

**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**

**2 SEPTEMBER 2018  
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Please note that pew notes will not be available for the next two Sundays  
whilst the Rector is on holiday**

**This morning's officiants**

Annan (1982 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**

Almighty and merciful God, by whose grace alone your faithful people offer you service and praise: grant that we may hasten without stumbling towards the things that you promise; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

**THE READINGS**

**Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9**

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Response to Psalm 15: **Those who do what is right will dwell in the presence of the Lord.**

**James 1:17-27**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

**Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching

human precepts as doctrines.” You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.’ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.’ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.’

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Please keep in your prayers** Bishop Gregor Duncan

### **GENERAL NOTICES**

#### **Please see separate sheet on Bishop's Retirement**

*The Rector will be on holiday from Mon 3 Sept returning on Tues 18 Sept. Wednesday services at Moffat will be covered during this time but please note there will be no mid-week Services at Lockerbie or Annan. In the event of a pastoral emergency contact Revd John Stevenson on tel; 01683 300164 from Mon 3rd Sept to Wed 12th Sept & Revd Steven Ballard on tel: 01387 770438 from Thurs 13th to Mon 17th Sept.*

#### **GRETNA SOUP AND PUD**

**Saturday 8 September 11.00am. All Welcome**


#### **TAIZIE AT ALL SAINTS, LOCKERBIE**

**Thursday 13 September at 7.00pm**

#### **ELEVENSES AT ALL SAINTS LOCKERBIE**

**Thursday 20 September 10.30-11.30am**

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


*St John's, Annan is now on facebook* 

**There will be no monthly Service of Holy Communion on Thursday 13 September**

**Thurs 20 Sept 7.00pm:** Vestry meets

*Kate's Kitchen Food Bank: A donations box for non-perishable foods & utensils is available.*

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

*St John's, Eastriggs is now on facebook* 

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

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

**LOCKERBIE, ALL SAINTS** [www.lockerbieanglican.org](http://www.lockerbieanglican.org) - Charity No SC005772

#### **GIFT DAY**

**Sat 22 Sept 11.00am-1.00pm. Come to church for Coffee & Chat & make a special donation.**

*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 SC00318

#### **WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME IN ST. JOHN'S**

Wednesday morning Communion Service is to be extended to include lunch. Coffee & chat will follow the Service but anyone can come later for lunch at Noon. Soup will be provided & those coming may bring their own sandwiches etc. This starts weekly on Wed 5 Sept with the exception the 3rd Wed of the month.

See full notice in the Hall.

**Wed 5 Sept 10.00am:** Communion & Discussion in the hall. Readings 1 Corinthians 3;1-9 Luke 4:38-44

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

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