



July 2016 News Letter



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July Worship at Annan URC - All services are at 10:30am (Except 31st July)

Sunday 3rd July: Communion

Bible Readings: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 – Haydn Higton
Isaiah 66:10-14 – Margaret Jones

Service Theme: *A supported community*

Sunday 10th July: **Prayer Leaders: Jim Murray and Haydn Higton**

Bible Readers: Joseph Kidd-Bentley
Robin Richardson

Readings and service theme to be advised – minister at General Assembly

Sunday 17th July:

Bible Reading: Luke 10: 38-42 – Edith Woodman
Genesis 18:1-10a

Service Theme: *A serving community*

Sunday 24th July: **Prayer Leaders: Helen McNairn and Margaret Jones**

Bible Readings: Luke 11:1-13 – Doug Maxwell
Genesis 18:20-32 – Nan Maxwell

Service Theme: *A praying community*

Sunday 31st July: Service to celebrate end of Holiday Bible Club

Annan Academy – 11:15am

Minister's Message

Another summer is with us and this year (to date) we, in Annan, appear to be doing quite well with the weather – long may it continue. Even though it is the school holidays, and, for some, summer holidays will be taken, the work of the Church still continues throughout the summer and it certainly needs each one of us to support that work on a Sunday and at other activities – God certainly doesn't leave our lives for the whole summer and certainly I would want to encourage us not to 'take a break' from God for the whole of the summer..

There are many activities which we can get involved in and support:

- The Holiday Bible Club – Polar Explorers – meet in the Academy from Monday 25th to Friday 29th July and whilst not all of us can volunteer for this, we can show our support by coming along to the celebration service on 31st July at 11:15am in the Academy – **There will be no service in our Church that Sunday.**
- On 2nd July I will be taking girls from the Girls' Brigade to Edinburgh for the opening of the Scottish Parliament – an honour for the girls to represent the Division and our Company in this – I may need your prayers that day.
- 7th July is our Summer Lunches and it is great to have additional people volunteering to help at this – our Strawberry Lunches has received much praise from those who attended – if you cannot help working at this, come along for the lunch – it is a great social time as well as fundraiser.
- 8th – 11th July I am at General Assembly in Southport – you can follow many of the debates on line. Please pray for all who are attending this as we explore the next chapter in the life of the United Reformed Church
- 16th July sees the induction of our new Synod Moderator, Revd Dr David Pickering at Giffnock URC, which our Church Secretary and I will be attending. I am sure we will all want to pray for David as he takes on this new role.
- And perhaps most of all Sunday Worship, with activities for our younger members, continues **every** Sunday throughout the school holidays.

Of course, we all need to recharge our batteries and I look forward to doing that with Trish in North Wales for the first 2 weeks in August.

Jesus understood the value of time to recover:

Mark 6:30-32

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.

So, for all who will be away on holiday I do hope you have a peaceful time and time to rest from daily lives and if you do happen to visit a Church whilst away, why not let me know and we can mention them in September's News Letter.

And for the Sunday's you are not away I do look forward to welcoming you into Church to worship our Lord who is with us each and every day.

God Bless

Alan

Sunday Seekers

Activities will be provided for all young people who come into Church throughout the school holidays – it may be slightly different than normal Sunday Seekers, but will be just as enjoyable.

Christmas Tree Festival

As was mentioned in last month's News Letter, we are holding a Christmas Tree Festival in December – as part of this the organisers are looking for: Old Shoes, Buttons (any shape and size) and for a large number of knitted squares to make a knitted Christmas Tree. Please bring shoes and buttons along to the Church. Wool is available for the knitted squares; please ask Edith Woodman, Margaret Blake or Trish McGougan.

The minister was told about mice being knitted for this event and questioned where mice appear in the Bible – apparently 6 times – why not google it and see what is said about mice.

Shoe Box Appeal

Although the shoeboxes for youngsters in Eastern Europe are not collected until November it is never too early to start filling a box now. Buy one or two items each month and this valuable outreach of the Church family will be successful again this year. Shoe boxes are now available at the door for people to collect and start filling.

Dates for Your Diary

02/07	4 Girls from Girls' Brigade in Edinburgh for opening of Scottish Parliament
06/07	The minister is attending a Synod Pastoral Committee Meeting in Glasgow – 7:00pm
07/07	Summer Lunches – 11:30am – 1:30pm
08/07 – 11/07	The minister is attending General Assembly in Southport – anyone in need of pastoral assistance during this time should contact their elder
13/07	The minister is attending (as Convenor) a joint elders meeting of the Lanarkshire Trinity Pastorate (Airdrie, Coatbridge and Cumbernauld).
16/07	Induction Revd Dr David Pickering as Synod Moderator at Giffnock URC at 3:00pm
20/07	The minister is London for a meeting in his role as Commitment for Life Reference Group Convenor
25/07 – 29/07	Annandale Churches Together Holiday Bible Club in Annan Academy 10:00am – noon each day
31/07	No service at Annan URC, service at Annan Academy to celebrate the Holiday Bible Club

Ministers Phone Number: 206988

Please note: Tea and Natter and Tuesday Afternoon games will decide on a week to week basis if they are meeting over the summer, it will depend on who is away.

Daily Bible Readings

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
01/07	2 Samuel 5:1-12	Matthew 27:45-56
02/07	Hosea 11:1-11	Matthew 28:1-7
04/07	Exodus 40:1-16	Luke 14:15-24
05/07	Proverbs 11:1-12	Mark 12:38-44
06/07	Isaiah 33:2-10	Philippians 1:1-11
07/07	Job 38	Luke 18:1-14
08/07	Job 42:1-6	John 3:1-15
09/07	Ecclesiastes 9:1-11	Hebrews 1:1-9
11/07	Numbers 23:1-12	1 Corinthians 1:10-17
12/07	Proverbs 12:1-12	Galatians 3:1-14
13/07	Isaiah 49:8-13	2 Corinthians 8:1-11
14/07	Hosea 14	John 15:1-17
15/07	2 Samuel 18:18-end	Matthew 27:57-66
16/07	Isaiah 55:1-7	Mark 16:1-8
18/07	Joel 3:16-21	Mark 4:21-34
19/07	Proverbs 12:13-end	John 1:43-51
20/07	Isaiah 55:8-end	2 Timothy 2:8-19
21/07	Isaiah 38:1-8	Mark 5:21-43
22/07	Jeremiah 14:1-9	Luke 8:4-15
23/07	Ecclesiastes 5:10-19	1 Timothy 6:6-16
25/07	Joshua 1:1-9	1 Corinthians 9:19-end
26/07	Proverbs 15:1-11	Galatians 2:15-end
27/07	Isaiah 49:1-7	1 John 1
28/07	Proverbs 27:1-12	John 15:12-27
29/07	Isaiah 59:8-end	Mark 15:6-20
30/07	Zechariah 7:8-8:8	Luke 20:27-49