

Today:	7.00 p.m.	10+ Youth Group in the Hall.
Monday 8th	7.00 p.m.	Singing Group , in the Hall
Tuesday 9th	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. The speaker is from Women's Aid in Dumfries. Many members of the Congregation generously support this Charity, so please come along and hear more about it.
Thursday 11th	10.00-2.00	Kate's Kitchen , The Beacon, Bank Street
	2.00 p.m.	Prayer & Bible Study Group , in the Session Room. Everyone Welcome.
	7.00 p.m.	Annan Old Kirk Session Meeting , in the Hall
Friday 12th	7.00 p.m.	Singing Group "IN CONCERT" in the Church. Refreshments in the Hall during the interval. Tickets only £5. (which includes refreshments) See Jennifer or Singing Group members but don't miss it!!
Sunday 14th	10.00 a.m.	Morning Worship in Dornock Church
	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.

15 October – Friendship Club in the Hall, at 12.30 p.m.

28 October – The Guild Rededication Service, during Morning Worship at 11.15 a.m.

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.



Operation Christmas Child 2018 Appeal.

The Big Box is back in the Church Hall. Any combination of goods or money will be very welcome. If you would like further information please contact Dave Paul or Pat Jardine.

The Shoe Box Packing Night will be **Wednesday, 7th November, at 7.00 p.m.**

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!

Please collect your Life and Work Magazine from the Hall Vestibule or Elders 'Pigeon Holes' after the Service this morning.

We are looking for Volunteers who would be willing to do the Bible Readings on a Sunday morning – if you could help, please see Esther Bicket

The Minister is looking for information on Elders Districts - a letter is available this morning in Elders 'Pigeon Holes'

Ella Irving (Pat's granddaughter) has once again, produced a beautiful, meaningful Christmas Card – now on sale in packs of 5 for only £3. All money raised will be donated to our Shoebox Appeal, to help pay for the transportation of our boxes. Please see Pat Jardine who has a supply of cards.

Elders scheduled for duty next Sunday (14.10.18)

Liz Collett, Eileen Martin, Hazel Sutherland, Ann Thomson



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Sunday, 7th October, 2018

Harvest Thanksgiving – Theme: Parable of the Sower

A very warm welcome everyone, 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: CH4 229

We Plough the fields and scatter

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Address to the Church Family the lost sheep

Hymn: CH4 231

For the fruits of all creation

Scripture Reading: Matthew Chapter 13 verses 1 to 13 NT p19

Hymn: CH4 233

Come, you thankful people, come

Prayer of Intercession

Hymn: CH4 500

Lord of creation

SERMON

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Please turn over.....

Hymn: *Bringing in the sheaves*

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Refrain....

*Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves,
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.*

Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,
Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;
By and by the harvest, and the labour ended,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Refrain....

Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master,
Though the loss sustained our spirit often grieves;
When our weeping's over, He will bid us welcome
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Refrain....

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Blessing

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.

Toiletry items for women and children – to be passed to Women's Aid, Dumfries. Donations can be given to Jennifer or Alan Dodds.

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.

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, 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 **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 2nd November – 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.

Kennels Road
Kimmeter Square

Keswick Place
Kimmeter Wynd

Kimmeter Place

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

Gullielands Place
Ladysmith Road

Halifax Road
Lowthertown (Central East & North Roads)

