

Tonight: 7.00 p.m. **10+ in the Hall**
 If you would like articles, diary dates or reports printed in the Christmas Newsletter, please let Rene Anderson have the information TODAY - Sunday, 25 November, at the very latest.
 Email: r.anderson@talktalk.net

Monday 26th 12.30 p.m. **Friendship Club**, in the Hall
 7.00 p.m. **Singing Group**, in the Hall

Tuesday 27th 10.00 a.m. **Sew What?** In the Hall
 10.00-2.00 **Kate's Kitchen**, The Beacon, Bank Street
 7.00 p.m. **The Guild**, in the Hall. **Speaker – Mr. Jim Brown, Rector of Annan Academy.** "Teenagers and the road forward". *All welcome*

Saturday 1st December 10.00-12.00 **COFFEE & CHAT** in the Hall.

Sunday 2nd First Sunday in Advent 10.00 a.m. **Morning Worship in The Baxter Hall, Eastriggs**
 11.00 a.m. **Sunday School in the Hall**
 11.15 a.m. **Morning Worship in Annan Old**
 7.00 p.m. **10+ in the Hall.**

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.

- 5 December – Bereavement Support Café in the Beacon, Bank Street. 10.00-11.30 a.m.
- 7 December – Fridays in Faith, at 7.00 p.m. in the Hub, Ednam Street.
- 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 see today's insert for an update from World Mission, telling us of the progress being made in Nepal after the 2015 earthquake, and thanking all who donated to this ongoing appeal.

Elders scheduled for duty next Sunday (2.12.18)
 Cath Foley, Jennifer Warwick, Peter Foley, Pat Jardine.



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Sunday, 25th November, 2018

Theme: Amazing Grace

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

Hymn 547

What a friend we have in Jesus

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

All age talk

Hymn 555

Amazing Grace

Scripture Reading: Ephesians Chapter 2 verses 1 to 10 NT p241

Hymn:

The Lords my Shepherd

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,
 He makes me lie in pastures green
 He leads me by the still, still waters,
 His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,
 and I will trust in You alone,
 for Your endless mercy follows me,
 Your goodness will lead me home.*

Continued overleaf.....

He guides my ways in righteousness,
and He anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

*And I will trust in You alone,
and I will trust in You alone,
for Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for You are with me, and Your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

And I will trust.....

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Prayer of Intercession

Hymn 159

Lord, for the years

SERMON

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 160

Praise, my soul

Benediction

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen.

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***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 – 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.

Old Mill Court
Plumdon Park Avenue

Park View
Port Street

Plumdon Road
Preston Court

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

Dunedin Road

Durban Road

Edmonton Drive
Gillwood Place

Farms in and around Dornock/Eastriggs



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

From Pray for Scotland



Let Us Build a House Update

We would like to say a huge thank you to all who have donated to the 'Let us build a house' project following the earthquake in Nepal in April 2015. A fantastic £476,891.07 has been raised so far.

OPPRESSED PEOPLE

'He will not crush the weakest reed or put out a flickering candle. Finally, He will cause justice to be victorious. And His name will be the hope of all the world.' Matthew 12:20-21 (New Living Translation).

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Father of mercies, please bring to an end the cruelty and oppression that is experienced by so many women. Often, at the hands of their partner or close family members, in war and through practices like female genital mutilation and forced marriage. Amen.

Remember the 700,000 Rohingya people who over a year ago were driven violently from their homes in Myanmar to live in camps in Bangladesh. Pray for a resolution to this tragedy, and that essential supplies and services will continue to be provided.

Intercede for the millions of men, women and children around the world, enslaved and in despair of ever being released from their misery of hard labour, sexual exploitation, fighting in wars and other situations. Pray for their freedom.

RED WEDNESDAY - 28.11.18

God of justice, may this 'Red Wednesday', as thousands of buildings are lit up in red to stand with those who face injustice because of their religion or beliefs, send a powerful message to those able to bring freedom to persecuted people. Amen.

Pray for people, especially young men and women, who have been lured into joining dangerous cults and terrorist organisations. Ask God to help those who now want to leave and return home but may face criminal charges.

Give thanks that the Holy Spirit can break every chain of sin and oppression, and that through His presence and power in our lives we, His people, are being sent, inspired and equipped to serve in His Kingdom by sharing His grace, truth and freedom with others.

WORLD AIDS DAY – 1.12.18

Pray that people worldwide would take this opportunity to show support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness. Remember the medical and nursing staff who look after patients, and family members and friends caring for them.

From CARE Prayer Diary

We have received a short update from our partner organisation, United Mission to Nepal to tell us how the earthquake reconstruction work is progressing. Our Mission Partner, Joel Hafvenstein, who is UMN'S CEO tells us that the work continues to go well and shares some of the achievements of their Dhading disaster response:

- Eight Drinking Water Schemes have been completed – that is from source to taps, often many miles of pipes laid!
 - 35 schools with 48 blocks (102 classrooms) have been constructed.
 - 37 school toilets have also been constructed.
 - Child-friendly teaching learning materials have been provided to all schools along with training to teachers in how to use them.
 - 13 schools so far have completed a school disaster risk management plan, and the others are working on it.
 - 350 household toilets and 3 toilets for village health centres have been constructed
 - Five demo houses have been constructed, and four of them have been handed over to communities.
 - The many stone masons trained by UMN in building earthquake resistant housing are busy helping families in house reconstruction.
 - Bridges, pathways, agricultural irrigation schemes and small hydro schemes have also been constructed.
 - Individuals, families and community groups have been given social and psychological support through various training and counselling services.
- The work is completely finished in the southern parts of Dhading. This will be the case in much of the north over the coming months, and finishing the additional schools we agreed to build in some of the remotest areas by summer 2020.

Please turn over.....