

Tonight:	7.00 p.m.	10+ in the Hall
Monday 10th	12.30 p.m. 7.00 p.m.	Friendship Club , in the Hall Singing Group , in the Hall
Tuesday 11th	10.00 a.m. 10.00-2.00. 11.00 a.m. 2.00 p.m.	Sew What? In the Hall Kate's Kitchen , The Beacon, Bank Street Carol Service at Lydiavield. <i>All welcome</i> The Guild, in the Hall - Father Eddie McGhee – One journey – many roads. Festive refreshments will be served. <i>All welcome.</i> NB. Time!!
Thursday 13th	10.00-2.00	Kate's Kitchen , The Beacon, Bank Street The Prayer/Bible Study Group are have a break over Christmas but will resume in January.
Sunday 16th	10.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 11.15 a.m. → 6.30 p.m. 7.00 p.m.	Morning Worship in The Baxter Hall, Eastriggs Sunday School in the Hall Morning Worship in Annan Old 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. 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.

- 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.

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.

Elders scheduled for duty next Sunday (16.12.18)
Jackie Wortley, Margaret Johnstone, Jack Houston, Heather Paul

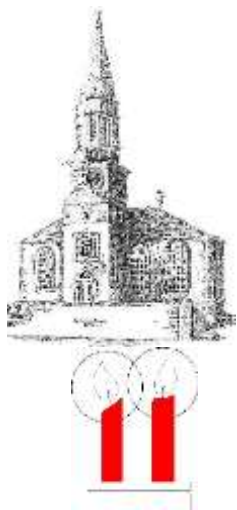
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Sunday, 9th December, 2018 Second Sunday in Advent Theme: Why Bethlehem?

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 286

Tell out, my soul

Prayer

All age talk

Hymn 302

It was on a starry night

Reading: Micah Chapter 5 verses 2 to 5 OT p900

Hymn 305

In the bleak midwinter

Prayers of intercession

Hymn 303

It came upon the midnight clear

Sermon

Offering and dedication

Hymn 304

O little town of Bethlehem

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.

Queensberry Street
Riverpark

Queensberry Court
Riverside Walk

Queensway

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

Melbourne Avenue
Ottawa Road

Melbourne Court
Pretoria Road

Millbrae

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

From Pray for Scotland



INTEGRITY AND TRANSPARENCY

'Walk as children of light, for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but Instead expose them.' Ephesians 5:8-11 (English Standard Version)

INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY - 9.12.18

God of all truth and light, please expose politicians, public officials, civil servants, managers, board members and business people who abuse their position to gain power, status and wealth. Grant protection and success to those fighting corruption throughout the world. Amen.

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY – 10.12.18

Pray for more governments to honour the 1948 Declaration of Human Rights. Ask God to help politicians, campaigners and journalists who are in potential danger as they stand for justice where the right to live in freedom is under threat.

Pray about the growing prevalence of 'fake news' and the potential for social media to influence people's beliefs and attitudes for good or ill. This is being increasingly regarded to be a real threat to the integrity of our democratic institutions and to the voices of truth.

Lord, please strengthen us to speak and act according to Your standards of integrity and transparency personally, at work, in our communities and within the church. Forgive us when we fall short and help us to encourage others to live in the light. Amen.

Pray for growth in the Fairtrade movement as more of us demand that companies pay sustainable prices to farmers and workers in the developing world; provide better working conditions; and develop the land in a sustainable way.

Give thanks for Christians and others in business who do not compromise by undertaking work they believe to be wrong, taking dubious short cuts or dealing with dishonest people. Ask God to reward their integrity and to uphold their reputation.

Pray about the corruption risks in sport, through dishonesty in how they are governed; in the planning of major events; match-fixing; and drug taking. Ask God to give courage to people of integrity who want to expose wrongdoing in every kind of sport.

From CARE Prayer Diary