St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 15/11/2026

			
(3rd in month) Sunday, 15/11/2026 Trinity 24 / Pentecost 25	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Youth@11; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	14.00	Forest Church (gather outside Crichton 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)	See posters
	Any time*	Service online	www.stjohnsdumfries.org. *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 16/11/2026	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	18.00-20.00	Senior Investigating Officers (Hall)	For P5-7 age children. 07754 596140 / 07520 006290 for details.
Tuesday, 17/11/2026	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Hall)	Just turn up
Wednesday, 18/11/2026	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	19.00	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 19/11/2026	**12.15 (Note earlier start)**	Mothers' Union Lunch & Regional Rally (Hall)	See details below.
	~~19.00~~	~~Prayer Meeting/ discussion on last Sunday's gospel~~	Cancelled for this evening. We'll be attending the Prisoners' Week service @ St Teresa's. (See below)
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact bells@stjohnsdumfries.org or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 20/11/2026	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.
	14.00	Funeral of Laurence Wilson (Church)	(Private family committal at Roucan Loch afterwards)
Saturday, 21/11/2026	12noon onwards	Dumfries Choral setting up; then concert (starts 19.30)	See posters

(4th in month) Sunday, 22/11/2026 Christ the King	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.
	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.

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. Bread 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.

- **Christmas Matters:** "It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas"– already! Two further things:
  - Our **Christmas Meal** will be at the **Woodlands Hotel on Thursday 17th December**. We will gather at 12 pm with lunch at 12.30,and it will be £24.50 for 2 courses, plus tea/coffee and a warm mince pie to finish. If you would like to come along, please just speak to any MU member, and be assured of a warm welcome.
  - MU would like to ask the Congregation's help **in providing Christmas "goodies" for the women and children** being supported by Women's Aid. Chocolates, vouchers for Tesco's or Morrisons, nice toiletries, would all be gratefully received. There is a box at the back of the Hall, and we would like to thank you in advance for your generosity, which is always forthcoming.

INSTITUTION of the Rev Diana Hall as Rector of St J's: Wednesday, 09/12/2026: Every member of the Congregation for whom we have a valid email address should, by now, have had an invitation to the Institution service on Wednesday, 09/12/2026. If you haven't had one, please check your spam folder and, if you still don't find it, please check with the office that we have your correct email address. **And if you're not on email, please accept this (below) as your invitation to the Institution**. It would be helpful, both for seating, and catering, reasons, if we have an idea of how many to expect, **so please would you either reply to the invitation by email, stating numbers attending, or add your name to the sign up sheet at the back of the church.** There's also an apologies sheet and, if you can't attend, please likewise put your name on that, so we can let someone else have your sausage roll. Any queries, please ask. *David*



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.

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.





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