St J's Diary & Notices: w/c Sunday, 22/11/2026

			
(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
Monday, 23/11/2026	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, 24/11/2026	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	
	19.15	Short Mat Bowling (Hall)	Just turn up
Wednesday, 25/11/2026	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	
	19.00	Choir Practice (Church)	
Thursday, 26/11/2026	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, 27/11/2026	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.
	19.30	St J's Quiz Night	Just turn up. All welcome.

Saturday, 28/11/2026	17.00	Christmas Candlelight Concert (Church)	Please note this concert is being staged by an outside organisation. Tickets can be booked (easiest by Googling Christmas Candlelight Concert, Dumfries), but St J's does not have tickets to sell, and is merely providing the venue.
(5th in month) Sunday, 29/11/2026	09.30	Matins (Church)	
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	
	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.

INSTITUTION of the Rev Diana Hall as Rector of St J's: Wednesday, 09/12/2026: Every member of the Congregations (St J's & Maxwelton) 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*



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: More help needed!

- Thank you to those who have offered to help with either serving refreshments or stewarding but we need more. If you are put off helping with refreshments because you do not know how to work the Buffalo coffee maker or the dishwasher fear not. There will be somebody there who does.
- There are rotas at the back of church for stewarding and for serving refreshments. 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



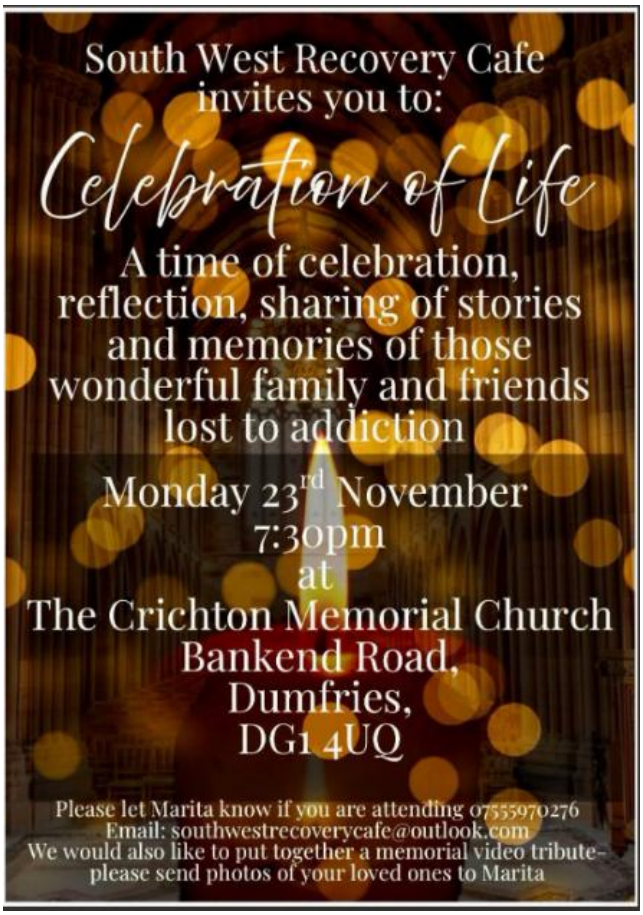
MU Notices for Sunday 22nd and 29th November 2026

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday 3rd December at 2pm and will be in the form of an ***Agape***. With apologies to those with mobility difficulties, we will meet in the Choir Vestry – AKA The Green Room – in order not to disrupt the Christmas Tree Festival. Revd Andrew MacKenzie will be presiding. The Agape will be followed by tea and cake as usual and everyone is welcome.

We at 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.

Our **MU 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.





Dear Church Administrator,

I'm contacting you on behalf of Enable Driving Instructors Limited to ask for your help in promoting an upcoming free community event in Dumfries.

On Saturday 5th December 2026, from 9am to 4pm, we're hosting free driving assessments for people aged over 70 at our office at Platform 2, Dumfries Train Station.

The purpose of the event is to support older drivers in maintaining their confidence, independence and safety on the road.

The assessments are friendly, informal and pressure-free, providing an opportunity for drivers to receive personalised feedback and practical advice from an experienced driving instructor.

We appreciate that churches play an important role in bringing communities together and reaching people who may not otherwise hear about local opportunities.

We would be extremely grateful if you could help us by:

Sharing our attached event poster with your congregation.
Including the event in any church newsletters or weekly announcements.
[…]
Our aim is simply to make this free opportunity accessible to as many local older drivers as possible.

Thank you for considering our request. Any support you can offer would be very much appreciated.

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