

**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**

**4 MARCH 2018
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

This morning's officiants

Annan (1882 Liturgy) & Gretna (1982 Liturgy) - Revd M Callaghan
Eastriggs (1982 Liturgy Reserved Sacrament) - Mr Daniel Carey, Worship Leader
Moffat (1982 Liturgy) & Lockerbie (1982 Liturgy) - Revd Dr S Ballard

THE COLLECT

Merciful Father, we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: when we are discouraged by our weakness, give us strength to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE READINGS

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Response to Psalm 19: **You Lord, have the words of eternal life.**

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves,

'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of mercy and forgiveness, may we who share this sacrament live together in unity and peace, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Please keep in your prayers Bishop Gregor Duncan

GENERAL NOTICES

ST JOHN'S, EASTRIGGS LENT GROUP

Meets Thursday 8 March 6.00pm (note change of time). All Welcome

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

Annandale Group Committee meets at All Saints Lockerbie Thursday 15 March at 7.00pm

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 SC022050

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

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 SC005772

Thurs 22 Mar 10.00am: Vestry Meeting

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 SC003183

Wed 7 Mar 10.00am: Communion & discussion. Readings Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-10 Matthew 5:17-20

Wed 7 Mar 7.00pm: Third 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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