

ANNAN OLD – Ongoing Appeals

Used stamps for FIF Project... Please keep the used stamps from your mail and give them to Jennifer to benefit current projects.

2023/24 Stamp Appeal - Firmly Planted: Agroforestry for Sustainability

Firmly Planted is a community-based agroforestry initiative with the ambition of making a sustainable impact across Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe. It is spearheaded by our partners in the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP), and built around the church's community structures. The initiative will resource individual groups to respond to the various challenges affecting Malawi today.

Agroforestry presents an opportunity to address challenges of food insecurity, deforestation, climate change and youth unemployment. Tree nurseries create employment opportunities, fruit trees improve nutrition and wider tree planting helps mitigate the impact of the climate crisis, in turn improving agricultural productivity.

Firmly Planted will provide community-based training tailored to the community's needs, ensuring woodlots are well maintained to have the greatest chance to thrive. The programme, through effective distribution, looks to attain large-scale tree planting of locally relevant woodlots – these could be linked to schools, churches, clinics and community groups. Having already established a pilot tree nursery, CCAP is looking to replicate this across the Synods by implementing Central Tree Nursery Hubs allowing each nursery to grow tree seedlings based on the needs of their communities. This year stamp appeal proceeds will go towards establishing the tree nurseries.

If you would you like to provide Flowers for the Sanctuary, please write your name beside your chosen date. After the Service the flowers are distributed to the ill, housebound and bereaved, or alternatively you might like to 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.

→ **The 2025 list is now in the Session Room.**

Help for Ukraine Newstart Recycle (23 Queensberry Street), continue collecting goods for the Ukrainian refugees. The type of goods required are blankets, towels, **good clean women and children's clothes, small toys for orphanages, school-wear, medication, dry food, toiletries, tinned food and pet food. Financial help would be welcome too.** (Duvets and pillows are not being sent but will be used locally).

PRAYERS

Please pray for our Interim Moderator Mr. Alan Dodds, Session Clerk Esther Bicket and the Kirk Session as they lead us through this time of change. Pray that during this time we may be guided by the Holy Spirit to strengthen the fellowship within the Church and pray that the Spirit may guide the right person to come to be our Minister.

Pray for Andy Morton as he serves as Moderator of Presbytery, and our Presbytery Elders John Bicket and Eddie Clarke.

Remember too Dave and Doreen at this difficult time, also remember those members of our congregation who are sick at this time.

Pray for our friends Petr and Jana Penaz and their Church in the Czech Republic

Remember in your prayers the people suffering from the Middle East conflict. Pray that a peaceful solution can be found to prevent the needless pain, suffering and deaths of innocent people. Pray too for an end to the conflict in Ukraine

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.

Windermere Avenue
Woodman Place

Wood Avenue
Battlehill

Woodman Avenue
Bellsprings

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

The Crescent
The Rand Square

The Green
The Ridge

The Rand

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

From Pray for Scotland

Please Pray for

Beechwood House Inverness

Offers residential rehabilitation, community outreach and social care to people affected by substance use.

- For those affected by substance use: may God show them new ways to manage problems which lead them to use.
- For service users past and present: may God continue to watch over them and keep them safe.
- Thanks for the way each member of staff shows enduring love and support to the service users and for their commitment in offering hope to the people who are struggling.
- For the families and friends who visit Beechwood: may God bring comfort when most needed.
- May God continue to bless the work carried out in all CrossReach services.
- For families affected by substance use: may God give them inner strength to walk tall during challenging times.

From CrossReach Prayer Diary

***Your Word is a lamp to my feet,
and a light for my path.***

from Psalm 119 verse 105 NIV

Bible Readings for the week to come

Sunday	1st	Psalm 30		
Monday	2nd	Luke 21	verses	5-24
Tuesday	3rd	Luke 21	verses	25-38
Wednesday	4th	Daniel 10	verses	1-11:2a
Thursday	5th	Malachi 1	verses	1-14
Friday	6th	Malachi 2	verses	1-17
Saturday	7th	Malachi 3	verses	1-18

I have seen the Golden Sunshine.

I have seen the golden sunshine,
I have watched the flowers grow,
I have listened to the songbirds
And there's one thing I now know,
They were all put there for us to share
By someone so divine,
And if you're a friend of Jesus,
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
You're a friend of mine.

*I've seen the light, I've seen the light,
And that's why my heart sings.
I've known the joy, I've known the joy
That loving Jesus brings.*

I have seen the morning sunshine,
I have heard the oceans roar,
I have seen the flowers of springtime,
And there's one thing I am sure,
They were all put there for us to share
By someone so divine,
And if you're a friend of Jesus,
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
You're a friend of mine.

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