

March 2025

Monday 3rd	12.30 p.m.	Friendship Club in Annan Old Hall.
	7.00 p.m.	Singing Group Practice in Annan Old Hall.
Tuesday 4th	10.00 a.m.	Craft and Chat in Annan Old Hall.
Friday 7th	2.00 p.m.	2025 World Day of Prayer Service is in St. John's Episcopal Church, Eastriggs. This year the women from Cook Islands have chosen the theme "Wonderfully made" (from Psalm 139 v 14) Everyone welcome.
Sunday 9th	11.00 a.m.	The Sunday Gang in Annan Old Hall. A fun time of crafts, games, Bible Stories for young children from an early age up to P7.
	11.15 a.m.	Morning Worship in Annan Old. First Sunday in Lent – Service conducted by Andrew Morton.

In Annan Old
 On door duty next Sunday 9th March – Bill Maloney and Fiona Kerr
 Counting & Banking - Hazel Sutherland and Bill Maloney
 On teas next week, Sunday 9th March – TBD

The Flower List for 2025 is in the Session Room. If you would like to donate flowers on a particular Sunday, please write your name beside your chosen date.

Please remember to bring to Church, your saved stamps, 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.

Looking ahead....

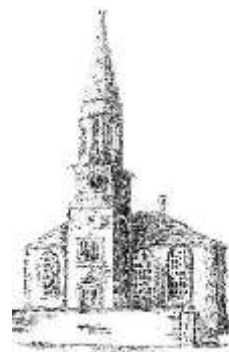
12 March – The Guild, in the Hall at 2.00 p.m. Guild Project - CrossReach
 21 March – Silent Auction, in the Hall at 7.00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Another date for your diary....

ANNAN CHURCHES TOGETHER CEILIDH on Friday 25 April at 7.00 p.m. in Annan Old Church Hall. More details to follow nearer the time.

The Food Bank appeal is ongoing

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



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2nd March 2025 The Singing Group presents 'Joseph'

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

Praise

I waited patiently for God

I waited patiently for God,
 for God to hear my prayer,
 and God bent down to where I sank
 and listened to me there.

God raised me from a miry pit,
 from mud and sinking sand,
 and set my feet upon a rock
 where I can firmly stand.

And on my lips a song was put,
 a new song to the Lord.
 Many will marvel, open-eyed,
 and put their trust in God.

Great wonders you have done, O Lord,
 all purposed to our good:
 unable every one to name,
 I bow in gratitude.

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Please turn over.....

Prayers of approach to God The Lord's Prayer

Reading: Genesis 37 : 1-10

Praise *Deep shadows of the past*

Deep in the shadows of the past
Far out from settled lands
Some nomads travelled with their God
Across the desert sands.
The dawning hope of humankind
By them was sensed and shown
A promise calling them ahead
A future yet unknown.

While others bowed to changeless gods
They met a mystery
Invisible without a name
I AM WHAT I WILL BE
And by their tents, around their fires
In story, song and law
They praised, remembered, handed on
A past that promised more.

From Exodus to Pentecost
The promise changed and grew
While some, remembering their past
Recorded what they knew
Or with their letters and laments
Their prophecy and praise
Recovered, kindled and expressed
New hope for changing days.

For all the writings that survived
For leaders, long ago
Who sifted, copied and preserved
The Bible that we know
Give thanks, and find its story yet
Our promise, strength and call
The model of emerging faith
Alive with hope for all.

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The Mysterious Dreams

Solo – Jasper

Praise *A boy named Joseph*

A boy named Joseph in old Canaan's land
Was known as a dreamer and led by God's hand
His brothers all envied the fine coat he wore
They wanted to kill him and see him no more.

His brothers then sold him for the price of a slave
Some traders from Egypt took Joseph away
In Potiphar's household trustworthy and true
He always was honest, no evil would do.

They put him in prison, though he did not wrong
Through many hard trials his faith was still strong
A dream of King Pharaoh that no one else knew
He told them the meaning for God's word was true.

A ruler in Egypt at last he became
Through prison and famine his faith never waned
Oh Joseph as faithful, a servant of God
A life of true service the road that he trod.

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Singing Group – Joseph Medley

Prayers for Dreamers

Prayer of Dedication

Praise: *Any dream will do* (sing through twice)

I closed my eyes, drew back the curtain
To see for certain what I thought I knew
Far, far away someone was weeping
But the world was sleeping, any dream will do.
I wore my coat with golden lining
Bright colours shining, wonderful and new
And in the east the dawn was breaking
And the world was waking, any dream will do
A crash of drums, a flash of light
My golden coat flew out of sight
The colours faded into darkness
I was left alone.

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Benediction and Blessing

*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 the 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.

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 lasting peace in the Middle East.

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.

Glynt Wynd	Gordon Terrace	Graham Avenue
Greencroft Wynd	Greenknowe Avenue	Greenlea Road

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

Gillwood Place	Gullielands Place	Halifax Road
Hobart Terrace	Ladysmith Road	
Lowthertown (Central East & North Roads)		

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

From Pray for Scotland

Please Pray for

Dick Stewart Service, Glasgow

Justice Services supported accommodation. The service offers support with independent living skills for long term prisoners leaving custody

- That the Lord continues to provide staff with the wisdom to build positive relationships with all those who use the service.
- May the Lord continue to provide guidance and wisdom to those in positions of authority. May they be aware of the value of the service.
- For the leadership team in CrossReach, may God give them wisdom as corporate decisions are made.
- Lord, grant your blessing to all staff and their families for them to keep good health.
- For All those coming into the service, may they receive the support they need, may they move on to their own accommodation and have a life that is free from crime.

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	2nd	Psalm 27		
Monday	3rd	Psalm 31		
Tuesday	4th	Psalm 33		
Wednesday	5th	Psalm 51		
Thursday	6th	Psalm 40	verses	1-11
Friday	7th	Psalm 61		
Saturday	8th	Psalm 62		