

December 2024

- Monday 9th** 12.30 p.m. **Friendship Club, in Annan Old Hall. Everyone welcome**
- Tuesday 10th** 10.00 a.m. **Craft and Chat in Annan Old Hall. Everyone welcome**
- Wednesday 11th** 2.00 p.m. **Annan Old Guild, in the Hall, everyone welcome to join us for Christmas Readings and Festive Food,.**
- Sunday 15th** 10.00 a.m. **Morning Worship in the Baxter Hall, Eastriggs. Service conducted by Alan Dodds**
- 11.00 a.m. **The Sunday Gang meet in Annan Old Church Hall.**
- 11.15 a.m. **Nativity Service
3rd Sunday in Advent - in Annan Old
Everyone welcome.**



In Annan Old
On door duty next Sunday 15th December – Bill Maloney and Liz Collett
Counting & Banking - Esther Bicket and Liz Collett
On teas next week, Sunday 15th December – Hazel Sutherland

➔ **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 Church
 25 December - Christmas Day Service
 6 January - Singing Group Practices resume.
 8 January - The Guild in the Hall. Speaker – Nick Mark from URC.

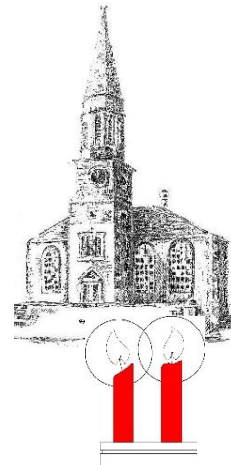
➔ **Please remember to keep the stamps from your Christmas Cards etc. and give them to Jennifer to send off for this year's Stamp Appeal (see overleaf).**

The Food Bank appeal is ongoing

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

Annan Old and Dornock Parish Church of Scotland

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8th December 2024 Second Sunday in Advent Service conducted by Sue Jackson

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 – from Luke 1

Lighting 2nd Advent Candle

Hymn 284 *Hope is a candle, once lit by the prophets*

Prayers of approach and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn 283 *The voice of God goes out to all the world*
(Tune: Highland Cathedral)

Readings: Malachi 3: 1-4 and Luke 3: 1-6

Hymn 334 *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

Sermon : **Prepare a way for the Lord**

Hymn 277 *Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes*

Children's Time Signs of the coming

Offertory prayer

Prayers for ourselves and for others

Hymn 291 *When out of poverty is born*

Benediction

*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.

Blacketlees Cottages	Bloomfield	Corsehill
Gullielands	Howes	Hollinlea

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

Valletta Gardens	Vancouver Drive	Vancouver Place
Vancouver Road	Victoria Gardens	Winnipeg Way

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

From Pray for Scotland

Please Pray for

Polmont Prison Visitors Centre

HMPYOI Polmont has a population of male Young Offenders aged 16-21 and women of all ages. The Visitors Centre offers a warm welcome, refreshments, support and advice to families. We also support children visiting their parents in custody with activities and opportunities for positive interaction.

- For the families who faithfully visit and support their loved ones in prison despite the financial, social and emotional challenges faced: may they receive the support they need.
- For the children who have a loved one in custody at HMP Polmont: may the time they spend together be positive and nurturing and reduce the negative impact of separation caused by imprisonment.
- For the staff at HMP Polmont: may God give them patience, understanding and wisdom as they perform their demanding role.
- For the women and young men in HMPYOI Polmont: may their time there be helpful and purposeful. May they receive the support needed to move on to better life situations on release.
- For the Visitors Centre staff team: may they continue to build trusting relationships with the visitors, families and children and may God provide wisdom, resilience and creativity as they provide practical and emotional support.
- For positive working relationships and mutual respect between the Visitors Centre and management of HMPYOI Polmont.
- For the Storybook Families initiative: may the stories recorded by loved ones in custody bring their children a sense of comfort and connection.

From CrossReach Prayer Diary

Bible Readings for the week to come

Sunday	8th	Malachi 4	verses	1-6
Monday	9th	Revelation 1	verses	1-20
Tuesday	10th	Revelation 2	verses	1-29
Wednesday	11th	Revelation 3	verses	1-22
Thursday	12th	Revelation 4	verses	1-11
Friday	13th	Revelation 5	verses	1-14
Saturday	14th	Revelation 6	verses	1-17