

December 2025

Tonight	6.00 p.m.	Hope Church "Christmas Extravaganza" in the Corner House Hotel for Carols and Refreshments. (See 'Shared Information' below **)
Wednesday 24th	6.30 p.m.	Family Christingle Service. Everyone welcome
Sunday 28th	11.15 a.m.	Morning Worship in Annan Old – led by The Singing Group

In Annan Old

On door duty next Sunday 28th December - David and Sheena Stainthorpe
Counting & Banking - Cath Foley & Sheena Stainthorpe
On teas next week, Sunday 28th December -Eric & Roseanne Johnstone

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.

STAMP APPEAL

Please remember to keep the stamps from your Christmas Cards etc. and give them to Jennifer to send off for this year's Stamp Appeal (see overleaf).

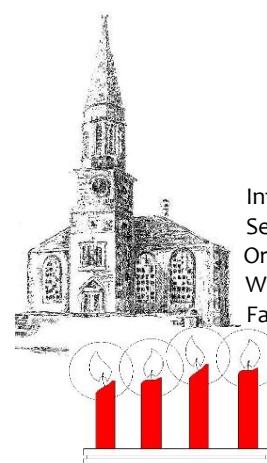
**** Shared Information**

We have been invited to join the Hope Church "Christmas Extravaganza" on Sunday 21st December, at 6.00 p.m. in the Corner House Hotel for Christmas for Carols and Refreshments. There will be a collection for Annan Activity and Resource Centre for adults with disabilities and complex needs).

Sorry, No teas today



Wishing everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas.



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**Sunday 21st December 2025
Fourth 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

Light the fourth Advent Candle

Carol 11 *O little town of Bethlehem*

Prayers of Approach and The Lord's Prayer

Reading: *Isaiah 42 verses 1-9*

Carol 22 *In the bleak mid-winter*

Reading: *John 1 verses 1-5 and 14-17*

Carol 17 *Angels from the realms of glory*

Reading: *Luke 1 verses 25—34*

Carol 28 *The virgin Mary had a baby boy*

Reading: *Luke 2 verses 1-7*

Carol *Come and sit upon a hillside* (words on the insert)

Reading: *Luke 2 verses 8-15*

Carol 20 *As with gladness men of old*

Reading: *Matthew 2 verses 1-12*

Prayers from the stable door and Prayer of Dedication

Carol 4 *Hark! The herald angels sing*

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.

Hallmeadow Drive
High Street

Heatley Court
Highfields Road

Hecklegirth Road
Hillend Gardens

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

Delhi Road
Dunedin Road

Doris Meadow
Durban Road

Dunedin Place
Edmonton Drive

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

From Pray for Scotland

Please Pray for

Cale House, Inverness

Homeless accommodation, for up to two years, for adults preparing for their own tenancies.

- For the work of CrossReach: may its people be blessed by God's encouragement, inspiration and strength.
- Thanks for the gift of today: may all that is achieved be pleasing to God and benefit those served by the CrossReach team at Cale House.
- ❖ For hope and blessing on the people who use CrossReach services and on the wider community.
- For those who attend the service: may they find wholeness and hope for the future.
- For wisdom on how to live in this fragile world: may staff know God's protection as they work to support others.
- Thanks for God's grace and blessing: may these gifts be used for His glory as the team work with the people who attend the service.
- For strength and wisdom to find the best solutions to daily challenges

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	21st	Luke 1	Verses	1-25
Monday	22nd	Luke 1	Verses	26-56
Tuesday	23rd	Luke 1	Verses	57-80
Wednesday	24th	Luke 2	Verses	1-21
Thursday	25th	John 1	Verses	1-18
Friday	26th	John 1	Verses	19-34
Saturday	27th	John 2	Verses	1-12

Come and sit upon a hillside.

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See the sleeping town below
Round the campfire, in the moonlight
Hear the tales of long ago.
How a people watched and waited
Longing for the promised king
And the freedom and the justice
That this powerful reign would bring.

Suddenly the stars shine brighter
Music fills the cold, night air
Shepherds fearful, awestruck, wonder
At eternity they stare
Heavens riotous with rejoicing
Singing of a Saviour's birth;
Seek him in a lowly manger
God in human form on earth.

Shepherds hurry down the hillside
Led by hope, they know not where.
In an outhouse, find a baby,
swaddled in his mothers care.
Prophet voices find fulfilment
Grateful shepherds glimpse Gods way
Gifting to all people, all ways
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