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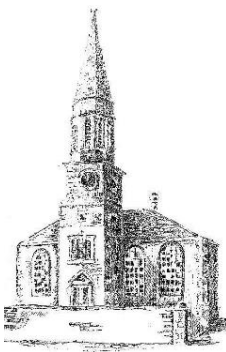
- Tonight 11th**      6.30 p.m.      Christian Aid Service in the United Reformed Church – conducted by Rev. Nick Mark. There will be an opportunity to donate to Christian Aid at the Service. Tea and coffee will be provided. Everyone welcome.
- Monday 12th**      **No Singing Group Practice tonight, next practice will be next week 19.5.25**
- Tuesday 13th**      10.00 a.m.      **Craft and Chat in Annan Old Church Hall. All welcome**
- ▶ Remember this is the deadline for articles etc. for the Newsletter. Information to Elaine Bryson Email: brysons4@internet.com
- Saturday 17th**      10.00-2.00      **Christian Aid collection on the High Street – if you can spare an hour to collect, please speak to Sarah Dames**
- Sunday 18th**      10.00a.m.      **Morning Worship in the Baxter Hall, Eastriggs. Service conducted by Sue Jackson**
- 11.00 a.m.      **The Sunday Gang in Annan Old Church Hall.**
- 11.15 a.m.      **Morning Worship in Annan Old Conducted by Sue Jackson**

In Annan Old  
On door duty next Sunday 18th May – Eleanor McCann and Jean Murchie  
Counting & Banking – Elaine Bryson and Eleanor McCann  
On teas next week, Sunday 18th May - Hazel Sutherland

**THE FOOD BANK**  
The Food Bank has a shortage of tinned meat, tinned fish, Coffee and Nappies. If you could donate any of these, please hand them in to Kate's Kitchen at the Old RBS Bank Building, 52 High Street, Annan, or put them in the Food Bank box in Annan Old Hall Vestibule. All donations will be gratefully received.

**LOOKING AHEAD...**  
The Guild AS NU SALE - in the Hall on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd May. If you are cleaning out and would like to donate Good Quality clean clothing, Furniture, Books, Bric-a-brac, Toys, Shoes and Accessories, they would be gratefully received in the Hall, on Wednesday 21st May, from 10.00 a.m. Refreshments available both days.

**Shared Information – from Lydiafield**  
On the last Thursday of every month at 2:30 p.m. we hold afternoon tea which visitors are very welcome to join us for. £4 for non residents to go back into the social fund.



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Church of Scotland**

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**11th May 2025  
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 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**

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn 172**      *Sing for God's glory*

**Prayers of approach and the Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn 489**      *Come down, O Love Divine*

**Readings: Acts 9: 1-6 and Revelation 5: 1-14**

**Hymn 439**      *Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious*

**Sermon: Making sense of images**

**Prayers of intercession**

**Hymn 458<sup>2</sup>**      *At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow*  
(Tune: Camberwell)

**Sunday Gang – Be a Swan, Not a Duck**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Prayers for ourselves and for others**

**Hymn 448**      *Lord, the light of your love is shining*

**Benediction**

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

*Tea and coffee will be served in the Hall,  
after the Service – pleased join us if you can.*

## 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 project.

### Stamp Appeal. Project 2025 -2026 Support of the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza.

The Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Northern Gaza has been in operation since 1882. It is owned and run today by the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem, a partner Church of the Church of Scotland. The hospital is the only Christian hospital in the Gaza Strip and Gaza's only cancer hospital. It normally handles around 300 surgeries and 600 radiological and a total of 3,000 outpatient visits per month. It is supported by international charities such as Embrace the Middle East. In times of calm during the occupation of Gaza, Al Ahli Hospital runs as any normal hospital with varying departments and an Accident and Emergency dealing with the usual day to day ailments of a population.

Since the beginning of the conflict in Gaza in October 2023, the Al Ahli Anglican Hospital has conducted emergency operations 24 hours per day, operating on 30-35 people per day.

Despite all, and through all the bombing, the hospital continued to serve the population in whatever way they could with the small resources they had, with staff working hours under difficult conditions. The team at the Al Ahli hospital continue to schedule its staff to ensure that the hospital is accessible 24 hours a day. To enable the Ahli to respond to the increasing need at this time, there continues to be an urgent need of medications and other resources for emergency response.

The hospital has been significantly damaged by the war and will require substantial funding to ensure buildings are once again brought up to standard and there will also be the need for new medical infrastructure which has been damaged.

This hospital was badly damaged when bombed recently.

**To read the full report go to Church of Scotland website 'Stamp Appeal'.**

**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.

**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 Rev. Wes Brandon, Minister of the Border Kirk, Carlisle, our Session Clerk Sue Jackson 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 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

Pray for peace in the Middle East.

Pray too for a permanent solution to 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.

North Street	Northfield Park	Northfield Park Avenue
Northfield Park Gardens	Northgate	Nursery Place

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

Tasmin Place	The Crescent	The Green
The Rand	The Rand Square	The Ridge

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

*From Pray for Scotland*

## Please Pray for .....

### Clashfarquher, Stonehaven

**With a great view over the bay, this is a care home for older people that also provides day care and respite care.**

- Thanks for God's guidance and strength: may we continue to work with hearts full of gratitude and worship for His love and provision.
- For good health and wellbeing: may God grant this for our residents, their families and for our staff.
- For the staff team: may they know the Lord's guidance in all the decisions they have to make both at work and at home.
- For the respite service: may God bless each person receiving a service with a deep sense of their value and worth as the staff work with them to attain their best quality of life..
- Thanks for the volunteers: may each of them be enriched by God's love and may other people join with them in their support of our work,.
- Thanks for the laughter enjoyed in the home on a daily basis: may everyone continue to feel blessed as they work in Christ's name.

*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	11th	1 Samuel 16	verses	1-23
Monday	12th	1 Samuel 17	verses	1-11
Tuesday	13th	1 Samuel 17	verses	12-40
Wednesday	14th	1 Samuel 17	verses	41-58
Thursday	15th	1 Samuel 23	verses	1-29
Friday	16th	1 Samuel 24	verses	1-22
Saturday	17th	1 Samuel 26	verses	1-25