









# ST JOHN'S, DUMFRIES: 2021/22 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DIARY & NOTICES

			
(3 <sup>rd</sup> in month) Sunday, 19/12/2021 Advent 4	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	Please book (07572 006290) by 16.00 on Fri, if possible
	14.00	Zoom Coffee	07487 653069 for joining details
	14.00	Forest Church	Meet outside Crichton Church, dressed for weather
	<del>18.00</del>	<del>Sung Evensong (Church)</del>	Resumes January
	Any time*	Service online	<a href="http://www.stjohnsdumfries.org">www.stjohnsdumfries.org</a> . *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 20/12/2021	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	15.00-18.00	Malory Nursery After School Group Christmas Party (Hall)	
Tuesday, 21/12/2021	09.00-13.00	Malory Nursery Christmas Party (Hall)	
	<del>14.00-16.00</del>	<del>Church open for private prayer</del>	Suspended: will be reviewed towards Easter
	17.45	A Time for Meditation (Meeting Room)	Just turn up
	18.30	1982 Eucharist	Please book (07572 006290) by 16.00 on Monday, if possible
	Any time*	Meditation online	<a href="http://www.stjohnsdumfries.org">www.stjohnsdumfries.org</a> . *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
	<del>19.15</del>	<del>Short Mat Bowling (Sep-Mar) (Hall)</del>	Resumes January
Wednesday, 22/12/2021	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	Please book (07572 006290) by 16.00 on Monday, if possible
	18.30	Choir Practice (Hall)	
	??	Christmas Flower Arranging (Church)	Volunteers welcome
Thursday, 23/12/2021	19.00	Bible Discussion (Zoom)	Doubtful: TBC
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact <a href="mailto:bells@stjohnsdumfries.org">bells@stjohnsdumfries.org</a> or 07754 596140 if not a regular.





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Friday, 24/12/2021 Christmas Eve	<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED TODAY</b>		
	NO PRIVATE PRAYER TODAY; Suspended meantime. To be reviewed towards Easter		
	09.00-14.00	Christingle Preparation (Church)	Volunteers welcome
	16.00	Christingle Service (Church)	Please book beforehand (07572 006290) if possible
	<del>18.30</del>	<del>Festival of Carols (Crichton Memorial Church)</del>	Cancelled, with much regret.
	23.30	Midnight Eucharist of the Nativity (Church)	Please book beforehand (07572 006290) if possible
Saturday, 25/12/2021 Christmas Day	09.30	Holy Communion for Christmas	Maxwelton Chapel, Moniaive DG3 4DX, just off B729 between Wallaceton and Moniaive
	11.00	Christmas Morning Family Eucharist (Church)	Please book beforehand (07572 006290) if possible
	18.00	[No Evening Service]	
(4th in month) Sunday, 26/12/2021 1 <sup>st</sup> after Christmas	09.15	Sunday Worship: Crichton Memorial Church	Crichton Campus, Dumfries DG1 4ZZ
	<del>09.30</del>	<del>Holy Communion @ Maxwelton Chapel</del>	None today
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	Please book (07572 006290) by 16.00 on Fri, if possible
	<del>14.00</del>	<del>Zoom Coffee</del>	Resumes 09/01/2022
	<del>18.00</del>	<del>Contemporary Worship (Church)</del>	None today
	Any time*	Service online	<a href="http://www.stjohnsdumfries.org">www.stjohnsdumfries.org</a> . *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 27/12/2021 St Stephen, Martyr	<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED THIS WEEK</b>		
	10.00	1982 Eucharist (Church)	Church will be open for this service only.
Tuesday, 28/12/2021 St John, Evangelist	10.00	1982 Eucharist (Church)	Church will be open for this service only.
	<del>14.00-16.00</del>	<del>Church open for private prayer</del>	Suspended; to be reviewed towards Easter
	<del>17.45</del>	<del>A Time for Meditation (Meeting Room)</del>	None today; resumes January
	<del>18.30</del>	<del>1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)</del>	None today (but see 10.00 today)
	Any time*	Meditation online	Resumes January

