

<b>Tonight:</b>	<b>7.00 p.m.</b>	<b>10+ in the Hall</b>
<b>Monday 3rd</b>	7.00 p.m.	<b>Singing Group</b> , in the Hall
<b>Tuesday 4th</b>	10.00 a.m.	<b>Sew What?</b> In the Hall
	10.00-2.00.	<b>Kate's Kitchen</b> , The Beacon, Bank Street
<b>Wednesday 5th</b>	10.00-11.30	<b>Bereavement Support Café in the Beacon, Bank Street. See ** Below</b>
<b>Thursday 6th</b>	10.00-2.00	<b>Kate's Kitchen</b> , The Beacon, Bank Street <b>The Prayer/Bible Study Group are have a break over Christmas but will resume in January.</b>
<b>Friday 7th</b>	7.00-8.30	<b>Fridays in Faith, in the HUB, Ednam Street 'Love and the Family' All welcome</b>
<b>Sunday 9th</b>	10.00 a.m.	<b>Morning Worship in Dornock Church</b>
	11.00 a.m.	<b>Sunday School in the Hall</b>
	11.15 a.m.	<b>Morning Worship in Annan Old</b>
	7.00 p.m.	<b>10+ in the Hall.</b>

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.

11 December – The Guild, in the Hall – Afternoon Meeting at 2.00 p.m.

Father Eddie McGhee – One journey – many roads.  
Festive refreshments will be served. *All welcome.*

16 December – Quiet Service, in Annan Old at 6.30 p.m. This is a service for anyone Who does not feel like celebrating Christmas.

*There will only be one Hymn at the end... Silent Night.*

21 December – Newington Primary School Christmas Celebration at 9.30 a.m. (AOPC)

23 December – Nativity Service at 11.15 a.m. in Annan Old

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.

**Please pick up your Life and Work Magazine from the Hall Vestibule or Elder's Pigeon Holes, after the Service today.**

**\*\* The Bereavement Support Café** is held on the first Wednesday of each month at The Beacon, Bank Street, Annan. Drop in whenever you wish between 10.00 am and 11.30 a.m. for tea or coffee and a chat in a friendly and understanding atmosphere. A quiet space is always available for one-to-one support with a member of our Bereavement Care Team if needed. You can be sure of a warm welcome. Contact Alasdair Campbell, Parish Assistant – Tel 758641 / [Alasdair.Campbell@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:Alasdair.Campbell@churchofscotland.org.uk)

**Elders scheduled for duty next Sunday (9.12.18)**

**Jackie Wortley, Margaret Johnstone, Jack Houston, Heather Paul**



## **Annan Old Parish Church of Scotland**

(also known as Annan Old) Scottish Charity No. SC010555

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## **Dornock Parish Church of Scotland**

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**Sunday, 2nd December, 2018**

**First Sunday in Advent**

**Service conducted by Alan Dodds**

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**

### **Call to Worship**

**Praise 291**

*When out of poverty is born*

### **Lighting of 1st Advent candle**

### **Prayers of approach to God**

### **The Lords Prayer**

### **All age talk**

**Praise**

*Give me oil in my lamp*

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning.

Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning.

Keep me burning till the break of day.

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,*

*Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!*

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,*

*Sing hosanna, to the King!.*

Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing,

Give me joy in my heart, I pray.

Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing,

Keep me singing till the break of day.

*Sing hosanna.....*

*Continued overleaf.....*

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving.  
Give me love in my heart, I pray.  
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
Keep me serving till the break of day.  
*Sing hosanna.....*

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting.  
Give me peace in my heart, I pray.  
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,  
Keep me resting till the break of day.  
*Sing hosanna.....*

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## Prayers for Advent

**Readings: Psalm 80 v/v 1 to 9** OT p587  
**Matthew Ch.1 v/v 18 to 25** NT p4

## Praise

God it was who said to Abraham,  
Pack your bags and travel on.  
God it was who said to Sarah,  
Smile and soon you'll bear a son  
Travelling folk and aged mothers  
Wandering when they thought they'd done-  
This is how we find God's people  
Leaving all because of one.

God it was who said to Moses,  
Save my people part the sea!  
God it was who said to Miriam,  
Sing and dance to show you're free  
Shepherd saints and Tambourinists,  
Doing what God knew they could-  
This is how we find Gods people  
Liberating what they should

God it was who said to Joseph  
Down your tools and take your wife  
God it was who said to Mary  
In your womb I'll start my life  
Carpenter and country maiden  
Leaving town and trade and skills-  
This is how we find God's people  
Moved by what their Maker wills.

In this crowd which spans the ages  
With these saints whom we revere  
God wants us to share their purpose  
Starting now and starting here.

So we celebrate our calling  
So we raise both heart and voice.  
As we pray that through our living  
More may find they are God's choice.

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## Sermon "Through the knotholes"

## Praise

Not the powerful, nor the privileged,  
Not the famous in the land,  
But the no-ones and the needy  
Were the first to hold God's hand

Not a well-established family  
With an heirloom christening shawl,  
But a homeless wandering couple  
Parented the Lord of all.

Not at first to little children  
Nor to those whose faith burned bright,  
But to adults stalled in darkness,  
Angels brought god's love and light.

God determined to be different  
From the standards we think best,  
In His choice of friends and family  
Lets forgotten folk be blessed.

Not obsessed by our achievements  
Worldly wealth or family tree,  
May we, in and with God's chosen  
Find our fondest pedigree.

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## Prayers for those who question God's plan

## Offering

## Prayer of dedication

## Praise 458

*At the name of Jesus*

## Benediction

*Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen.*

*Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen.*

*Please join us in the Hall, after the Service,  
for a cup of tea or coffee.*

**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](http://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 – **next Meeting Friday 7th December – 7.00-8.30 p.m.** 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.

Preston Gardens  
Prestonfield Road

Preston Park  
Princes Avenue

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

Gullielands Place  
Ladysmith Road

Halifax Road  
Lowthertown (Central East & North Roads)

Hobart Terrace

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

*From Pray for Scotland*



**LIVING FREE**

'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free.' Luke 4:18 (NIV)

**INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY - 2.12.18**

Lord, as we rejoice over Your coming into our world to rescue humanity from sin and death, we also pray for the estimated 40 million people, a quarter of them children, trapped in slavery today. Please grant success to those fighting to free them. Amen.

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES – 3.12.18**

Pray that there will be ever better provision for children and adults who live with a disability, both in the developing world where resources are very scarce, and in our country, which tries to promote inclusivity and support individuals.

Continue to pray for a positive outcome for the Modern Slavery (Victim Support) Bill. That people of power and influence will act to ensure that vulnerable trafficking victims receive proper protection and care as they rebuild their shattered lives.

Father, we long for the Good News to be increasingly proclaimed to those who are emotionally, socially and spiritually poor. Please bless all who share Your love that brings freedom and peace. Amen.

Remember former prisoners who need to find accommodation and work. Pray for Christian organisations that offer advice and practical support..

Give thanks for organisations that care for victims of trafficking and exploitation: Salvation Army, TARA, Migrant Help, Women's Aid, Unseen, Medaille Trust, City Hearts, Snowdrop Project, Hope for Justice, Beyond the Streets and many more.

Pray that the Government will act on the recent All-Party Parliamentary Group on Prostitution report Behind Closed Doors, which sets out the financial and personal cost of sexual exploitation and the need to reduce demand as this pulls traffickers and crime gangs to the UK.

*From CARE Prayer Diary*