

Tonight:	6.30 p.m.	Quiet Service in Annan Old. This is a Service for anyone who does not feel like celebrating Christmas. There is only one Hymn at the end... Silent Night.
	7.00 p.m.	10+ in the Hall
Monday 17th	6.00 p.m.	Singing Group will be Carol Singing at Annan Court Care Home Normal practices resume, in the hall on 7th January 2019.
Tuesday 18th	10.00 a.m. 10.00-2.00.	Sew What? In the Hall Kate's Kitchen , The Beacon, Bank Street
Thursday 20th	10.00-2.00	Kate's Kitchen , The Beacon, Bank Street The Prayer/Bible Study Group are having a break over Christmas but will resume in January.
Friday 21st	9.30 a.m.	Newington Primary School Christmas Celebration. Everyone invited to join with the staff and pupils.
Sunday 23rd	10.00 a.m. 11.15 a.m.	Morning Worship in Dornock Church Nativity Service in Annan Old, with the children from our Sunday School.

If you do not have transport and cannot get a lift to Church but would like to come – just 'phone **07391 722 225** on a Sunday morning for the complimentary taxi and **Fox's Taxi** will pick you up and take you home again after Church.

Remember to inform the Minister, an Elder or Alasdair Campbell of any member who is in hospital, so that they can receive a visit if they don't know they can't go!

The 2019 Flower List is now in the Session Room – if you would be willing to provide flowers for the Sanctuary on a particular Sunday, please write your name beside your chosen date. The flowers are then distributed to folks who are unable to come to Church, Thank you.

- 24 December - Christingle Service in Annan Old at 6.30 p.m.
- 24 December - Watchnight Service in Dornock Church at 11.15 p.m.
- 25 December – Christmas Day Service in Annan Old at 10.30 a.m.
- 30 December – Service of Lessons & Carols, led by the Singing Group in Annan Old at 11.15 a.m.

Memory Tree
Once again, we have been given a Christmas Tree for the front of the Church, and are looking for people to sponsor a light in memory of a loved one who has passed away. We only need the name of the person being remembered and the donation. Please give Donations and names to the Treasurer or any Elder, or hand in any time when either church or hall is open. Names of those remembered, will again, be recorded on the notice board outside the Church, and will be remembered by name during the Service in Annan Old on 30th December. All donations will be passed on to the local branch of SHELTER.

Remember to save the stamps from your Christmas mail and give them to Jennifer for the World Mission Project.

Elders scheduled for duty next Sunday (23.12.18)
Jackie Wortley, Margaret Johnstone, Jack Houston, Heather Paul



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Sunday, 16th December, 2018
Third Sunday in Advent
Theme: Baby! What Baby?

A very warm welcome everyone, and a special welcome to all Visitors worshipping with us this morning.

We hope to be a welcoming, open congregation. Please feel free to be yourself and join in where you are comfortable. If you'd like to know more about us and our faith, please speak to someone who welcomed you at the door when you came in.

Welcome & Intimations

Lighting the 3rd Advent Candle

Hymn 314

Child in the manger

Prayer of approach and confession

All age talk

Hymn 310

See him lying on a bed of straw

Reading: Luke Chapter 2 verses 1 to 20 NT p75

Hymn 316

Love came down at Christmas

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn 296

While humble shepherds watched their flocks

Sermon

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 324

Angels from the realms of glory

Benediction

*Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen.
Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen.*

Please join us in the Hall for a coffee after the Service.

ONGOING APPEALS *Please prayerfully consider supporting them...*

Used stamps for World Mission Project... Please keep the stamps from your mail and give them to Jennifer to benefit this year's project – The Reformed Church in Transcarpathia b(Ukraine) helps to run a number of day care centres which provide educational, emotional, and physical support for children and young people with disabilities. The Stamp Appeal will support the young people to live life in all its fullness, and to enjoy opportunities to participate in society and family life. See posters - at both doors. For more details about the Care Centres, go to our Church website – annanoldparishchurch.co.uk – click on Events, then 'Special Events'.

Dried and Tinned Food for the Food Bank . Kate's Kitchen are asking if we could donate food for food parcels as they are anticipating a rise in requests because of Pinney's closure. They are looking for dried goods and long life goods, but will accept any donations. There is a box in the Hall vestibule for donations or they could be taken to the Beacon, Bank Street.

