

St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 06/09/2026

			
(1 st in month) Sunday, 06/09/2026 Trinity 14 / Pentecost 15	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	18.00	Choral Evensong (Church)	Resumes this evening.
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 07/09/2026	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	10.30-13.00	Fibromyalgia Group: Cupcake Making Workshop (Hall)	
	15.00	Pastoral Group (Choir Vestry)	
	18.00-20.00	Mystery Evening (Hall)	For P1-4 age children. 07754 596140 / 07520 006290 for details.
Tuesday, 08/09/2026	10.00-12.00	Malory Nursery (Church & Hall)	
	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	Birth of Mary, Mother of our Lord
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Sep-Mar) (Hall)	But resumes next week
Wednesday, 09/09/2026	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	19.00	Choir Practice (Church)	

			
Thursday, 10/09/2026	14.00	Mothers' Union Eucharist (Church)	Postponed from last week. Rev Andrew MacKenzie presiding.
	20.00	MU Prayer Space (via Zoom) [Note: evening session only now on offer]	Open to all (not just MU members, not just females).
	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, 11/09/2026	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	Closing early – around 12.30 today
	12.00	Friday Prayers for World Peace (Church)	30 mins or so, followed by tea/coffee. All welcome. Just show up.
Saturday, 12/09/2026			
(2 nd in month) Sunday, 13/09/2026 Trinity 15 / Pentecost 16	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	12.15	Fairtrade Stall (Hall)	
	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.

Please note the Church Office will be closing early (about 12.30) on Friday, 11/09/2026, and will also be closed on Monday, 14/09/2026.

MU NOTICES

- 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 Sorrell for the sponsor sheet. Thank you for your support.
- **MU September Eucharist: MU's new programme** begins in September and should be available soon. However, please note, the Eucharist did **not** take place on the first Thursday (3rd) as normal. It will instead be held on **Thursday 10th September** in the church at 2pm. This is because there were no clergy available to conduct the Eucharist on September 3rd – hopefully, they were all away having fun! Fresh from his hols, this week it's Rev Andrew MacKenzie.

NEWS SUMMARY...

- We are moving closer to the sale of the Rectory and the acquisition of the new one. Various people from the congregation and elsewhere have accepted items of furniture etc from the old

Rectory and we will be arranging for a charity to collect what people don't want. Overall, we hope the properties might actually change hands in the middle of September. As mentioned previously, all stages of the transactions to date have been overseen and approved by the Rural Dean, Diocesan Architect & Surveyor, our Solicitors and the Vestry as Trustees of St J's.

NEW RECTOR FOR ST JOHN'S: The Rt Rev Dr Nicholas Bundock, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, is pleased to announce the **appointment of the Rev Diana Hall as Rector of St John's, Dumfries**. Her institution will take place on Wednesday, 9 December at 6.30pm in St John's Church, 8 Newall Terrace, Dumfries DG1 1LW .



Diana says, “I’m delighted to accept the call to become the next Rector of St John’s, Dumfries, joining a congregation with a reputation for ecumenism, a strong musical tradition, and creativity. I am looking forward to exploring how God is calling us to be Good News in Dumfries and beyond. I received a wonderfully warm welcome from everyone I met during the discernment process, and although I’ll miss the people of Leith, I’m excited to get to know you all, and to explore Dumfries and Galloway. My two spaniels will also be delighted to be living within easier reach of the hills!”

Diana currently serves as the Priest in Charge of St Margaret’s and Mustard Seed, Easter Road in our sister Diocese of Edinburgh. She is a Pastoral Supervisor, and a contributor on BBC Radio Scotland.

Bishop Nick says, “I am delighted that the Rev Diana Hall has accepted the invitation to become the next Rector of St John’s, Dumfries. Diana brings a wealth of experience, together with a strong commitment to mission, pastoral care, collaborative leadership and knowledge of the wider life of the Church. Her ministry has been marked by an openness to different traditions, a particular concern for those on the margins, and a real desire to help congregations grow in confidence and in their engagement with the communities around them.

St John’s is a wonderful church with an important ministry at the heart of Dumfries, and I am very much looking forward to welcoming Diana to the Diocese. Throughout the discernment process I was struck by her warmth, wisdom, depth of experience and her commitment to an open and generous Church. I believe she and St John’s will be a very good fit, and I look forward with real hope to all that God will do through their ministry together.”

