

**Welcome to the Scottish Episcopal Church
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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**

24 JUNE 2018

THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

This morning's officiants

Annan (1982 Liturgy) & Eastriggs (1982 Liturgy) - Revd M Callaghan

Gretna (1982 Liturgy) - Revd J Stevenson

Moffat (1982 Liturgy - Preacher, Mr Keith Taylor, Lay Reader) & Lockerbie (1982 Liturgy) - Revd Dr S Ballard

This will be Keith and Mary Taylor's last Sunday at St John's, Moffat before their move down south next week. We express our gratitude for Keith's ministry amongst us and wish Mary and him God's blessing and every happiness in their new home.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, by whose providence John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and filled with the Holy Spirit to prepare the way of your Son, our Saviour; give us, we pray, the light of spiritual joy; and guide the hearts of the faithful into the way of salvation and peace; 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

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Response to Psalm 85:7-13: **The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.**

Acts 13:14b-26

On the sabbath day Paul and his companions went into the synagogue and sat down. After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, 'Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it.' So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: 'You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance for about four hundred and fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, "I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes." Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet." 'My

brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.

Luke 1:57-66, 80

The time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We thank you, Lord, for your word and your table which give us the knowledge of salvation. Your compassion has broken on us like the dawn; guide now our feet into the way of peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**


Please keep in your prayers Bishop Gregor Duncan; Revd Robin Underhill; **Annan:** Muriel Brindley; Dot Young, Sally McWilliam **Gretna:** Margaret Morris; Yvonne McCracken; Tom Nicholson; Derek Peacock; Trevor Wright; Glen Sexton; Phylis Elias **Lockerbie:** Neil McDonnell; George McCallion; Eileen Shields; Clifford Corton; Angus Winwick; Richard Gray **Moffat:** Anne McIntosh, Barbara Canham; Lindsay Clarke; Campbell Wilson, Sheila Dillon; Shirley Ann Malcolm.

GENERAL NOTICES

Marie Curie Tea Party - Saturday 30 June 10.00am
at the Richard Greenhow Centre, Gretna

Ukulele Band Concert at St John's, Eastriggs Thurs 28 June 7.30pm
Tickets £5.00 or pay at door. Light refreshments & raffle.

ALL SAINTS, LOCKERBIE TAIZE SERVICE THURS 28 JUNE 7.00pm


ANNAN, ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST www.annan.church.scot - Charity No SC014491
St John's, Annan is now on facebook 

Notice of Experimental Re-ordering Under Canon 35

As agreed at the AGM it is proposed to move the altar approximately two feet forward. This will allow the officiant to face the congregation during Holy Communion. Once permission has been received from the Diocese the re-ordering will last for six months and then be re-viewed.

Thurs 28 June 7.00pm: Special Vestry Meeting

Kate's Kitchen Food Bank A new donations box for non-perishable foods & utensils is being introduced

EASTRIGGS ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST www.eastriggs.church.scot - Charity SC022050
St John's, Eastriggs is now on facebook 

Wed 27 June noon: Early Years Graduation Service.

Wed 27 June time 4.00pm: MAP meeting with Canon Missioner Audrey O'Brien-Stewart

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

Mon 25 June from 6.25pm: All Saints will host the unveiling of the township's 'On War Service' memorials and the Commemoration Service for the Centenary of the RAF. Service in church grounds at 6.45pm. Hospitality in church from 7.30pm.

Every Wednesday All Saints Coffee & Chat from 10.00am

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

Mon 25 June 9.00am: Visit to All saints by Lockerbie Primary School

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 27 June 10.00pm: Communion & Discussion Readings 2 Kings 22:8-13, 23:1-3, Matthew 7:15-20..

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

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