have seized the opportunity to grow vegetables in the smallest and most unlikely spaces using vertical and conical gardens providing nutrition and income. There is more information on the display at the back of church and on the film showing on one of the proliferating screens.

I attended a virtual meeting earlier this year to learn more about the work and one quote from those involved struck me. "Your donation provides food on the table, dignity restored and hope for the future".

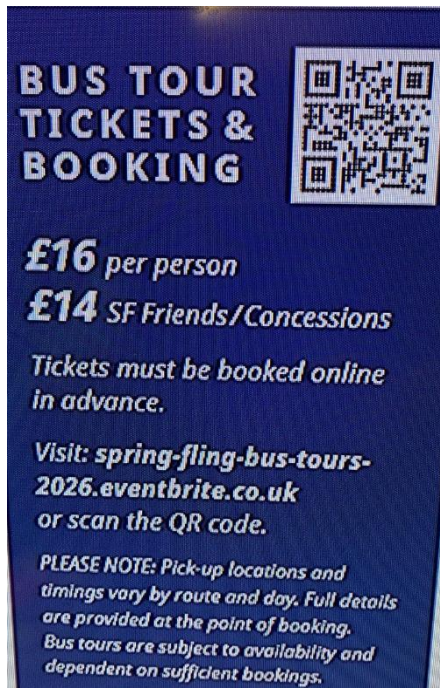
There should be an envelope with these notices. Please give if you can. If you prefer to do this electronically there is a link at

[Dumfries & District CA fundraising page - Christian Aid Week](#) or you can use the QR code here or on the display.

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Thank you



**BUS TOUR
TICKETS &
BOOKING**

£16 per person
£14 SF Friends/Concessions

Tickets must be booked online
in advance.

Visit: [spring-fling-bus-tours-
2026.eventbrite.co.uk](https://spring-fling-bus-tours-2026.eventbrite.co.uk)
or scan the QR code.

PLEASE NOTE: Pick-up locations and
timings vary by route and day. Full details
are provided at the point of booking.
Bus tours are subject to availability and
dependent on sufficient bookings.

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

MU:

- **Night Prayers via Zoom:** Open to all (not just MU members, not just females). All are welcome; you do not have to be a MU member.
 - Night Prayer 20.00 link open 19.45
 - Lasts 15 - 20 min.
 - Zoom Link: 81199836403
 - Meeting ID: 833 0646 4708
 - Passcode: 062490
 - Dial by your location+44 131 460 1196 United Kingdom
- Our **next lunch- time meeting will be on Thursday 21st May 2026**. Our speaker is our own Revd Dr Steven Ballard. He is going to talk to us about his thesis entitled 'Sacred Christian Place – The Discernment of its Location'. 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. All welcome.
- 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.

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.

The **funeral** of the much loved **Maxine Windsor** will take place at St J's at 12.30pm on Friday, 22/05/2026, followed by a reception in the Hall afterwards. All welcome. As a consequence...

...there will, be no **FRIDAY PRAYERS FOR PEACE** on Friday, 22/05/2026 , but it will resume the following Friday.

SCULPTOR IN RESIDENCE: We are reaching the fulfilment of this stage of the **Archangel St Michael and the Dragon Sculpture**. Throughout Lent Dee has explored the struggle between light and dark. People from St John's and the wider community have contributed their thoughts and prayers for peace. Dee has taken them and worked them into the fabric of the sculpture, writing online comments as well as glueing in those left on paper in St John's. The sculpture has been visited by Diplomats, curious passers by, nursery children, and of course the members of St John's. On **Tuesday the 19th of May** this stage of the project will finish, and the sculpture will move to St Michaels church of Scotland. **You are invited to join us for a short closing ceremony at 11.00** [though time TBC], and to accompany the sculpture, with the members and staff of Access Arts, to its new temporary home, if you are able. Look out for the next stage of the project at Guid Nychburris!



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

Together, we will
make time count



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