

**Welcome to the Scottish Episcopal Church
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SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES IN ANNANDALE**

**ST JOHN'S, ANNAN, 9.30am
ST. JOHN'S, MOFFAT 9.30am
ALL SAINTS, GRETNA 11.00am
ST JOHN'S, EASTRIGGS 11.00am
ALL SAINTS, LOCKERBIE 11.15am**

**25 FEBRUARY 2018
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

This morning's officiants

Annan (1882 Liturgy) & Gretna (1982 Liturgy) - Revd Dr S Ballard

Eastriggs (1982 Liturgy Reserved Sacrament) - Mr Daniel Carey, Worship Leader

Moffat (1982 Liturgy) & Lockerbie (1982 Liturgy) - Revd M Callaghan

THE COLLECT

O God, you see that we lack the strength to help ourselves: protect us both inwardly and outwardly; that our bodies may be guarded from adversity, and our minds may be defended from such thoughts as assault and harm the soul; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE READINGS

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Response to Psalm 22:22-30 **All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.**

Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Mark 8:31-38

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said

all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please keep in your prayers Bishop Gregor Duncan; We remember in our prayers those who have died.

GENERAL NOTICES

ST JOHN'S MOFFAT LENT LUNCH IN AID OF BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL

Wednesday 28 February from noon

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES: FRIDAY 2 MARCH

Annan: at the URC; Eastriggs at the Baxter Hall; Lockerbie at Dryfesdale Church Hall
Moffat at St John's; **All services at 2.00pm**

ST JOHN'S, EASTRIGGS LENT GROUP

Meets Thursday 22 February 6.00pm (note change of time). All Welcome

DIOCESAN SYNOD MEETS AT KILMARNOCK: Saturday 3 March

ANAVA SINGERS AT ST JOHN'S EASTRIGGS

Wednesday 7 March at 7.30pm followed by Light Supper. Tickets £5.00

ALL SAINTS GRETNA LENTEN 'SOUP AND PUD' IN AID OF MARIE CURIE

Saturday 10 March from 11.30am. I aid

ANNAN, ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST www.annan.church.scot - Charity No SC014491
Sat 10 Mar 10am-noon: Annan Churches Together Spring Fair at URC. All proceeds to local Doctors' Surgeries

EASTRIGGS ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST www.eastriggs.church.scot - Charity SC003183

GRETNA, ALL SAINTS www.gretna.church.scot - Charity No SC022566

Wed 28 7.30pm: All Saints Bingo at the Richard Greenhow Centre

Thurs 8 Mar 7.00pm: Annual General Meeting

Every Wednesday All Saints Coffee & Chat from 10.00am

Every Friday 1.00pm Gretna Mothers & Under Ones meet in the Church Room

LOCKERBIE, ALL SAINTS www.lockerbieanglican.org - Charity No SC022050

Every Thursday 4.00pm: Evening Prayer and Holy Communion

Lockerbie Salvation Army Food Bank - A box for donations at back of the church Every

MOFFAT, ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST www.stjohnsmoffat.org - Charity No SC005772

Wed 28 Feb 10.00am: Holy Communion & discussion. Readings Jeremiah 18:18-20, Mark 20:17-28

Wed 21 Feb 7.00pm: Second meeting of ACTS Lent Course in the Hall

First Base Food Bank - Box for food donations & new, clean usable utensils etc is in porch

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