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	<del>19.15</del>	<del>Short Mat Bowling (Hall)</del>	Resumes January
Wednesday, 29/12/2021 Holy Innocents	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	Church will be open for this service only.
	<del>18.30</del>	<del>Choir Practice (Hall)</del>	Holidays
Thursday, 30/12/2021	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact <a href="mailto:bells@stjohnsdumfries.org">bells@stjohnsdumfries.org</a> or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
Friday, 31/12/2021	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED TODAY		
	NO PRIVATE PRAYER: Suspended meantime; to be reviewed towards Easter		
Saturday, 01/01/2022 New Year's Day	<del>10.15</del>	<del>Romanian Orthodox Service</del>	None today: will take place on Saturday, 08/01/2022
(1 <sup>st</sup> in month) Sunday, 02/01/2022	08.00	1970 Holy Communion (Church)	Please book (07572 006290) by 16.00 on Fri, if possible
	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play (Hall); refreshments afterwards (Hall)	Please book (07572 006290) by 16.00 on Fri, if possible
	14.00	Zoom Coffee	07487 653069 for joining details
	<del>18.00</del>	<del>Choral Evensong (Church)</del>	Resumes shortly
	Any time*	Service online	<a href="http://www.stjohnsdumfries.org">www.stjohnsdumfries.org</a> *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
Monday, 03/01/2022	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
	19.30	Ignatian CLC Meeting (Meeting Room)	
Tuesday, 04/01/2022	<del>14.00-16.00</del>	<del>Church open for private prayer</del>	Resumes Friday of this week
	17.45	A Time for Meditation (Meeting Room)	Just turn up
	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Lady Chapel)	Please book (07572 006290) by 16.00 on Monday, if possible
	Any time*	Meditation online	<a href="http://www.stjohnsdumfries.org">www.stjohnsdumfries.org</a> *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter
	<del>19.15</del>	<del>Short Mat Bowling (Sep- Mar) (Hall)</del>	Resumes next week
	19.30	Taizé-style worship (Church)	Just turn up
Wednesday, 05/01/2022	10.30	1970 Eucharist (Church), followed by refreshments (Hall)	Please book (07572 006290) by 16.00 on Monday, if possible
	<del>18.30</del>	<del>Choir Practice (Hall)</del>	Holidays

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Thursday, 06/01/2022 Epiphany	14.00	Mothers' Union Eucharist (Church)	Non-mothers and non-unionists equally welcome.
	18.30	1982 Eucharist (Church)	
	19.30	Bell Practice (Tower)	Please contact <a href="mailto:bells@stjohnsdumfries.org">bells@stjohnsdumfries.org</a> or 07754 596140 if not a regular.
	10.00-17.00	Church Office open	
Saturday, 08/01/2022	10.00	Romanian Orthodox Service (Church)	[Postponed from last week] All welcome; English language liturgy available
(2 <sup>nd</sup> in month) Sunday, 09/01/2022 2 <sup>nd</sup> after Christmas Epiphany	11.00	1982 Family Eucharist (Church); Godly Play Activity Bags available; refreshments afterwards (Hall)	Please book (07572 006290) by 16.00 on Fri, if possible
	14.00	Zoom Coffee	07487 653069 for joining details
	18.00	Contemporary Worship (Church)	Just turn up
	Any time*	Service online	<a href="http://www.stjohnsdumfries.org">www.stjohnsdumfries.org</a> , *Available on website from about same time as actual event & for some days thereafter

And, as always, if you need us, you can contact

- The Rector on 01387 254126 / 07487 653069  
/ [rector@stjohnsdumfries.org](mailto:rector@stjohnsdumfries.org)
- The Church Office on 07754 596140  
/ [pastadmin@stjohnsdumfries.org](mailto:pastadmin@stjohnsdumfries.org)

**Christmas Holiday Arrangements:** You'll notice that the Diary Grid published today covers the next three weeks. Please look at it carefully and note that, as usual, various activities and openings are suspended over the holiday period. The Church Office will be **closed** from lunchtime on Wednesday, 23/12/2021 until Monday, 03/01/2022. Over the holiday period, the Rectory landline (01387 254126) will either be answered, or will direct anyone with a pastoral emergency to somewhere to find help. The Pastoral Administrator phone (07754 596140) will be monitored, though less assiduously than usual. The Booking Line (07572 006290) will be monitored, though, again, on a slightly reduced basis. Any bookings

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made to this line will be acknowledged in due course. Since the diary grid and these notices are being prepared some time in advance, they may not be as up to date, by the time you read them, as we would like. Any important announcements over this time which do not appear here will be made by presiding clergy.

Please note that we have decided, reluctantly, **to suspend the Tuesday and Friday openings of the Church for private prayer**, though this will be reviewed towards Easter. There has been less and less uptake during the colder weather and Covid restrictions require us to have stewards in place if the building is open, to monitor and record comings and goings. In the end we felt it was too much to ask stewards to sit in a pretty cold church for a couple of hours at a time, when there were quite often no takers. It will, however, be reviewed towards Easter and, who knows, maybe the whole situation will be different by then...

We are creating a **Canopy of Angels** in the roof of St J's. You are invited to write something to remember a moment from the crazy few years we are living in, to remember a person, or write a prayer. All these personal moments will then be suspended like the canopies of stars and flames we have used before. Or if you prefer, simply use the act of folding or cutting out an angel to think through what we have experienced and what you hope for the future. Materials and guidance will be available in the Hall, after the 11.00 Eucharist for the rest of Advent.

