

**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**

**13 MAY 2018
ASCENSION SUNDAY**

This morning's officiants

Annan (1662 Liturgy) - Revd M Callaghan; Gretna (Service of the Word) - Mr Peter Carey

Eastriggs (1982 Liturgy, Reserved Sacrament) - Mr Richard Starkey, Lay Reader

Moffat (1982 Liturgy) & Lockerbie (1982 Liturgy) - Revd Dr S Ballard

THE COLLECT

Almighty God: grant that we, who believe that your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, ascended to the heavens, may already dwell in spirit with him there; for he lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

THE READINGS

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Response to Psalm 47: **God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.**

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Luke 24:44-53

Jesus said to the disciples: 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And

see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please keep in your prayers Bishop Gregor Duncan;

GENERAL NOTICES

Bishop Gregor announced at Synod yesterday that he will retire from office on 11 October this year. We wish him health and happiness and keep him in our prayers.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK BEGINS THIS SUNDAY

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. Help & Donations of goods welcome. Please speak to Kath Leadbeater or Lynne Prhal

ALL SAINTS GRETNA AFTERNOON TEA

Sunday 20 May from 2.30pm

Regional Council All Saints Challoch Tues 22 May Bring & share Lunch 12.30pm/meeting 1.30pm

ST JOHN'S EASTRIGGS SPRING FAIR

Saturday 26 May 2.00pm-4.00pm. Tremendous Stalls plus Plants

A new secretary is being sought for the Annandale Group Committee. Previous experience of the Group Committee is not essential. Please speak to the Rector.

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

St John's, Annan is now on facebook 

THIS EVENING 6.30pm: Christian Aid Week Service at Annan Old Parish. Donation envelopes are also available at the back of St John's for those unable to attend the Service.

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

Wed 16 May 6.00pm: A Mission Action Plan Meeting will take place to discuss an exciting new project

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

Every Wednesday All Saints Coffee & Chat from 10.00am

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

Thurs 17 May 7.00pm: Taize Service Lockerbie. **There will be no 4.00pm Service that day.**

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

MOFFAT, ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST www.stjohnsmoffat.org - Charity No SC00318

Wed 16 May 2.00pm: The funeral of Colin John Stokes will take place at St Andrew's Church.

There will be no 10.00am Service that morning.

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

Rector: The Reverend Martin Callaghan

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