

**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**

**22APRIL 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

This morning's officiants

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

THE COLLECT

O God, the light of whose truth stretches out to those who go astray, that they may return to the path of righteousness: give your grace to all who profess themselves Christians, that they may cast out what is harmful, and pursue all that gives life; 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

Acts 4:5-12

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Response to Psalm 23: **The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.**

1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

John 10:11-18

Jesus said to the Pharisees 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep

that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom., where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

Please keep in your prayers Bishop Gregor Duncan;

GENERAL NOTICES

*You are invited to read a letter from the Dean on the notice board concerning the removal and re-internment of cremated remains from Holy Cross Church, Knightswood.
This notice will continue for four weeks.*

With the retirement of Mrs Cathy Muirhead from St John's, Moffat as Secretary to the Annandale Group, after tremendous service, a new secretary is being sought. If anyone is interested in offering themselves for this post please contact the Rector. Previous experience of the Annandale Group Committee is not essential.

For those who were unable to attend the Charity Services at Eastriggs and Annan there is still the opportunity to donate to Save the Children. There is also a Just Giving page at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stjohnsannan

ST JOHN'S EASTRIGGS CRAFT FAYRE

Saturday April 28th 10am - 4pm Refreshments - soup/roll, cakes etc all day

Diocesan Synod convenes at Kilmarnock: Saturday 12 May

All Saints Gretna Soup and Pud

Saturday 12 May from 11.30am.

ANNAN, ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST www.annan.church.scot - Charity No SC014491

EASTRIGGS ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST www.eastriggs.church.scot - Charity SC022050

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

Wed 2 May Noon: Vestry meeting.

Every Wednesday All Saints Coffee & Chat from 10.00am

LOCKERBIE, ALL SAINTS www.lockerbieanglican.org - Charity No SC005772

*Every Thursday 4.00pm: Evening Prayer and Holy Communion
Lockerbie Salvation Army Food Bank - A box for donations at back of the church*

MOFFAT, ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST www.stjohnsmoffat.org - Charity No SC003183

Wed 25 Apr 10.00am: Holy Communion & Discussion Readings Acts 12:24-13:5a, John 12:44-50.

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

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