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.

October 2026

Monday 19th	**12.30 p.m.**	**Friendship Club in the Hall. All welcome**
	7.00 p.m.	**Singing Group in Annan Old Church Hall**
Tuesday 20th	**10.00 a.m.**	**Craft and Chat in Annan Old Church Hall.**
Wednesday 21st	**10.00 a.m.**	**The Hall will be open to receive good quality clean clothing, bric-a-brac, shoes and accessories, books, toys, furniture for the As Nu Sale**
Thursday 22nd	**10.00- 2.00 and 5.00-8.00 pm**	**As Nu Sale – in Annan Old Hall, come and browse – get yourself a new rig out and much more. Refreshments Available.**
Friday 23rd	**10.00-1.00**	**AS NU Sale in Annan Old Hall. Last chance to get yourself a bargain Refreshments available**
Sunday 25th	**11.00 a.m.**	**Sunday Gang in the Hall.**
	11.15 a.m.	**Morning Worship in Annan Old Service conducted Andrew Morton**

In Annan Old
On door duty next Sunday 25 October - Fiona Kerr and Sheena Stainthorpe
Counting & Banking - Esther Bicket and Sheena Stainthorpe
On teas next week, Sunday 25 October- Hazel Sutherland and Irene Halkyard

Looking further ahead….

First Kirk Session meeting with Rev. Sean Swindells will be on Thursday, 5th November, 6.30 for 7.00 p.m. in Annan Old Church Hall.

FLOWER LIST FOR 2027 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 2027 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 in the Hall, after the Service. Please join us if you can.

Annan Old and Dornock Parish Church of Scotland

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Sunday 18th October 2026

Welcome and Church News

Call to Worship (Psalm 99)

The Lord is King; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Holy is he!
Mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;
You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool.
Holy is he!

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.
He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but avenger of their wrongdoings.
Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.

Praise 111 *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty*

Prayers of Approach and the Lord's Prayer

OT Reading: Isaiah 55: 6-9 *Reader – Susan Bicket*

Praise 143 *Who put the colours in the rainbow?*

NT Reading Matthew 22: 15-22

Praise 356 *Meekness and majesty*

Sermon Questions, questions, questions!

Praise MP266 *I cannot tell* (words on the insert)

Dedication of the offering and Prayers of Intercession

Praise 130 *Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim*

Go in strength to be the saints of God
For the Lord is your shepherd,
may God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
fill you up with joy and peace
so that you overflow with hope
both now and forever.

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen

ANNAN OLD – Ongoing Appeals

WE ARE COLLECTING USED STAMPS ….. FOR ALZHEIMER SCOTLAND

Once again, Jennifer has kindly agreed to carry on collecting our used stamps, this time for Alzheimer Scotland

About Alzheimer Scotland
Alzheimer Scotland is Scotland's national dementia charity and has been for over 45 years.

What Alzheimer Scotland do ……
Prevent
It's never too early and never to look after your brain health. Estimates show that 45% of dementia cases globally are preventable and our aim is to educate people on the risk factors
that could lead to dementia.
Care
We support people with dementia, families and carers by providing a range of innovative services and therapeutic activities throughout Scotland.
Cure
We help find a cure by funding research and campaigning for people to have access to any treatments available.
For more information go to their website https://www.alzscot.org

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Tea Rota
We are always looking for extra help with making and serving the teas on a Sunday, after Church. If you would like to Volunteer, please see Shirley Waugh, who would be delighted to have you in the team**.**

FOOD BANK
Kate's Kitchen Food Bank are always grateful for our donations. At the moment they are struggling to meet supply needs, as their shelves are almost empty. If you would like to donate anything at all, there is a box in the Hall Vestibule, or goods can be taken to Kate's Kitchen, 52 High Street, Annan. Thank you

Help for Ukraine …. Newstart Recycle (23 Queensberry Street). continue collecting goods for the Ukrainian refugees

PRAYERS

Please pray for our Minister, Rev. Sean Swindells and his wife Alison.
Our Session Clerk Sue Jackson and the Kirk Session.
Pray for Rev. Valerie Ott as she serves as Moderator of Presbytery, and our Presbytery Elder 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 an end to the conflict 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.

Mafeking Place	Matheson Terrace	Millpark Crescent
Millpark Terrace	Millview Terrace	Milnfield

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

Millbrae	Mount Pleasant	Ottawa Road
Pretoria Road	Pretoria Square	Singapore Road

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

From Pray for Scotland

Please Pray for ……

Bellfield, Banchory

A residential home for 34 older people, in the picturesque town of Banchory.

- Thank you for our staff, for their dedication and the joy and comfort, they bring to residents in Christ's name.
- For the families and friends who live both near to and far from the home: may God guide you and keep you safe.
- Thanks to our "Friends of Bellfield", for all the time and support their members give to Bellfield.
- May our residents feel safe, secure and loved as staff continue to care for them.
- Thanks for health, happiness and for all of God's daily blessings
- Thanks for our beautiful garden for the way it displays the uniqueness of each season and for the joy that brings to residents, staff and visitors

From CrossReach Prayer Diary

Bible Readings for the week to come ……

Sunday	18th	Esther 6	Verses	1-13
Monday	19th	Esther 6	Verses	14-7:10
Tuesday	20th	Esther 8	Verses	1-17
Wednesday	21st	Esther 9	Verses	1-19
Thursday	22nd	Esther 9	Verses	20-10:3
Friday	23rd	Ruth 1	Verses	1-22
Saturday	24th	Ruth 2	Verses	1-23

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MP266

I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship,
should set His love upon the sons of men,
or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wanderers,
to bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that He was born of Mary,
when Bethlehem's manger was His only home,
and that He lived at Nazareth and laboured,
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently He suffered,
as with His peace He graced this place of tears,
or how His heart upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted,
and stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
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I cannot tell how He will win the nations,
how He will claim His earthly heritage,
how satisfy the needs and aspirations
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,
and He shall reap the harvest He has sown,
and some glad day His sun shall shine in splendour
when He the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
and myriad, myriad human voices sing,
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