Items for women and children – to be passed to Women's Aid, Dumfries, who take care of women and children who often arrive at one of the Centres with only the clothes they are wearing – having left home suffering from physical, sexual, emotional or financial abuse. Donations of toiletries, nappies, good quality clean clothing, underwear, nightdresses, tinned and dried food for making up food parcels etc. would be gratefully received. For further information please speak to Jennifer or Alan Dodds, who would also forward your donations.

Provide Flowers for the Sanctuary – later to be distributed to the ill, housebound and bereaved, or donate to the Flower Fund – there is a box at each door – to finance Sundays when flowers are not being provided by members. See Alison Jackson for more details.

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Let us build a house – House Building Project in Nepal, to rebuild communities after the 2015 Earthquake. Donations can be given anytime to John Bicket, Church Treasurer.

PRAYERS

Please continue to pray, right after your lunch today, for our Church, Minister, Kirk Session and Church Organisations, Pray for the Guidance of the Holy Spirit and strengthened Fellowship within our Church, and pray that whatever the future holds, that God's will be done.

Pray for our Minister, **Rev. David Whiteman**, and for **Alasdair Campbell** our shared Pastoral Assistant.

Pray for our Presbytery - Remember the Presbytery Clerk, **Rev. Adam Dillon**, the Presbytery Moderator for 2018-2019, **Mr. S. Jeff Brown**, from Moffat, and for our Presbytery Elders, **Jennifer Dodds** from Annan Old and **Eddie Clark** from Dornock.

Please pray for the **Academy and Primary School Chaplains, in Annan**, as they continue their mission with the young folk of the town.

Remember in your prayers **Fridays in Faith**, the monthly 'spin off' from the Holiday Club. It is a time when families can come together to explore our faith in a safe, happy environment – learning through fun, craft work, games, food, etc. Pray for the Leaders, helpers and all the families who attend. **VENUE: The Hub, Ednam Street**, on the first Friday of each month The theme for this year is 'Love is the answer'. Everyone welcome.

PLEASE PRAY.....

Jesus said, "Let your light shine" - Read Matthew 5 v 16

This week, please pray for God's Blessing on the people living in the following streets in Annan.

Rose Gardens
Rosemount Crescent

Rose Street
Rosevine Terrace

Rosebank Terrace

Pray too for the people living in the following Streets in Eastriggs/Dornock

Singapore Road
Tasmin Place

Sydney Road
The Crescent

We may not know any of the people living there, but God knows and loves them all.

From Pray for Scotland



LONELINESS

'Father of orphans, champion of widows, is God in His holy house. God makes homes for the homeless, leads prisoners to freedom...' Psalm 68:5-6 (The Message)

Lord, please inspire churches in every community to reach out to the 1.2 million chronically lonely older people in the UK, to befriend and support them and to share the truth of the gospel. Amen.

Pray for people who are homeless, perhaps cut off from family and friends. Ask God to help them connect with agencies and individuals who can help them, especially through projects over Christmas that provide food, shelter, advice and friendly company.

INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY – 18.12.18

Pray for ongoing unity and wisdom among country leaders brought together by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, to respond to the record-breaking number of refugees and migrants crossing international borders. Ask God to draw near to each of these millions of individuals.

God of comfort, we bring before You those who are living through various stages of bereavement, having lost someone very precious to them. Please help these men, women and children to find ways to adjust and be able to face the future. Amen.

Pray for children and adults who live with disabilities and who are experiencing loneliness. Pray they will be linked with local organisations that offer opportunities to meet other people, find jobs and develop new interests.

Give thanks for organisations like The Samaritans and the many helplines manned by trained Christian volunteers to help people wrestling with a range of problems. (premierlifeline.org.uk; ucb.co.uk/pray; christianhelplines.co.uk)

Remember the increasing number of young people experiencing loneliness – often as online communication replaces real relationships. Pray that they would engage with sport, cultural and social activities, including Christian groups, that will enrich their lives.

From CARE Prayer Diary



Remember, at 6.30 p.m. tonight, in Annan Old, we have our 'Quiet Service', for those who do not feel like celebrating Christmas. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this Service, please bring them along.