





St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 17/05/2026

			
(3 rd in month) Sunday, 17/05/2026 Easter 7	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Youth@11; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	14.00	Forest Church	Meet outside Crichton Church, dressed for weather
	18.00	Choral Evensong (Church)	See posters
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org . *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 18/05/2026	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	For P5-7 age children. 07754 596140 / 07520 006290 for details.
	18.00-20.00	Senior Investigating Officers (Hall)	
Tuesday, 19/05/2026	09.00-12.00	Malory Nursery (Church & Hall)	
	11.00	“St Michael & the Dragon leaving ceremony” (Church)	Short ceremony (see detail below); all welcome.
	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
Wednesday, 20/05/2026	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	19.00	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 21/05/2026	12.30	Mothers' Union Lunch & Guest Speaker (Hall)	Rev Dr Steven Ballard (details below)
	19.00	Prayer Meeting/ discussion on last Sunday's gospel	None this week.
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 22/05/2026	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	12.00	Friday Prayers for World Peace (Church)	None this week (to accommodate funeral)
	12.30	Funeral of Maxine Windsor (Church), followed by a reception (Hall)	To help with catering, please would you indicate if you are likely to attend the reception (sign up sheet at back of church)
Saturday, 23/05/2026			

			
(4th in month) Sunday, 24/05/2026 Pentecost / Aldersgate Sunday	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.
	18.00	Contemporary Worship (Church)	Now finished; resumes September.
	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.

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 the screen at the back of the church.
- 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".
- If you prefer to give 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.
- *Thank you to those who have given me donations for Christian Aid week. If you have not received an envelope there are more where the film is showing. Please return the envelopes to me or on the offertory plate.*

Margaret Morton

QR code



**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
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 Notices

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. We will be leaving St John's at 11am, returning around 3.30pm. The cost is £28, to include admission, a soup and sandwich lunch, and transport on the minibus. If you are interested in joining us, please speak to Carolynne Sorrell, Lizanne MacKenzie or Mary Solley.

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 Michael's Church of Scotland. **You are invited to join us for a short closing ceremony at 11.00**, 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!

The making of the St Michael statue" project is dedicated to St Michael, Archangel and the patron saint of Dumfries. He is often shown wrestling with a Dragon and depicted as a spiritual warrior against evil. He is also often invoked for protection in spiritual battles. During the seasons of lent and Easter, Dee has been inviting people to reflect on the the struggle between light and dark. These thoughts and the atmosphere in St Johns Dumfries have formed into her sculpture.

It is time to move on though!

At Pentecost Christians remember the Holy Spirit filling the early church with peace and power. They began to speak many languages and communicate the light of Jesus to the known world.

The statue will leave St Johns and continue it's journey of visual communication in St Michaels church in Dumfries until Good Neighbours day -

Where will it travel next?

Sculpture artist
Ildiko Malovecz
 (Disc Art and Design)
 Has publicly created a half size paper mache statue design of the patron saint of Dumfries.

The ARCHANGEL SAINT MICHAEL
 in St John's Church.

It will be 'born' beyond the building with a simple ceremony

MAY
 Join us to walk with the sculpture from St Johns to St Michaels in Dumfries
 Tuesday the 19th of May

Quartz
 A partnership between
 Dumfries and Galloway Council
 and the Dumfries and Galloway Enterprise Trust

dee art design

find "The sculpture of the patron saint of Dumfries" page on facebook



All very welcome
 St John the Evangelist,
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Sunday
 17th May
 at 6pm

Choral Evensong

For Ascensiontide

Introit: God Is Gone Up With A Merry Noise - Hutchings
 Psalm: No.147
 Preces & Responses: Smith
 Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign Where're The Sun
 Canticles: Stanford in B Flat
 Anthem: Rejoice In The Lord Alway - Purcell
 Hymn: The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended
 Sung by the choir of
 St John's Church, Dumfries

All are invited.
 Whether you consider yourself a close friend of Jesus,
 or are just a wee bit curious,
 we meet in his name and share his peace.
 We meet in peace and make peace through meeting.
 Worshipping in the company of creation, bathing in
 the green

We will gather
 as Forest Church
 2pm, outside the
 Crichton Chapel
 17th of May 2026



www.ancient-pathways.co.uk - Forest Church!



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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