November/December 2026

Monday 30th	**12.30 p.m.**	**Friendship Club in Annan Old Hall. Everyone welcome.**
	7.00 p.m.	**Singing Group in Annan Old Church Hall**
Tuesday 1st December	**10.00 a.m.**	**Craft and Chat in Annan Old Church Hall. Everyone welcome.**
Sunday 6th	**10.00 a.m.**	**Morning Worship in the Baxter Hall, Eastriggs**
	11.00 a.m.	**Sunday Gang**
	11.15 a.m.	**Morning Worship in Annan Old Hall.**

In Annan Old
On door duty next Sunday 6 December – Fiona Kerr and Susan Bicket
Counting & Banking - Susan Bicket and Betsy Henderson
On teas next week, Sunday 6 December- Rene Anderson and Pat Jardine.

Looking Ahead…

9 December - The Guild in Annan Old Hall, at 2.00 p.m.
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Alison Swindells – "Malawi Adventure"
11 December – Singing Group 'Christmas Celebration' in Annan Old Hall at 7.00 p.m. Tickets now on Sale £5. which includes a Festive Supper. - See Jennifer or Members of the Singing Group.
13 December –Sunday Gang Nativity Service in Annan Old, followed by a Short Kirk Session Meeting,
14 December- Friendship Club Christmas Dinner, in Annan Old Hall, at 12.30 p.m. when we will be joined by our Friends from Lydiafield and our little friends from Hecklegirth Nursery.
15 December- Everyone is invited to our Carol concert at Lydiafield at 2.00 p.m. This will be a celebration of Christmas and our special relationship with the Care Home.
18 December- Newington Primary School Christmas Celebration Service In Annan Old Church at 9.30 a.m. Everyone welcome.
20 December- A Christmas Service of Remembrance which allows the opportunity to remember and celebrate loved ones who have passed away. Service in Annan Old Parish Church at 3.30 p.m.
24 December- Family Christingle Service, in Annan Old, at 6.30 p.m.

We are looking for A VOLUNTEER TO TAKE OVER THE STAMP COLLECTION.
If you would be willing to take on the stamp collection, please speak to Jennifer, who would give you all the necessary information.

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. See Alison Jackson for more details.

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

Annan Old and Dornock Parish Church of Scotland

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Sunday 29th November 2026
First Sunday in Advent
Sacrament of Holy Communion



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.

Welcome and Church News

Lighting of the first Advent Candle

Call to Worship

Advent is a story of hope and mystery. A story of anticipating a kingdom that is not of this world. It is a story of a king appearing when we least expect, of heaven touching earth, and footsteps of the divine walking dusty roads as once they did in Eden. Advent is also the story of ordinary people searching for a Saviour, yearning for light in the midst darkness, yearning for hope among disappointments and broken dreams.

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:2, 6)

Today we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated. On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our hope and remind us of what may be. (First candle lit)

Advent Cradle Song – A candle burning (Tune 312 Cradle Song)

1 A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
A candle of HOPE in November's dark night
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh

Prayers of Approach and the Lord's Prayer

Bible Reading: Isaiah 64: 1-9

Continued overleaf ……

Praise 279 *Make way, make way, for Christ the King*

Sermon: **'Advent – a journey into hope'**

Celebration of Holy Communion

Praise 543 *Longing for light, we wait in darkness*

Invitation and Words of the Institution of the Lord's Supper



Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts**.**
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn**.**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

The fraction and sharing of Bread and Wine

The Peace

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God,
our heavenly Father,
for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet
that you have given us to eat and to drink
With this, your sacrament,
strengthen and keep us in the true faith
all the days of our life.
Give us refreshment from our labours
With the peace of your forgiveness,
comfort us in every trouble
and fill us with the joyful expectation
until we eat and drink it anew
in your kingdom.
Amen.

(Sunday Gang return)

Praise 273 *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

Dismissal and Advent Blessing

May starlight guide your steps towards this place of wonder
May angels sing their news as you travel to the manger
May promise fill these days as we watch at the edge of birth
and may faith tell you, Emmanuel will be with us soon, in human flesh**.**

Go in peace
and may the power of the Holy Spirit
make the rough places in your life smooth,
may the dark valleys of your hearts
be filled and the rugged mountains levelled
and the way of the Lord be made ready in you,
and may He bless you
both now and forevermore.

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

Church Flowers - 2027 List now in the Session Room
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.

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.

Princes Avenue	Queensberry Street	Queensberry Court
Queensway	Riverpark	Riverside Walk

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

Edmonton Drive	Farms in and around Dornock/Eastriggs	
Gillwood Road	Gowan Brae	Gullielands Place
Halifax 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 ……

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

Bible Readings for the week to come ……

Sunday	29th	Mark 13	Verses	1-13
Monday	30th	Mark 13	Verses	24-37
Tuesday	1st	Psalm 24		
Wednesday	2nd	Daniel 12	Verses	1-13
Thursday	3rd	Malachi 1	Verses	1-14
Friday	4th	Malachi 2	Verses	1-16
Saturday	5th	Malachi 2	Verses	17-3:5

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Church News

Worship in the Church Hall - During the winter months the Kirk Session have agreed to move worship to the Church Hall to help offset the high cost of heating. The church will continue to be available for funerals and our Christmas Services.

Kirk Session – meets at the conclusion of the service in Annan Old on Sunday 13th December.

Christmas Services

Please advise if any of these dates are not correct

Sunday 29th November – First Sunday of Advent
10.00 a.m. Celebration of Holy Communion at Baxter Hall
11.15 a.m. Celebration of Holy Communion at Annan Old Church

Sunday 6th December – Second Sunday of Advent
10.00 a.m. Advent Worship at Baxter Hall
11.15 a.m. Advent Worship at Annan Old Church

Sunday 13th December – Third Sunday of Advent
11.15 a.m. – Sunday Gang Nativity Service at Annan Old Church

Sunday 20th December – Fourth Sunday of Advent
10.00 a.m. Advent Worship at Baxter Hall
11.15 a.m. Advent Worship at Annan Old Church

3.30 p.m. Christmas Service of Remembrance in Annan Old Church.
An opportunity to remember and commemorate our loved ones at Christmas.

6.25 p.m. Town Band Carol Service in St. Andrew's Church.
A service of carols and readings, refreshments served afterwards in the Hall

Christmas Eve – Thursday 24th December
6.30 p.m. Family Christingle Service in Annan Old Church
11.30 p.m. Watchnight Service in the United Reformed Church, Annan

Christmas Day – Friday 25th December
11:15am Celebration Service in St. Andrew's Church

First Sunday of Christmas – 27th December
11.15 am Christmas Worship at Annan Old