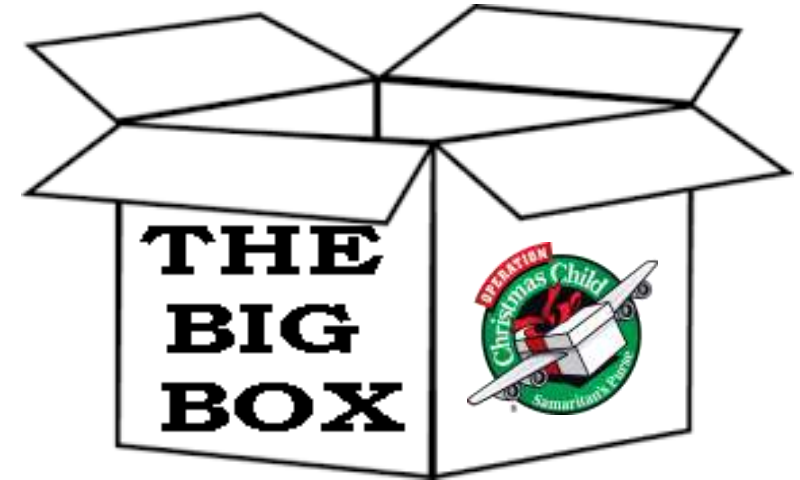
Hobart Terrace

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

From Pray for Scotland



Shoebox Appeal 2018



HEALING AND HOPE

'We look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, will be revealed. He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.' Titus 2:13,14 (New Living Translation)

Lord of life, thank You for the healing and hope that flow from the cross, where You died to redeem all who trust in You. You weep with us in our sorrows but one day You will wipe every tear from our eyes forever.. Amen.

Remember those who are experiencing serious relationship difficulties, feeling disappointed, betrayed, rejected and abandoned. Ask God to shine His light into their hearts, helping them to forgive and to make the best choices for the future.

Today, at the start of Baby Loss Awareness Week remember those who have experienced pregnancy loss or the death of their newborn baby. Pray that they will receive compassionate care and find a glimmer of hope amid their sadness.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY 1.10.18

Lord, please grant comfort and strength to all who live with mental health problems and enable them to find professional help where possible. We pray that many churches and other Christian agencies will be given basic training and encouragement to care for people in need. Amen.

Intercede for medical and nursing professionals in hospitals around the world who are fighting to save the lives of seriously ill and injured patients. Pray for courage and skill and ask that they will experience reassurance and comfort from God, especially when a patient dies.

Give thanks for all who are dedicated to bringing sustenance, healing and other relief to the most vulnerable in refugee camps, war zones, the worst slums and other areas where people live in desperate conditions. Ask God to bring them healing and hope.

WORLD HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE DAY – Palliative Care – Because I Matter.

13.10.18

Pray that more governments will recognise how important and effective palliative care can be for people with life-limiting conditions, and agree to invest more in this vital area of medicine. Ask God to continue to provide for the needs of the UK's outstanding Hospice and Palliative Care movement.

Adapted from CARE Prayer Diary

You will have noticed that the **BIG BOX** is in Hall Vestibule, hoping that you will once again, kindly donate items to fill the Shoeboxes which we will be **packing on Wednesday, 7th November 2018, in the Hall, at 7.00 p.m.** Anyone who would like to help, will be made very welcome.

Suggestions for filling the boxes are.....

Small toys – dolls, cars, soft toys (with CE labels) Harmonica, Yo-yo, skipping rope, balls, pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, felt tips, notebooks, paper, colouring Books, picture books, toothbrushes, toothpaste, bars of wrapped soap, combs, hairbrushes, face flannels, hats, gloves, scarf, hair accessories, jewellery, wind up torches, wrapped sweets (best before date must at least be March 2019)

Sorry, we are not allowed to include any of the following....

War related items such as toy soldiers, guns or knives, chocolate or other food items, liquids or lotions, bubbles, medicines, hand made stuffed toys, playing cards or mirrors.

As you will know, we have lots of boxes already packed, just waiting to be picked up, but when we think of the children whose only present this Christmas, could be one of our boxes it encourages us to fill as many as possible. Your generosity is never fails to amaze us – **thank you.** As we always say – **just imagine all those smiling faces when they open your box of love.**

STOP PRESS!!! Ella Irving has once again, kindly hand drawn, a lovely Christmas Card, to sell, to help pay for the transportation of our shoeboxes. **The A5 cards are now on sale in packs of 5 for only £3 per pack.** Please see Pat Jardine (Ella's granny) if you would like to buy some cards in support of Operation Christmas Child 2018 Shoebox Appeal.