

December 2024

**Tuesday 24th Christmas Eve** 6.30 p.m. Christingle Family Service, in Annan Old. Everyone welcome.

**Wednesday 25th Christmas Day** 10.00 a.m. Christmas Day Service, in Annan Old. Everyone welcome.

**Sunday 29th** 10.00 a.m. Morning Worship in The Baxter Hall, Eastriggs. Service conducted by Sue Jackson

11.15 a.m. Morning Worship in Annan Old. Service conducted by Sue Jackson.

In Annan Old  
 On door duty next Sunday 29th December – Hazel Sutherland and Neil Carruthers  
 Counting & Banking - Fiona Kerr and Neil Carruthers  
 On teas next week, Sunday 29th December – Janice Harvey

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.

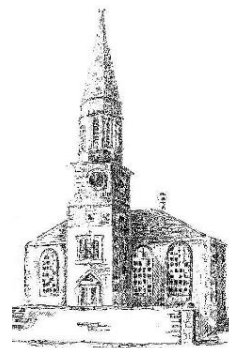
**LOOKING AHEAD.....**

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

*We wish you and your family a Very Happy,  
 Healthy and Peaceful Christmas.*



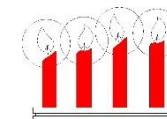
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**22nd December 2024  
 Fourth Sunday in Advent**



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**

**Call to worship and lighting the fourth Advent Candle.**

**Christmas is coming**

*'Christmas is coming!  
 the Church is glad to sing,  
 and let the advent candles  
 brightly burn in a ring.*

The first is for God's promise  
 to put the wrong things right,  
 and bring to earth's darkness  
 the hope of love and light.

The second for the prophets,  
 who said that Christ would come  
 with good news for many  
 and angry words for some.

The third is for the Baptist,  
 who cried, "Prepare the way.  
 Be ready for Jesus,  
 both this and every day."

*Continued overleaf.....*

*Continuation .....*

The fourth is for the Virgin,  
who mothered God's own son  
and sang how God's justice  
was meant for everyone.

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## **Prayers and The Lord's Prayer**

**Carol 8**            *Come and join the celebration*

**Reading: It's Christmas**

**Carol 14**            *Still the night, holy the night*

**Reading: We remember your promises**

**Carol 16**            *Child in the manger*

**Reading: Luke 2:1-20**

**Carol**                *It was on a starry night*

It was on a starry night  
when the hills were bright,  
earth lay sleeping, sleeping calm and still.  
then in a cattle shed  
in a manger bed,  
a boy was born king of the world.

*And all the angels sang for him,  
the bells of heaven rang for him,  
for a boy was born, King of all the world.  
And all the angels sang for him,  
the bells of heaven rang for him,  
for a boy was born, King of all the world.*



Soon the shepherds came that way  
where the baby lay  
and were kneeling, kneeling by his side,  
and their hearts believed again  
for the peace of men,  
for a boy was born, King of all the world.

*And all the angels sang for him....*

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**Reading: How old were the angels?**

**Carol 21**            *While humble shepherds watched their flocks*

**Story**

**Carol 13**            *Love came down at Christmas*

**Prayers  
Prayer of Dedication**

**Carol 4**            *Hark! the herald angels sing*

**Benediction and Blessing**  
*Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen.  
Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen.*

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



*Lord,  
May we have the joy that inspired  
Shepherds to visit the manger,  
the vision that led wise men to bring their gifts,  
and the determination, not only to  
love the Child of Bethlehem,  
but to follow the Man of Nazareth.*



## 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.

Prestonfield Sandhills	Prestonhall Shawhill	Rowancroft Spittalridinghill
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Pray too for the people living in the following Streets in Eastriggs/Dornock

Brisbane Road Calverly Place	Brisbane Way Delhi Place	Calcutta Road Delhi Road
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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 .....

### CrossReach Counselling East

**Providing a wide range of therapeutic support and counselling for individuals, Families, children and young people and people affected by substance use. Support is delivered from our city centre premises on Queen Street as well as by phone and online.**

- For those who struggle with their mental health and wellbeing, for whom Christmas can be the most challenging time of the year. May they know God's compassion.
- For those for whom Christmas is a time of great loss because of estrangement or grief: may they feel Christ's unconditional love.
- May God's comfort and peace be felt in the hearts of those who carry the weight of trauma.
- For the families in our services: may they find hope in the story of Christmas.
- Thanks for the staff and volunteers who show great love, care and compassion to those who we are honoured to serve.
- May the services continue to build supportive and encouraging teams who seek to develop and improve the services and look at how they can best support our clients in Christ's name.
- For the young people who attend Sunflower Garden: may their time with staff, volunteers and their peers be fun and supportive and may they experience real warmth from their taxi buddies as they travel together.

*From CrossReach Prayer Diary*

## Bible Readings for the week to come .....

Sunday	22nd	Luke 1	verses	26-56
Monday	23rd	Luke 1	verses	57-80
Tuesday	24th	Luke 2	verses	1-21
Wednesday	25th	John 1	verses	1-18
Thursday	26th	John 1	verses	19-34
Friday	27th	John 1	verses	35-51
Saturday	28th	Luke 2	verses	22-52