Please pray for Diana and the communities of Leith and Dumfries.

AGM & ALL THAT...

The AGM of St J's Congregation will be held on Sunday, 04/10/2026

(also Harvest Festival) within the context of the 11.00 Eucharist; that is to say that, as usual, it will be convened towards the end of the service, adjourned for a bring & share lunch, resumed after lunch, and then it, and the service will conclude with the Blessing & Dismissal. Papers etc will be available beforehand and you can also ask the Church Office for electronic copies of these in due course (we'll tell you when they're ready). We'll start giving formal notice of the AGM in the required forms in a week or two. In the meantime, please note that, as well as the sad loss of Maxine Windsor from the Vestry earlier this year, three people: James Clark-Maxwell, Catriona Appleby-Strivens and Andy Bixler, as the three currently longest serving members, will be retiring. There will therefore be a number of places to fill, come the AGM, so would people please start thinking about whether this is a way they might serve our Congregation. You need to have been an actively involved member of St J's for at least a year to be eligible. The Vestry has already agreed to revisit its methodologies and pattern of meeting, and we'll be holding a BYAP (Bring Yer Ain Piece) lunch in the Church Office or Choir Vestry (TBC) **after the service on Sunday, 20/09/2026** to discuss that and for general information, particularly for those who haven't been on the Vestry either ever, or for some time. If you're thinking about whether you might stand for Vestry (this may involve a vote, but all will be explained), you're very welcome to come along. It shouldn't take very long.

Annette (Chair of Vestry); David (Acting Vestry Secretary)

CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING: we now have the details of the Coffee Morning on the 12th September in St George's Hall from 10am to 12 noon.

- Tea, coffee and refreshments will be served, there will be a number of stalls including Fair Trade and the cost will be a minimum donation of £4 for adults; children under 12 £2.50; family £12. I will have tickets in advance.
- St John's has been asked to oversee the "home baking" stall which includes jams, chutney and marmalade and garden produce if you have surplus. 2 requests for help, please—on the stall on the day and contributions for the stall. If you can make anything please will you let me have a list of the ingredients. We are asked about ingredients to which some folk are allergic.

- The other stalls will be a sales table and plants. Due to space the sales table can only really handle books, gifts and small items. Contributions of plants will be welcome
- Help is also needed to serve at the tables. You don't have to be there for the full 2 hours if that is not convenient.
- If you can contribute anything to any of the stalls you can bring it to St George's Hall between 4pm and 5pm on the Friday or from 9am on the Saturday. If it would be more convenient I can come and collect from you.
- If you can help at the stall or serving or if you have any questions please let me know.

Margaret Morton

QUARTZ: Some future dates...

All in September

- Saturday 19th To be a pilgrim – Wild Christian retreat day – near Wigtown
- Sunday 20th Forest Church as usual
- Saturday 26th “Faith and Art” Blacksmithing at Dumfries Baptist Church
- See <https://www.ancient-pathways.co.uk/news/future-dates/> for more details.



Lockards' Lunch is back! We're planning to go **today**, 06/09/2026, about 13.30, after church. You need to have pre-booked via our sign-up sheet; otherwise your place cannot be guaranteed. Lifts are available: please ask Annette or David.



In case you missed it in amongst the stuff about the AGM, please note that we will be observing **Harvest Festival** on Sunday, 04/10/2026, and there will be a **Bring & Share lunch** on that day.



ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
9 NEWALL TERRACE
DUMFRIES

BELL *Ring*ing

The group are keen to recruit more members to ring for a Sunday service, plus a regular weekly practice on Thursdays. Beginner sessions will initially take place on Saturdays.

From age 9 upwards

Please note the church bells are located up a spiral staircase with no wheelchair access.

www.facebook.com/stjohnsbells

Email: dumfries@sacr.org



Scottish Methodist Gathering

Gathering to Create

Dundee Friday 11th September to Sunday 13th September



We are really looking forward to welcoming you to the Gathering on Friday 11th September. Plans are now nearly complete, and we are delighted to share what is shaping up to be a creative, thoughtful, and joyful weekend together.

If you think you might be interested in this, please speak to Robyn Brotherston. There's a lot more information, for which there isn't room here.