

December 2024

Tuesday 17th 10.00 a.m. **Craft and Chat in Annan Old Hall. Everyone welcome**
Friday 20th 9.30 a.m. **Newington Primary School Christmas Celebration, in Annan Old. All welcome.**
Sunday 22nd 11.15 a.m. **Morning Worship
4th Sunday in Advent - in Annan Old
Everyone welcome.**

In Annan Old
On door duty next Sunday 22nd December – Fiona Kerr and Bobby Main
Counting & Banking - Cath Foley and Bobby Main
On teas next week, Sunday 22nd December – Jean Murchie and Elaine Bryson

The Flower List for 2025 is now in the Session Room. If you would like to donate flowers on a particular day, please write your name beside your chosen date.

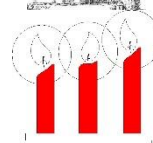
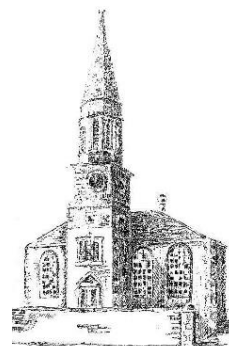
LOOKING AHEAD.....

24 December - Christingle Service In Annan Old at 6.30 p.m.
25 December - Christmas Day Service in Annan Old at 10.00 a.m.
6 January - Singing Group Practices resume.
8 January - The Guild in the Annan Old Hall.
Speaker – Rev. Nick Mark from the United Reformed Church.

Please remember to keep the stamps from your Christmas Cards etc. and give them to Jennifer to send off for this year's Stamp Appeal (see overleaf).

The Food Bank appeal is ongoing

*Tea and coffee will be served in the Hall,
after the Service. Everyone welcome*



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15th December 2024 Third Sunday in Advent Nativity Service



A very warm welcome to everyone Worshipping with us this morning. If you are a visitor or new to our town, you are especially welcome here.

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 8 *Come and join the celebration*

Lighting 3rd Advent Candle

Prayer

THE NATIVITY which will include the children singing....

*Twinkle, twinkle little star
Away in a manger – solo for the first verse and congregation sing verses 2&3*

The main theme is the following – and Rachel will tell us what to sing

*We're going on a star hunt We're following the big one
What a beautiful day We're not scared*

Alan will conclude the Service (maybe with a few more carols from the "Yellow Carol Book")

Prayer

Carol 20 *As with gladness men of old*

Benediction and Blessing

*Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen.
Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen.*

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.

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

Adelaide Place Baffin Place	Annan Road Bellevue Road	Auckland Walk Breakwell Avenue
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We may not know any of the people living there, but God knows and loves them all.

From Pray for Scotland

Please Pray for

Cale House. Inverness

Homeless accommodation for up to two years, for adults preparing for their own tenancies.

- For the work of CrossReach: may its people be blessed by God's encouragement, inspiration and strength
- Thanks for the gift of today: may all that is achieved be pleasing to God and benefit those served by the CrossReach team at Cale House.
- For hope and blessing on the people who use CrossReach services and on the wider community.
- For those who attend the service: may they find wholeness and hope for the future.
- For wisdom on how to live in this fragile world: may staff know God's protection as they work to support others.
- Thanks for God's grace and blessing: may these gifts be used for His glory as the team work with the people who attend the service.
- For strength and wisdom to find the best solutions to daily challenges.

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	15th	Revelation 7	verses	1-17
Monday	16th	Revelation 19	verses	1-21
Tuesday	17th	Isaiah 60	verses	1-22
Wednesday	18th	Isaiah 7	verses	1-25
Thursday	19th	Isaiah 8	verses	1-15
Friday	20th	Isaiah 8	verses	16-9:7
Saturday	21st	Luke 1	verses	1-25