

**Welcome to the Scottish Episcopal Church  
part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion  
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**

**11 FEBRUARY 2018  
SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

This morning's officiants

Annan (1882 Liturgy) & Gretna (1982 Liturgy) - Revd Dr S Ballard  
Eastriggs (Service of the Word) - Mr Peter Carey, Worship Leader  
Moffat (1982 Liturgy) & Lockerbie (1982 Liturgy) - Revd M Callaghan

**THE COLLECT**

Almighty God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross, that, in the world to come, we may see him as he is; through the same 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**

**2 Kings 2:1-12**

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Response to Psalm 50:1-6: **Our God will come and will not keep silence.**

**2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**Mark 9:2-9**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

Please keep in your prayers Bishop Gregor Duncan;

**GENERAL NOTICES**

**All Saints, Lockerbie Tuesday 13 February 7.00pm**

**Sing-a-Long with "The Dryfe Singers" and fiddler Charlie Carr  
Entrance Free - Donations Welcome - Refreshments Available - See Poster**

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

**Annan, St John's 9.45am - Revd S Ballard  
Moffat, St John's 10.00am - Revd M Callaghan  
Eastriggs, St John's 11.00am - Revd S Ballard  
Lockerbie, All Saints 5.30pm - Revd M Callaghan  
Gretna, All Saints 7.00pm - Revd M Callaghan**

**ANNAN, ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST** [www.annan.church.scot](http://www.annan.church.scot) - Charity No SC014491

**Thurs 22 7.00pm:** Annual General Meeting

**EASTRIGGS ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST** [www.eastriggs.church.scot](http://www.eastriggs.church.scot) - Charity SC003183

**GRETNA, ALL SAINTS** [www.gretna.church.scot](http://www.gretna.church.scot) - Charity No SC022566

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

*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](http://www.lockerbieanglican.org) - Charity No SC022050

**Thurs 22 Feb from 10.30am - 'Elevenses at All Saints' - Tea, Coffee and Fellowship**

*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](http://www.stjohnsmoffat.org) - Charity No SC005772

**Wed 13 Feb 10.00am:** Ash Wednesday Eucharist in Church 1982 Liturgy

**Wed 21 Feb 7.00pm:** First 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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