

This week

**Christmas Eve
Monday 24th** 6.30 p.m. **Christingle Family Service, in Annan Old**
11.15 p.m. **Watchnight Service, in Dornock Church**
Retiring Offering for Christian Aid at both Services

**Christmas Day
Tuesday 25th** 10.30 a.m.. **Christmas Day Service, in Annan Old**
Retiring Offering for Christian Aid

Sunday 30th 10.00 a.m. **Morning Worship in The Baxter Hall, Eastriggs**
11.15 a.m. **Service of Lessons & Carols, led by the Singing**
Group, in Annan Old

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.

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 next Sunday, 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 - 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 Sunday School are having a Christmas break, and will resume on 13th January, 2019

Elders scheduled for duty next Sunday (30.12.18)
Campbell Jackson, Susan Bicket, Nettie Taylor, Irene Halkyard



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Sunday, 23rd December, 2018

Fourth Sunday in Advent

**The Nativity Service – with our Sunday School
and members of various Church Groups**



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 and Intimations

Carol 22 In the bleak midwinter (chosen by Friendship Club)

Lighting the Advent Candle – Betsy Henderson (Guild)

Reading: **Isaiah Chapter 9 v 2-7** - Aimee Carruthers (10 plus Group)

Nativity **The Story of the Quilt**

During the Nativity

Singing Group – Lights of the Christmas Tree

Congregation – The Angel Gabriel

The Angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All hail', said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favoured lady'.

Gloria!

'For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honour thee,
thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold;
most highly favoured lady'.

Gloria!

Continued overleaf.....

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said.
'My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name'
most highly favoured lady.
Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born,
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say,
'Most highly favoured lady'.
Gloria!

Basque Carol, adapted by Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924) CH4 285

Singing Group – As Joseph

Congregation – Little Donkey - **Carol 37**

Congregation / Sunday School sing first verse – Away in a manger **Carol 5**

Singing Group – Sheep

Singing Group – Riding High and Low

Singing Group – No Gift so Wonderful

Prayer Members of the Prayer Group

Offering

Prayer of Thanks

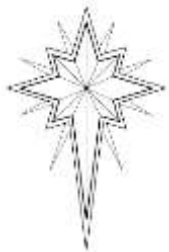
Carol 8 Come and Join the Celebration (chosen by Friendship Group)

Benediction

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen.

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



*Lord,
May we have the joy that inspired
Shepherds to visit the manger,
the vision that led wise men to bring their gifts,
and the determination, not only to
love the Child of Bethlehem,
but to follow the Man of Nazareth.*

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.



Scotts Street Scroggie Meadow Seafield Road
Seaforth Avenue Seaforth Park

Pray too for the people living in the following Streets in Eastriggs/Dornock
The Green The Rand The Rand Square
The Ridge

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

AMAZING GRACE

'He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Because of His grace He made us right in His sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.' Titus 3:6-7 (New Living Translation)

Father, during this Christmas week please help us to share with those we know the amazing grace and truth of the gospel. May the Holy Spirit convince people of their need to make peace with You through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pray for all involved in Christmas services and events today and tomorrow to know God's anointing of faith, hope and joy. Remember musicians, speakers and other contributors, especially those working behind the scenes to welcome and serve each visitor.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, we join with the angels and all the company of heaven to celebrate the wonderful truth of Your coming to earth as a vulnerable baby to rescue us from our sin! May the message of amazing grace ring out today throughout our needy world. Amen.

Ask God to strengthen and comfort anyone who could not fully enjoy Christmas because they are far from home and loved ones, coping with illness and other difficulties, grieving over loss or anxious about a work or home situation.

Intercede for God to pour out His amazing grace into the lives of those whom the world forget. Pray for those in places where the effects of conflict, famine and disaster still take their toll when the news media no longer report on it.

Give thanks that we have free access to the Bible, and for those who expound it through preaching, writing and via other media. Ask God to help us all to give His Word prime place; let it work in our lives to conform us to Christ's likeness.

Pray that throughout the world Churches would continue to demonstrate God's amazing grace and generosity as they give out to those in need: the hungry and homeless, the lonely and rejected, the victims and the wrongdoers.

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