

January 2025

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| Monday 6th | 12.30 p.m. | Friendship Club in Annan Old Hall. All welcome. |
| | 7.00 p.m. | Singing Group Practice in Annan Old Hall. |
| Tuesday 7th | 10.00 a.m. | Craft and Chat in Annan Old Hall. |
| Wednesday 8th | 2.00 p.m. | The GUILD in Annan Old Hall. Speaker – Rev. Nick Mark, Minister of Annan United Reformed Church. Everyone welcome. |
| Sunday 12th | 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 5th January – Sarah Dames and Eileen Martin
Counting & Banking - Campbell Jackson and Eileen Martin
On teas next week, Sunday 5th January – Amanda Branney and Betsy Henderson

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.

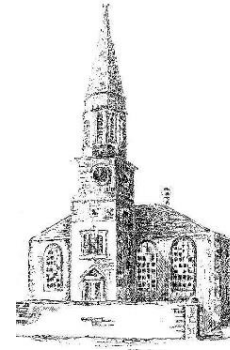
The Door Duty sheets for February to April are ready to be picked up from the Session Room, after the Service.

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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5th January 2025 Service conducted by Andrew Morton

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.

Welcome and Intimations

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| Call to Worship | Star of Bethlehem |
| Hymn 286 | <i>Tell out, my soul</i> |
| Approach | Light and Joy |
| Address | Blessings of the Magi |
| Hymn 325 | <i>Bethlehem, a noble city</i> |
| Readings: | Isaiah 60: 1-6 and Matthew 2: 1-12 |
| Hymn 291 | <i>When out of poverty is born</i> |
| Intercession | Offered Blessings Lord we offer our blessings <i>May we bring your light.</i> |
| Hymn 327 | <i>Brightest and best are the sons of the morning</i> |
| Sermon | Joy to the World |
| Offering | Gifts |
| Hymn 320 | <i>Joy to the world, the Lord is come!</i> |
| Benediction | Bear Joy <i>Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen.</i> <i>Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen.</i> |

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.

Addison Place
Annan Hill

Albert Place
Annerley Road

Alexandra Place
Argyll Terrace

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

Gillwood Road
Halifax Road

Gowan Brae
Hobart Terrace

Gullielands Place
Ladysmith Road

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

From Pray for Scotland

Please Pray for

St. Margaret's House, Polmont

A 36 bed specialist care home for people living with dementia.

- Thanks for all the people who have supported the service and who have demonstrated God's love in action to residents, volunteers and staff.
- For sensitivity in supporting those who are coming to the end of their lives and for their families during these difficult times.
- May families and loved ones continue to feel welcome and part of St Margaret's.
- For God's presence to be felt by all who enter the home and may the residents feel God's peace throughout their days and nights.
- That God will continue to bless the care given by all the volunteers and staff who work for CrossReach.
- For refreshing and joy at the start of a new year. May residents old and new feel a sense of community, belonging and wellbeing.

Praise God – for the re-opening of Palmerston Place perinatal service and the love and care it provides to new and expectant parents and young children

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

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| Sunday | 5th | Ephesians 1 | verses | 1-23 |
| Monday | 6th | Ephesians 2 | verses | 1-22 |
| Tuesday | 7th | Ephesians 3 | verses | 1-21 |
| Wednesday | 8th | Ephesians 4 | verses | 1-32 |
| Thursday | 9th | Ephesians 5 | verses | 1-20 |
| Friday | 10th | Ephesians 6 | verses | 10-24 |
| Saturday | 11th | Luke 3 | verses | 1-38 |