

Annan United Reformed Church

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August 2018 Newsletter



AUGUST 2018 WORSHIP AT ANNAN URC

Sunday 5th August: **Communion Service - Mrs Lesley Richmond**

Prayer Leader: J Murray

Bible Readings: M Kerr
 J Pool

Sunday 12th August: **Morning Service - Rev Iain Mackenzie**

Prayer Leader: D Maxwell

Bible Readings: R Richardson
 H Highton

Sunday 19th August: **Morning Service - Mr Alan Dodds**

Prayer Leader: H Highton

Bible Readings: E Woodman
 D Maxwell

Sunday 26th August: **Morning Service - Mrs Rosalind Fearon**

Prayer Leader: N Maxwell

Bible Readings J Pool
 F Glass

Note to Prayer Leaders and Readers: visiting Service Leaders have the option to choose their own theme and readings, and may wish to lead prayers themselves.

Such information will be given to you as soon as possible.

A poem from Andrew King, a “customer service worker” for a fast-food restaurant in Oakville, Ontario, a member of Maple Grove United Church, (a member congregation of The United Church of Canada): this was included in Nan Maxwell’s talk at our Annan URC on Sunday 22nd July.

PASTURE

There is a place we can find, a good place
like quiet meadows where flowers spread,
like green grasses by gentle streams;
a place where the heart feels nourished,
where the mind is hopeful, unhurried,
where the spirit is glad and at peace.
We’ll name this place fulfillment,
we’ll name it healing and thankfulness,
we’ll name this good place pasture
for there we seek to feed.

And there is a voice we can hear that calls us,
a gentle voice, melodious,
a voice like songbirds and laughter,
like a mother comforting her children,
like a shepherd calling his sheep.
We’ll name this voice acceptance,
we’ll name it mercy and forgiveness,
we’ll name it the voice of God’s love,
inviting us gently to feed.

It invites us to enter pasture
when we think we’re too hurting to listen,
too angry or grieving or fearful
to hear the voice that calls us to peace.
It invites us to enter pasture
when we’re sure we’re too busy to listen,
too burdened or worried or pressured
to hear the voice that calls us to peace.

It says: Come in and go out and find pasture.
It says: We are safe with the shepherd of all sheep.
It says: Meadows await us, in this moment.
It says: Rest in love. Where you are. Joyfully feed.

Mark 6:34

As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

While we enjoy our break during the month of August, we are aware that September is just a few weeks away – when all the church activities begin.

As a committee, we have arranged a Harvest Lunch on Thursday 13th September in the church from 11:30am until 1:30pm.

Also, on Saturday 29th September at 7:00pm, we are holding a concert in the church, with the Border Strathspey and Reel Society. Prior to the concert, at 5:00pm, there will be a meal in the church hall, consisting of:

Salmon or Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding, with potatoes and vegetables.

Dessert: Apple Crumble, Fruit Salad or Ice-cream.

Menus are available in the Church vestibule. Please take one & choose your meal.

Tickets are on sale now for this event: £10.00 for Meal & Concert and £5.00 Concert only.

The committee would appreciate your support at these events.

As the church is in vacancy, it is important that we all work together to keep a lively church community.

Marion Kerr

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## **AUGUST – MONTH OF HARVEST**

Old as man, yet ever lovely, pleasing to the eye:

The pattern of the harvest fields beneath the August sky ---

The golden sheaves of gathered corn in long unbroken rows –

Like a picture breathing peace, contentment and repose.

Much has gone into the making of this quiet scene:

Ploughing up the frosted earth on mornings bleak and keen ---

Money and machinery and human diligence –

The sunshine and the rainfall and the Lord's good providence.

*Church Gardener*

## **KNIT AND NATTER**

Our Knit and Natter group were asked this year to help make flowers for the tent at the Greenbelt Festival manned by Commitment for Life programme co-ordinator Linda Mead and her team in August this year.

Overall, the theme will be Pilgrimage and Journeying; people on a journey, learning from one another, giving, sharing and encouraging. The tent will be a garden, with a path through it, and this is where the flowers will be used to cover walls and make flower beds. As happened last year, the flowers will be given away as gifts.

Our Knit and Natter group have been crafting flowers since March this year, some origami, others knitted or crocheted. All have now been sent to and received by Linda who has thanked us for the "wonderful parcel of flowers". Now we are left wondering what next year's project will be.



As ever, our Knit and Natter group is held on a Tuesday at 10am in the hall and all are welcome; we rarely take a holiday, everyone coming and going as suits their circumstances. Lots of coffee tea, scones, shortbread and biscuits provided. There is no charge as we believe for once people should be able to come to an event at the church without being asked to put their hand in their pocket. Always a lot of laughter and reminiscing and of course nattering, so much so we were thinking of re-naming our group Natter, and "Knit if you want to"!



## FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

The Friday Fellowship group begins again on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 2:00pm, when the speaker will be Mia Glendinning from Visibility See Hear Project Dumfries and Galloway.

The meeting is open to everyone, so please come along and bring a friend.

There is a cup of tea/coffee provided. It is an afternoon of fellowship.

*Marion Kerr*

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HALL LETTING PROCEDURES

Robin Richardson reminded the recent Annual General Meeting of the Church regarding the letting process; namely, should any organisation enquire about the use of the hall or church then the first point of contact is Haydn Higon who will in turn take their request to the elders, the elders will give the application due consideration & inform the applicant of their decision.