Please take a moment to sign the **communal St J's Christmas Card**, designed by Mark Toner and on the table at the back of the church. At the same time, please leave a donation in the marked collecting box towards our Christmas Appeal – to be divided jointly between **Aberlour Childcare Trust** and **Open Doors**, our chosen charities. More information about both of these will be appearing in the Magazine and on displays at the back of the church. If you can, please also place a donation in the other box towards **Christmas Flowers** for the church.

We will be **making Christingles** in the Hall from 10.00 on Christmas Eve, 24/12/2021: please come and help.

As mentioned in the recent Vestry update, we need to make a **Canon 35 Application** (ecclesiastical planning permission) for some unobtrusive

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works in connection with improving the church Wi-Fi. There's a bit more detail about this on the website and on the lit noticeboard. Any queries, please ask me. *David Kerr / 07754 596140 / [pastadmin@stjohnsdumfries.org](mailto:pastadmin@stjohnsdumfries.org)*

There will be a **Mothers' Union Eucharist** on Thursday, 06/01/2022 at 14.00 as usual. All (not just mothers) welcome.




For many years, **St John's MU** has sent Christmas cards to the prisoners at HMP Jessiefield. Last year, Covid restrictions meant this was not possible. However, this year, following the December MU Eucharist and with tea / coffee to hand, those present set about writing the cards - 195 in total! There has been feedback from time to time about how much receiving a card and being remembered can mean.

**Special General Meeting:** as included in the Vestry Update there will be a Special General Meeting on the 16th January 2022 to hear the views of members of the congregation on the future use of the High and Nave altars. We will follow our usual practice of convening the SGM at the end of the I I am service, adjourning for lunch, which we anticipate will be on a bring your own basis, and convening the meeting when lunch is finished. The formal notice is on the noticeboard. If you need any further information please ask Margaret Morton, Vestry Secretary 01387 262734 or [secretary@stjohnsdumfries.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsdumfries.org)




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 **You are most welcome to join us for...**

## **Friday, 24/12/2021 (Christmas Eve)**

-  4pm: Christingle Service (St John's)
-  ~~6.30pm: Festival of Carols (Crichton Memorial Church)~~ **Cancelled, sorry**
-  11.30pm: Midnight Eucharist of the Nativity (St John's)


## **Saturday, 25/12/2021 (Christmas Day)**

-  9.30am: Holy Communion for Christmas (Maxwelton Chapel, Moniaive)
-  11.00: Christmas Morning Family Eucharist (St John's)
-  (No evening service)


## **Sunday, 26/12/2021 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas)**

-  9.15am: Morning Worship (Crichton Memorial Church)
-  (No service at Maxwelton Chapel today)
-  11.00am: Sung Eucharist (St John's)
-  (No evening service)


## **Monday, 27/12/2021 (St Stephen. Martyr)**

-  10.00am: Eucharist (St John's; church will be open for this service only)

## **Tuesday, 28/12/2021 (St John, Evangelist)**

-  10.00am: Eucharist (St John's; church will be open for this service only)

## **Wednesday, 29/12/2021 (Holy Innocents)**

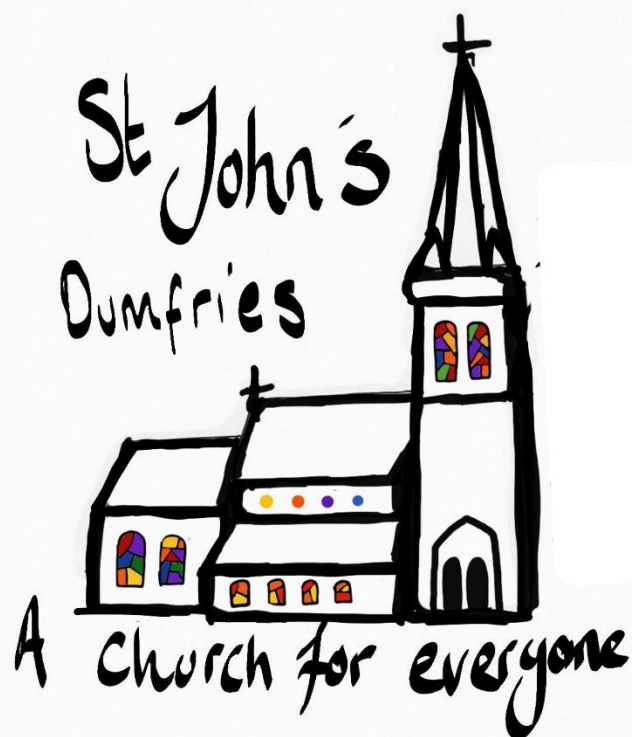
-  10.30am: Eucharist (St John's; church will be open for this service only)

**If possible, please would you book on 07572 006290 beforehand; we still need to record tracking details and, if we know you're coming, it saves delays when you arrive.**

**Please note also: we have suspended the openings of the Church on Tuesdays and Fridays for private prayer meantime. This will be reviewed towards Easter.**

**WISHING YOU ALL A BLESSED CHRISTMAS**

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