St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 08/11/2026

			
(2nd in month) Sunday, 08/11/2026 Remembrance	**10.15 (Note earlier start)**	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Youth@11; Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	Includes Act of Remembrance outside. Bring appropriate clothing if intending to participate.
	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, 09/11/2026	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	19.15-21.00	Study Group (Church Office)	Currently studying: *John's Gospel: Exploring the Seven Miraculous Signs* 07754 596140 for details.
Tuesday, 10/11/2026	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Hall)	Just turn up
Wednesday, 11/11/2026	10.30	Short service and Act of Remembrance (Church) Refreshments afterwards (Hall)	Non-eucharistic. Contributions from local schools. Refreshments courtesy of MU.
	19.00	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 12/11/2026	20.00	MU Prayer Space (via Zoom) [Note: evening session **only** now on offer]	Open to all (not just MU members, not just females). See joining instructions 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, 13/11/2026	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, 14/11/2026	09.00-12.00	Romanian Orthodox Memorial Service (Church)	See info below

			
(3rd in month) Sunday, 15/11/2026 Trinity 24 / Pentecost 25	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	14.00	Forest Church	Dressed for the weather, we adapt to the mobility of those who join us, or participate online at ancient-pathways.co.uk
	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) 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 **today**, 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 **lunchtime meeting of MU** will be on **Thursday 19th November**. Our speaker will be Edith Reyntiens and the subject of her talk is *Mothers and Icons*. We see the Mother of God with her baby and occasionally weeping over her dead Son's body. This relationship of 33+ years will be explored and explained further, revealing the complex implications of The Mother of God's original 'Yes'.
- As this will be our **Regional Rally**, members and friends from the Castle Douglas MU Branch will be joining us. This means 2 things – an extra special lunch with puddings (!) and a slightly earlier start. We will gather from **12.15**, with prayers at 12.30, and lunch at 1pm. Please bring a sandwich, and soup, tea / coffee and puddings will be provided. Everyone welcome – just turn up.

- **Prisoners' Week, Scotland:** As we approach Prisoners' Week in the middle of November, we have received thanks from the Prison Chaplaincy for the £140 raised by our produce stall for the **Common Good Fund** at HMP Dumfries. This will be used in various ways to support prisoners. The generosity of St John's has been appreciated, and MU would like to thank all who in any way contributed to this effort.

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Prisoners Week Service: St Teresa's 19th November 7pm: A service organised by the Parish of St Teresa's to mark Prisoners Week is to be held at St Teresa's on Thursday 19th November 2026 at 7pm. All are welcome.

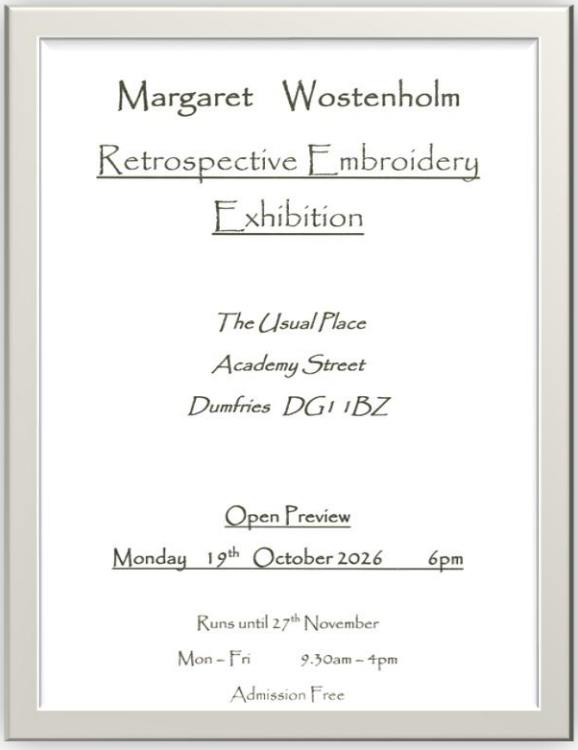


CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: Help needed.

- 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.

Some of us will know Anka Bell, who was the main contact person locally when the Romanian Orthodox Church used to use St J's of a Saturday morning. Whilst that church no longer meets here regularly, Anka has asked to use the church on **Saturday 14/11/2026 for a Memorial Service for her late husband,** formerly of the Scots Guards. Although essentially a private event, anyone particularly wishing to attend would be welcome to do so.

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.



Please note that the **Healing Service** which was to have taken place on the afternoon of Saturday, 14/11/2026 has been **postponed**. We'll let you know as soon as there is a new date for it.



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