

March 2025

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| <b>Monday 10th</b>    | <b>7.00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Singing Group Practice in Annan Old Hall.</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday 11th</b>   | <b>10.00 a.m.</b> | <b>Craft and Chat in Annan Old Hall.</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday 12th</b> | <b>2.00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Annan Old Guild in the Hall<br/>Project - CrossReach</b>   |
| <b>Sunday 16th</b>    | <b>10.00 a.m.</b> | <b>Morning Worship in the Baxter Hall, Eastriggs. Service conducted by Andrew Morton.</b>   |
|                       | <b>11.00 a.m.</b> | <b>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.</b> |
|                       | <b>11.15 a.m.</b> | <b>Morning Worship in Annan Old. Conducted by Rev. Andrew Morton</b>  |

In Annan Old  
 On door duty next Sunday 16th March – Liz Collett and Bobby Main  
 Counting & Banking – Stephen Oswald and Bobby Main  
 On teas next week, Sunday 16th March – Jean Murchie and Elaine Bryson

Note to Elders: The Offering Envelopes for each district are now in the Session Room. Please pick yours up after the Service.

ANNAN CHURCHES TOGETHER CEILIDH on Friday 25 April at 7.00 p.m. in Annan Old Church Hall.  
 Tickets are now on sale £10. each - see Heather Paul.  
 Music by Spectrum. Finger Buffet.

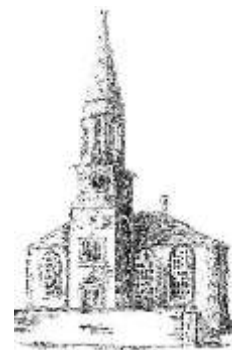
The Flower List for 2025 is in the Session Room. If you would like to donate flowers on a particular Sunday, please write your name beside your chosen date.

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....  
 21 March – Silent Auction, in the Hall at 7.00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

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**

*Scottish Charity No. SC010555*

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### **9th March 2025 First Sunday in Lent 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**

**Call to worship The Lord knows**

**Hymn 547** *What a friend we have in Jesus*

**Approach** **Hidden Darkness**

**Address** **Test Answers**

**Hymn 556** *I need thee every hour*

**Readings** **Job 2:4-10** **Romans 10:8b-13** **Luke 4:1-13**

**Hymn 721** *We lay our broken World*

**Intercession**  
 A World of Temptation  
**Lord, in a world of temptations**  
*May we speak of love*

**Hymn 337** *Forty days and forty nights*

**Sermon** **Preparing for the test**

**Offering** **Temptation and Guidance**

**Hymn 513** *Courage, brother! Do not stumble*

**Benediction** **With us in temptation**

*Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen.*

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## 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 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.

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| Greenmeadow Gardens  | Guysgill         | Hares Den        |
| Hallmeadow Place   | Hallmeadow Grove | Hallmeadow Drive |
| Pray too for the people living in the following Streets in Eastriggs/Dornock |                  |                  |
| Melbourne Avenue   | Melbourne Court  | Millbrae         |
| Ottawa Road  | Pretoria Road    | Pretoria Square  |

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

*From Pray for Scotland*

## Please Pray for .....

**Threshold Edinburgh including our transition service,**

**Support for adults in their own homes and in the community, who have learning disabilities. Also a day service supporting young adult school leavers with a learning disability as they transition into adulthood.**

- Pray for the transitions day service team as they search for new premises to extend the service to families and young people.
- May the service continue to provide what the clients want and need so they will enjoy the best health and wellbeing possible.
- May God bless the team members and bring in new staff who also have a real vocation for service and care.
- For the senior team – may God provide them with all the wisdom and strength they need.
- Thanks for the central team: may they be sustained by God as they support us to provide the service wanted and needed by our clients.

*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    | 9th  | Psalm 63 |
| Monday    | 10th | Psalm 64 |
| Tuesday   | 11th | Psalm 71 |
| Wednesday | 12th | Psalm 76 |
| Thursday  | 13th | Psalm 77 |
| Friday    | 14th | Psalm 82 |
| Saturday  | 15th | Psalm 84 |