

Monday 1st December	7.00 p.m.	Singing Group Practice, in Annan Old Hall.
Tuesday 2nd	10.00 a.m.	Craft and Chat in Annan Old Church Hall. All welcome
Sunday 7th	10.00 a.m.	Second Sunday in Advent Service in the Baxter Hall, Eastriggs – conducted by Andrew Morton
	11.00 a.m.	Sunday Gang in Annan Old Hall.
	11.15 a.m.	Morning Worship in Annan Old – Second Sunday in Advent Conducted by Andrew Morton

In Annan Old
On door duty next Sunday 7th December - Eric and Roseanne Johnstone
Counting & Banking - Elaine Bryson & Hazel Sutherland
On teas next week, Sunday 7th December –Rene Anderson and Pat Jardine

LOOKING AHEAD....

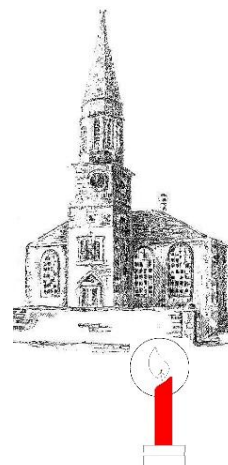
8 December – Friendship Club in Annan Old Hall at 12.30 p.m.
10 December – The Guild Christmas Celebration, in Annan Old Hall, at 2.00 p.m.
14 December - Nativity Service in Annan Old

FLOWER LIST FOR 2026 IS NOW IN ANNAN OLD SESSION ROOM

If you would you like to provide Flowers for the Sanctuary, please write your name beside your chosen date on the 2026 list.

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.

*Tea and Coffee will be served after the Service
please join us if you can.*



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Scottish Charity No. SC010555

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Sunday 30th November 2025 First Sunday in Advent conducted by Alan Dodds

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 291 *When out of poverty is born*

Light the first Advent Candle

Prayers for Advent and the Lord's Prayer

Reading **Matthew 1:18-25**

Praise *God it was who said to Abraham* (Words on insert)

"Behind the scene"

Praise *Not the powerful nor the privileged* (Words on insert)

Prayers for those who question

Prayer of Dedication

Praise 285 *The Angel Gabriel from heaven came*

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 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 our Church website 'Stamp Appeal'.

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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 new Interim Moderator, Rev. Morag Crossan, Minister of Eskdale and Liddesdale linked with Canonbie. 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 Mrs. Gillian Lynn as she 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 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.

Esk Place	Fairfield Place	Fernlea Crescent
Fieldside	Field Place	Fish Cross

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

Whinnieknowe Care Home, Nairn

A care home for 24 older people, overlooking Nairn River and Cawdor Hills.

- For all of CrossReach's services: may God touch and fill the lives of those who are struggling with life and who are receiving support through our services with His joy.
- For safety: may God's presence be experienced as daily tasks are carried out and may He provide a real sense of comfort.
- For the staff: may they know God's strength as they look after the residents and may they help create happy memories within the service.
- For the families with loved ones at Whinnieknowe: may they know God's peace.
- Thanks for the volunteers who selflessly help whenever they can.
- Thanks for God's promise to be with us: may He continue to provide strength and guidance to deliver care in His 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	30th	Psalm 34		
Monday	1st	Psalm 24		
Tuesday	2nd	Matthew 24	Verses	1-28
Wednesday	3rd	Matthew 24	Verses	29-51
Thursday	4th	Matthew 25	Verses	1-30
Friday	5th	Matthew 25	Verses	31-46
Saturday	6th	Jeremiah 31	Verses	1-14

God it was who said to Abraham,

'Pack your bags and travel on!'
God it was who said to Sarah,
'Smile and soon you'll bear a son!'
Travelling folk and aged mothers
Wandering when they thought they'd done –
This is how God calls his people,
Losing all because of One.

God it was who said to Moses.
'Save my people, part the sea!'
God it was who said to Miriam,
'Sing and dance to show you're free!'
Shepherd-saints and tambourinists
Doing what he knew they could –
This is how God calls his people,
Liberating what they should.

God it was who said to Joseph,
'Down your tools and take your wife!'
God it was who said to Mary,
'In your womb I'll start my life!'
Carpenter and country maiden
Leaving town and trade and skills –
This is how God calls his people,
Moving them through what he wills.

Christ it was who said to Matthew,
'Leave your books and follow me!'
Christ it was who said to Martha,
'Listen first, then make the tea!'
Civil servants and housekeepers,
Changing places at a cost –
This is how Christ calls disciples,
Finding those he knew were lost.

In this crowd of common people,
Once unknown, whom we revere,
God calls us to share his purpose
Starting now and starting here.
So we celebrate his calling,
So we prize and praise his choice,
As we pray that through this company
God will act and raise his voice.

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Not the powerful, not the privileged.

Not the powerful, not the privileged,
not the famous in the land,
but the no-ones and the needy
were the first to hold God's hand.

Not a well-established family
with an heirloom christening shawl,
but a homeless, wandering couple
parented the Lord of All.

Not, at first, to little children,
nor to those whose faith burned bright,
but to adults, stalled in darkness,
angels brought God's love and light.

God, determined to be different
from the standards we think best,
in God's choice of friends and family,
lets forgotten folk be blessed.

Not obsessed by our achievements,
worldly wealth or family tree,
may we, in and with God's chosen,
find our fondest pedigree.

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