

**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**

**29 APRIL 2018**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!***

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, who alone can bring harmony to the minds of your faithful people: give us grace to love the things you command, and to desire the things you promise; that, amid the uncertain changes of this world, our hearts may be firmly fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 8:26-40**

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Response to Psalm 22:24-30 **All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.**

**1 John 4:7-21**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but

perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

### **John 15:1-8**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.*

**With the retirement of Mrs Cathy Muirhead as Secretary to the Annandale Group, 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 & Annan you can still donate to Save the Children. There is also a Just Giving page at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stjohnsannan](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stjohnsannan)*

### **Regional Council Ascension Day Eucharist Thursday 10 May 7.00pm**

**St John's Dumfries. Officiant Canon Nigel Newton Preacher Rev Janice Ayton**

### **Diocesan Synod convenes at Kilmarnock: Saturday 12 May**

### **TAIZE SERVICE LOCKERBIE: THURSDAY 17 MAY 7.00pm**

### **ALL SAINTS LOCKERBIE POP-UP COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday 19 May 10.30am-Noon Raffle, Cake Stall, Plants Preserves and Tombola. (Donations of goods welcome) If you can help please speak to Kath Leadbeater or Lynne Prhal**

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

**EASTRIGGS ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST** [www.eastriggs.church.scot](http://www.eastriggs.church.scot) - Charity SC022050

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

**Wed 2 May Noon:** Vestry meeting

**Thurs 3 May 12.30pm:** Funeral of Elizabeth (Beth) Samson

*Every Wednesday All Saints Coffee & Chat from 10.00am*

**LOCKERBIE, ALL SAINTS** [www.lockerbieanglican.org](http://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](http://www.stjohnsmoffat.org) - Charity No SC003183

**Wed 2 May 10.00am:** Holy Communion & Discussion Readings Acts 15:1-6, John 15:1-8.

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

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