

January 2026

<b>Tonight 18th</b>	6.30 p.m.	ACT Joint Service for Christian Unity In United Reform Church. Led by Rev. Nick Mark. All welcome.
<b>Monday 19th</b>	7.00 p.m.	Singing Group in Annan Old Hall
<b>Tuesday 20th</b>	10.00 a.m. 2.00 p.m.	Craft and Chat in Annan Old Hall Service at Lydiafield.
<b>Wednesday 21st</b>	7.00 p.m.	Eco Congregation Scotland – Meeting in United Reformed Church See 'Shared Information' below ** Your support would be appreciated.
<b>Thursday 22nd</b>	6.30 for 7.00 p.m.	Kirk Session Meeting in Annan Old Church Hall.
<b>Sunday 25th</b>	11.00 a.m. 11.15 a.m.	Sunday Gang in Annan Old Hall Morning Worship in Annan Old Conducted by Alan Dodds.

In Annan Old  
On door duty next Sunday 25th January - Irene Halkyard and Nettie Taylor  
Counting & Banking - Elaine Bryson & Maddison Wallace  
On teas next week, Sunday 25th January – TBD

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – PLEASE HELP

More help would be appreciated for the Sunday Tea List. Please think about adding your name. Just get in touch with Shirley

#### FLOWER LIST FOR 2026 IS NOW IN ANNAN OLD SESSION ROOM

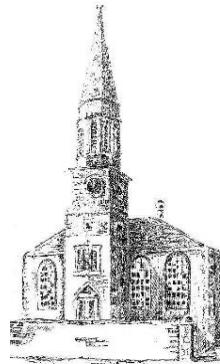
If you would you like to provide Flowers for the Sanctuary, please write your name beside your chosen date on the 2026 list. See Alison Jackson for more details.

#### STAMP APPEAL

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

#### Shared information

\*\*ECO Congregation Scotland. Rev Nick Mark has organised a meeting at the URC on Wednesday 21st January at 7 p.m.. The speaker will be Rev David Coleman who is travelling from Edinburgh. ECO Congregation Scotland is an ecumenical movement which supports congregations to care for the environment in worship, in practical ways and in advocacy and to take seriously our care of the earth and justice. It promises to be a very interesting meeting so please consider coming. Your support would be appreciated.



## Annan Old and Dornock Parish Church of Scotland

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### Sunday 18th January 2026 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 124** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation*

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

**Hymn 553'** *Just as I am, without one plea*

**Reading:** *Isaiah 49: 1-7*

**Hymn 477** *Lo, he comes with clouds descending*

**Sermon:** *A lesson from John the Baptist*

#### Prayers for ourselves and for others

**Hymn 511** *Your hand, O God, has guided*

#### Benediction

*Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen.*

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*Tea and Coffee will be served in  
after the Service – please 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 our Church 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. **2026 list in Session Room.**

**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.

Longmeadow Drive  
McMurdo Road

Loreburn Court  
McNeish Dive

Lover's Walk  
Mafeking Place

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

Tasmin Place  
The Rand

The Crescent  
The Rand Square

The Green  
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 .....

### Erskine Waterfront Campus

**A school for children and young people aged 8-18 with additional support needs. Provides a caring and compassionate environment for children to learn and grow.**

- For strength and resilience for staff as they support pupils and families.
- May pupils feel safe to learn, grow and develop relationships and know that they are loved.
- For the families of pupils: may they see the positive changes that being at EWC can make in their child's life, no matter how small they may seem.
- For good relationships with partner agencies and the community, to help support the lives of the pupils in the school.
- That everyone would know the love of Jesus through the actions of all those at EWC

*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	18th	Matthew 16	Verses	1-12
Monday	19th	Matthew 16	Verses	13-28
Tuesday	20th	Matthew 17	Verses	1-13
Wednesday	21st	Matthew 17	Verses	14-27
Thursday	22nd	Acts 3	Verses	1-10
Friday	23rd	Acts 3	Verses	11-26
Saturday	24th	Acts 4	Verses	1-22