

January 2025

Monday 13th 7.00 p.m. **Singing Group Practice in Annan Old Hall.**

Tuesday 14th 10.00 a.m. **Craft and Chat in Annan Old Hall.**

Sunday 19th 10.00 a.m. **Morning Worship in The Baxter Hall, Eastriggs. Service conducted by Rev. Nick Mark**

11.00 a.m. **The Sunday Gang in Annan Old Hall. A fun time of crafts, games, Bible Stories for young children from and early age up to P7.**

11.15 a.m. **Morning Worship in Annan Old. Service conducted by Rev. Nick Mark**

In Annan Old
 On door duty next Sunday 19th January – Heather Paul and Cath Foley
 Counting & Banking - Stephen Oswald and Heather Paul
 On teas next week, Sunday 19th January – 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.

Please remember to bring to Church, the stamps saved from your Christmas Cards etc. and give them to Jennifer to send off for this year's Stamp Appeal (see overleaf). The stamp appeal is ongoing, so please keep your stamps throughout the year.

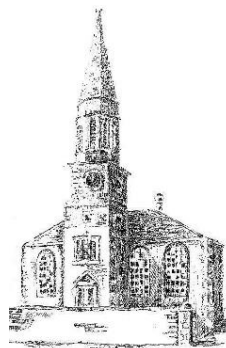
The Door Duty sheets for February to April are ready to be picked up from the Session Room, after the Service, if you haven't already done so

The Food Bank appeal is ongoing

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

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12th January 2025 Service conducted by Rev. Nick Mark The Baptism of the Lord

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 would like to know more about us and our faith, please speak to someone who welcomed you at the door when you came in.

Entry of the Bible

Welcome and Intimations

Opening Words from Psalm 29

Hymn 160 *Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven*

Opening Prayers ending with the Lord's Prayer

Collect

Introduction to our theme: *The work begins*

Hymn 290 *The race that long in darkness pined*

Offertory Prayer

Readings: **Isaiah 43 verses 1-7** **Acts 8 verses 14-17**
Luke 3 verses 15-17 and 21-22

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

Sermon: *Beginning our work for 2025*

Hymn 619 and 620 (sung as one Hymn) *Spirit of the living God*

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn 363 *We have a gospel to proclaim*

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.

From March 2023 – March 2025 - 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.

→ So far our Stamp Appeal for this project has raised a staggering £18,613.50.

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.

Back Lady Street
Battery Street

Bank Street
Bruce Street

Baird's Wynd
Butts Street

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

Low Meadow
Melbourne Avenue

Lowthertown (Central, East & North Roads)
Melbourne Court

Millbrae

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

From Pray for Scotland

Please Pray for

Erskine Waterfront Campus (EWC), Erskine

A school for 36 children and young people aged 8 to 18 with additional support needs. Provides a caring and compassionate environment for children to learn and grow.

- For strength and resilience for staff as they support all the pupils and families that attend EWC.
- May pupils feel safe to learn, grow, develop relationships and know that they are loved.
- For the families of pupils: may they see the positive changes that being at EWC can make in their child's life, no matter how small they may seem.
- For good relationships with partner agencies and the community, to help support the lives of the pupils in the school.
- That everyone - staff, pupils, parents and visitors to the school - would know the love of Jesus through the actions of all those at EWC.

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	12th	Luke 4	verses	1-15
Monday	13th	Luke 4	verses	16-30
Tuesday	14th	Luke 4	verses	31-44
Wednesday	15th	Luke 5	verses	1-11
Thursday	16th	Luke 5	verses	12-32
Friday	17th	Luke 5	verses	33-6:5
Saturday	18th	Luke 6	verses	6-16