





St J's Diary & Notices: THREE WEEKS commencing Sunday, 05/07/2026

			
(1 st in month) Sunday, 05/07/2026 Trinity 5 / Pentecost 6	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 06/07/2026	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	Will then be closed until Monday, 20/07/2026. See notice below
Tuesday, 07/07/2026	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
Wednesday, 08/07/2026			
Thursday, 09/07/2026	19.00	Prayer Meeting/ discussion on last Sunday's gospel	Paused for July; planning to restart early August
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 10/07/2026	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	Closed for hols. See notice below
	12.00	Friday Prayers for World Peace (Church)	30 mins or so, followed by tea/coffee. All welcome. Just show up.
Saturday, 11/07/2026			
(2 nd in month) Sunday, 12/07/2026 Trinity 6 / Pentecost 7	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	Fairtrade stall in Hall afterwards. More info below.
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org , *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 13/07/2026	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	Closed for hols. See notice below
Tuesday, 14/07/2026	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	

			
Wednesday, 15/07/2026	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
Thursday, 16/07/2026	14.30	MU Concert Tea Party (Hall)	Admission by ticket only. See notice below.
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 17/07/2026	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	Closed for hols. Reopens Monday, 20/07/2026
	12.00	Friday Prayers for World Peace (Church)	30 mins or so, followed by tea/coffee. All welcome. Just show up.
Saturday, 18/07/2026			
(3 rd in month) Sunday, 19/07/2026 Trinity 7 / Pentecost 8	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	14.00	Forest Church	Meet outside Crichton Church, dressed for weather
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org . *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter

Monday, 20/07/2026	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	Re-opens today after hols
Tuesday, 21/07/2026	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
Wednesday, 22/07/2026	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	Mary Magdalene
Thursday, 23/07/2026	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.

Friday, 24/07/2026	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, 25/07/2026			

			
(4th in month) Sunday, 26/07/2026 Trinity 8 / Pentecost 9	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.
	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.

The Church Office will be closed from Tuesday, 08/07/2026, until Monday, 20/07/2026. I will still have my church phone and access to email, What's App etc., but response times will be slower. Any

problems regarding access etc., please speak to Annette Beagrie, Billy Riddick, Jean Chalmers, Robyn Brotherston or John Mann, who, between them, will be looking after locking/unlocking etc. during that time. Any urgent maintenance issues, please talk to Annette in the first instance. *David*

After the service on **July 12th** 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.

One or two people who were absent on the Sunday this was announced may not have realised that **Margaret Morton** has decided to step down as **Vestry Secretary**. Margaret was Vestry Secretary throughout almost the whole of Janice's tenure as Rector, and it had always been her intention to step down when the new Rector was appointed. For well-rehearsed reasons, that whole process has taken longer than anticipated. In the meantime, David Kerr has volunteered to be Acting Vestry Secretary, at least until the AGM at the end of September; and we'll see what happens thereafter. Margaret, it hardly needs saying, has put in a great deal of faithful, efficient and caring service to being Vestry Secretary over her time in office, for which she deserves all of our grateful thanks. She will continue to fulfil other roles as part of our Congregation. And most, but not all, of you will be aware that **Christopher Pierson-Harvey** will likewise be retiring, as **Assistant to the Treasurer**, at the AGM. You will recall that our *actual* Treasurer is a professional accountant, Jennifer McDairmant. Christopher, assisted by Heather Barrington and others, has managed to navigate St J's safely through some extremely choppy financial waters during his time, and we are most grateful to him.

We're delighted that **Inna Roi** will be taking over his role, come the AGM. Inna has experience running a multi-branched organisation, and we're fortunate indeed that she has agreed to fulfil this role for us. More about all of this in the coming months, and at the AGM itself. . I will continue to chair the Vestry at least until the AGM likewise.
Annette Beagrie.

MU NOTICES

- **MU Concert Tea Party**

This event will take place in the Hall on Thursday 16th July at 2.30 – 4.00. As well as celebrating the 150th year of Mary Sumner's founding of MU, the Tea Party is to raise funds for the work of the Bethany Trust, one of MU's Projects. There will be around 90 minutes of entertainment, with tea and cakes provided. Tickets costing £5 will be available from MU members. Prizes for the raffle will be gratefully accepted by Carolynne. Further details on the poster at the back of the Pew Notes.

- During the summer months, Ann Wren is completing a **hymn playing challenge** as part of the Mothers' Union 150 celebrations. Money raised will be for Mothers' Union Projects World-wide. Ann is playing hymns in the Scottish Hymnal (820 hymns) at various venues around Scotland including St.John's. (usually Tues.evenings and Wed.mornings) Please see Carolynne Sorell for the sponsor sheet. Thank you for your support.

MARK FRANKLAND of FIRST BASE sends his apologies for not having been here as scheduled on 21/06/2026. An accident to his mother in law necessitated a quick dash to Lancashire on Sunday morning, but he will be joining us for the 11.00 service **some time soon** to provide us with an update on FB's work with people in need; not just in Dumfries, but Region-wide. He very gratefully received the gifts people had brought for FB that Sunday. The box remains in the hall for

any further kind donations and we'll ensure anything that ends up in it is passed on.

Some of you may remember pre-Covid, various people had **cushions** they'd brought in to mitigate the effect of the pews, and that these were, one might say, rather zealously removed, allegedly for infection control. We've been having a clear out and discovered a cache of them. They've been (re)-washed and are available at the back of the church for you to reclaim (if yours) and either take home, or we might see if we can store them, week by week, for use when you want them. Let me know what you think. *David*

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NEWS

Ukrainian Kids

By admin | 25 May 2026 | No Comments



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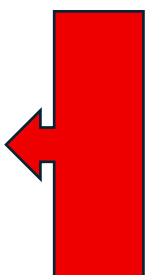
Fiona Crudgington is raising money for Abernethy

33% £3,375 raised of £10,000 target by 62 supporters

Some of you may remember the visit of Ukrainian children to Dumfries last year. This is to give them some relief from the war.

Fiona Crudgington is raising funds to help this years group make the journey

you can support her here:



Here's the link to the fundraising page:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/fiona-crudgington-](https://www.justgiving.com/page/fiona-crudgington-2026?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

[2026?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/fiona-crudgington-2026?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL) Or you can donate **directly** to the Abernethy trust which allows for gift aid and smaller transaction fees. <https://www.abernethy.org.uk/donate/> the option Ukrainian appeal can be selected from the drop down box.

THE RUSHNYK (Ukrainian Tapestry) has now been safely lowered and rolled ready to travel to its next destination.

You can get a taste of the experience on YouTube though!

<https://youtu.be/1Ersv7X6c0Q> This has been a technical challenge, but what a reward to walk under prayers woven into cloth. There was a steady stream of people dropping in to experience the installation. People were stunned by its beauty, and by the concept, reminiscent of the Tapestry of Scotland, as well as its sadly immediate relevance. Thanks to Tatyana and to Simon Lidwell for organising its hosting in St John's. You can read more about it on the Quartz page on St J's website or at www.ancient-pathways.co.uk

CONCERT TEA PARTY

TICKETS £5

from Mothers' Union members
IN AID OF THE
MOTHERS' UNION PROJECT
BETHANY TRUST

Celebrating 150 years of the

Mothers' Union 1876-2026

RAFFLE
~ prizes
gratefully
received

**ENTERTAINMENT
SUMMER TEA**

**THURSDAY
16TH JULY
AT 2.30-4.30PM**

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH
NEWALL TERRACE, DUMFRIES, DG1 1LW**



