

St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 01/11/2026

			
(1 st in month) Sunday, 01/11/2026 All Saints / All Souls	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	All Saints observed
	17.00	Choral Evensong (Church) (for All Souls)	Note earlier time: to accommodate event below:
	19.00	Festival of Remembrance (Crichton Church)	Crichton Campus, Dumfries DG1 4ZZ Tickets available on the door
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 02/11/2026	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	18.00-20.00	Joint Mystery Evening / Senior Investigating Officers for All Saints (Hall)	For Primary aged children, plus our older members. 07754 596140 / 07520 006290 for details.
	19.00	Healing Service Planning Meeting (Office or Choir Vestry, TBC)	
Tuesday, 03/11/2026	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Hall)	Just turn up
Wednesday, 04/11/2026	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	19.00	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 05/11/2026	14.00	Mothers' Union Eucharist (Church)	See detail 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, 06/11/2026	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, 07/11/2026			

(2 nd in month) Sunday, 08/11/2026 Remembrance Sunday	10.15 Note earlier start	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	Includes Act of Remembrance (outside); bring appropriate clothing if planning to join this.
	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) we no longer have that number
- 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.

REMEMBRANCE: As well as the usual Remembrance Sunday service on Sunday, 08/11/2026, [**Please remember that it starts early., at 10.15**] St John's will also be hosting a more informal service and Act of Remembrance on Wednesday, 11/11/2026. This will be in place of the usual 10.30 Wednesday service and will be non -eucharistic as we are expecting a number of people from the town, including schoolchildren, and the service, which will be short, will be more tilted towards them.

FIRST BASE: There's a box, next to the MU one, in the Hall, to receive non-perishable gifts. Thank you. *Annette adds...*

- It was great to welcome Mark Frankland back to St John's recently. Sadly the work he and First Base do is even more relevant today than it was last time Mark was with us.
- Mark reminded us that Trussell Trust no longer operates in Dumfries and Galloway... First Base is the only Food Bank.
- Mark gave us details of the area they cover, and the foods needed. He also told us of the charity he and his partner supported in Africa.
- There will be a more detailed report on Mark's visit to St John's and more about how we can help very soon.
- Jim thanked Mark , and challenged us .. what can we do.
- There is a Blue Box at the back of the church hall for donations..... how quickly can we fill it!!!!

MU:

The **next MU Eucharist** will take place **this week** on Thursday 5th November at 2pm in the Church. Rev Jim Booth will be presiding. There will be tea/ coffee and cake and lots of chat in the Hall afterwards. Everyone is welcome.

KEEP THE DATE:

We hosted this last year and it was a very moving event. Many Dfs clergy (including Jim) will have some input into it.



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: Help needed.

- On some of the days St John's will be helping by welcoming those coming and on others by serving refreshments. Please can you help? We did this last time and it was very enjoyable.
- There are rotas at the back of church. Please sign for any time you can offer. If a good number of us offer it will be an easy task.
- Any questions to Carolynne Sorrell for the stewarding arrangements and Margaret Morton about the refreshments.

See poster below re **Margaret Wostenholm's Retrospective Embroidery Exhibition.** Margaret was associated with St J's from the 1960s. Her son, David, is currently Priest-in-Charge at St Matthew's, Possilpark, Glasgow.

Margaret Wostenholm
Retrospective Embroidery
Exhibition

The Usual Place
Academy Street
Dumfries DG1 1BZ

Open Preview
Monday 19th October 2026 6pm

Runs until 27th November
Mon – Fri 9.30am – 4pm
Admission Free



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