

St J's Diary & Notices w/c Sunday, 13/09/2026

			
(2 nd in month) Sunday, 13/09/2026 Trinity 15 / Pentecost 16	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Youth@11; Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (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
Monday, 14/09/2026	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	Closed today. Reopens tomorrow.
	13.00-16.00	Fibromyalgia Group Cupcake making workshop (Hall)	
Tuesday, 15/09/2026	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Hall)	Resumes today ; all welcome; just turn up
Wednesday, 16/09/2026	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	19.00	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 17/09/2026	12.30	Mothers' Union Lunch & Guest Speaker (Hall)	See information 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.
Friday, 18/09/2026	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, 19/09/2026			

			
(3 rd in month) Sunday, 20/09/2026 Trinity 16 / Pentecost 17	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); 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.

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's new programme** has begun and MU Committee members have print versions for you.
- This week's visiting speaker, following lunch on **Thursday**, is **Rev Annie Rowley**, who will be talking to us about Mental Health Chaplaincy.

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 at the end 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)

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.

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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.

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WEEKEND RETREAT AT ALNMOUTH (SSF) FRIARY: FRIDAY 14TH TO SUNDAY 16TH MAY, 2027

Last time we did this was in 2020, immediately before lockdown. A provisional booking has been made for the above dates. Theme is as yet undetermined, but this kind of retreat is always a good opportunity both to advance understanding and to deepen relationships.

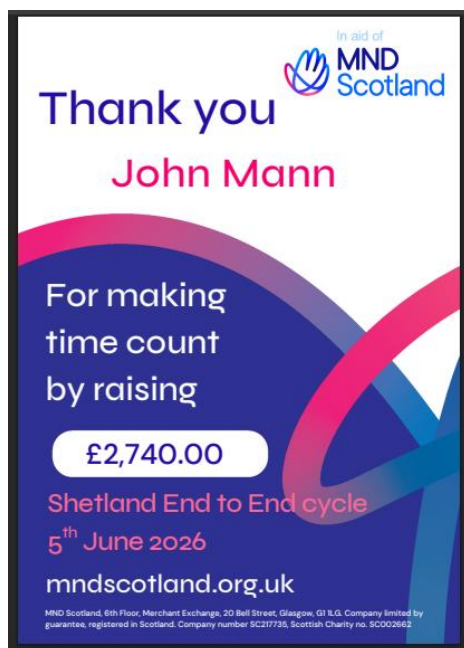
As things stand at the moment the Friary can accommodate 10 (and 3 more if they are willing to share in twin rooms). Transport can be arranged, whether we all travel in the one minibus (minimum 10 in the bus for it to be viable), or arrange lifts.

Cost (aside from travel) is a recommended donation of £60/night, but don't *not* come on that basis...some sort of subsidy may be possible and, indeed, some others attending may choose to pay more, so it should all work out. Talk to me or to Chris Wren to know more.

David

Thank you to everyone who supported my **cycle ride in aid of MND Scotland**. Without you...

John Mann



Mr John Mann

Dumfries & Galloway
DG1 3AQ

26 August 2026

Dear John,

Thank you for Making Time Count for the MND community in Scotland by cycling the End to End Shetland 100 mile challenge.

The money you raised totaling £2740.00 means so much to us.

Thanks to your support, we can continue to support families affected by motor neuron disease and fund groundbreaking research. We will keep working for better care, better research, and, one day, a cure.

Your donation will ensure that, whilst families are navigating the complex journey of an MND diagnosis, MND Scotland will be by their side.

From all of us at MND Scotland, thank you.

Best wishes,

Martin McInden

MND Scotland