Church Administrator

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**Arts and Crafts Group** starting **Wednesday 8th August**  
(and the second Wednesday of every month-12/9, 10/10, 14/11, 12/12...)  
2.00-4.00pm, United Reformed Church, Station Road, Annan  
Cost £3 per session, contact SHAP on 01461 207728

**This new informal group is for adults who would like the opportunity to do arts and crafts, meet new people and enjoy a chat over a cup of tea or coffee. Art and craft materials are provided and each session will be led and focuses on a different activity. All welcome whether you are a beginner or an expert.**

Felting

Box Making

Button Art

Decopatch

Brayering

Diamond Painting

Candle Decoration



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### **FOR INCLUSION IN PRAYER:**

*The following are August's awareness days established by resolutions of the UN.*

*Please remember them in your prayers. (Descriptions are from UN resources – italics are by the Editor)*

#### **9<sup>th</sup> – International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples**

Indigenous peoples are inheritors and practitioners of unique cultures and ways of relating to people and the environment. Despite their cultural differences, indigenous peoples from around the world share common problems related to the protection of their rights as distinct peoples.

#### **12<sup>th</sup> – International Youth Day**

The World Programme of Action for Youth, which provides a policy framework and practical guidelines to improve the situation of young people, also encourages "promoting the active involvement of youth in maintaining peace and security". *Pray for local projects included in Scotland's Year of Young People, especially those promoting inclusion - Editor.*

#### **19<sup>th</sup> – World Humanitarian Day**

This World Humanitarian Day we continue to bring attention to the millions of civilians affected by armed conflict every day. People in cities and towns struggle to find food, water, and safe shelter, while fighting drives millions from their homes. Children are recruited and used to fight, and their schools are destroyed. Women are abused and humiliated. As humanitarian workers deliver aid, and medical workers treat the wounded and sick, they are directly targeted, treated as threats, and prevented from bringing relief and care to those in desperate need.

#### **21<sup>st</sup> – International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism**

The resolution proclaiming this day states that it is established in order to honour and support the victims and survivors of terrorism and to promote and protect the full enjoyment of their human rights and fundamental freedoms, and calls on all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system as well as other international organizations, and civil society entities, including non-governmental organizations and individuals, to observe the International Day in an appropriate manner.

#### **23<sup>rd</sup> – International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition**

*The historic international slave trade still has implications for many peoples and individuals, but it also serves to focus our attention on "modern slavery" in its many forms. Editor*

#### **29<sup>th</sup> – International Day against Nuclear Tests**

The human and environmental tragedies that are the result of nuclear testing are compelling reasons for the need to observe the International Day against Nuclear Tests – a day in which educational events, activities and messages aim to capture the world's attention and underscore the need for unified efforts to prevent further nuclear weapons testing. The international instrument to put an end to all forms of nuclear testing is the 1996 Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), unfortunately, this has yet to enter into force.

#### **30<sup>th</sup> – International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances**

Enforced disappearance has become a global problem and is not restricted to a specific region of the world. Once largely the product of military dictatorships, enforced disappearances can nowadays be perpetrated in complex situations of internal conflict, especially as a means of political repression of opponents. Special attention must also be paid to specific groups of especially vulnerable people, like children and people with disabilities.

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*Editor.*



### **AUGUST 2018 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

|          |                                                                                                                  |
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| Sun 5th  | Communion Service and Sunday Seekers - 10:30 am                                                                  |
| Tue 7th  | Knit & Natter - 10:00 am in hall, and every Tuesday - all welcome                                                |
| Tue 7th  | Games Afternoon - 2:00 pm in hall, and every Tuesday - all welcome                                               |
| Sun 12th | Morning Service and Sunday Seekers - 10:30 am                                                                    |
| Sun 19th | Morning Worship and Sunday Seekers - 10:30 am                                                                    |
| Sun 19th | Deadline for September Newsletter items to reach Ruth Mitchell, please, including your group meeting diary dates |
| Thu 23rd | Girls' Brigade - 6:00 pm in hall, and every Thursday in term time                                                |
| Sun 26th | Morning Worship and Sunday Seekers - 10:30 am                                                                    |
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#### A REMINDER TO GROUPS:

We are a Fairtrade Church.



We have committed to:

Use Fairtrade tea and coffee for all meetings for which we have responsibility

Move forward on using other Fairtrade products (such as sugar, biscuits, fruit)

Promote Fairtrade during Fairtrade Fortnight – and through other activities whenever possible

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR AUGUST

|          |                      |                       |
|----------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Wed 1st  | Isaiah 49:1-7        | 1 John 1              |
| Thu 2nd  | Proverbs 27:1-12     | John 15:12-27         |
| Fri 3rd  | Isaiah 59:8-end      | Mark 15:6-20          |
| Sat 4th  | Zechariah 7:8 to 8:8 | Luke 20: 27-40        |
| Sun 5th  | Job 28               | Hebrews 11:17-31      |
| Mon 6th  | Judges 13:1-23       | Luke 10:38-42         |
| Tue 7th  | Proverbs 15:15-end   | Matthew 15:21-28      |
| Wed 8th  | Isaiah 45:1-7        | Ephesians 4:1-16      |
| Thu 9th  | Jeremiah 16:1-15     | Luke 12:35-48         |
| Fri 10th | Jeremiah 18:1-11     | Hebrews 1:1-9         |
| Sat 11th | Jeremiah 26:1-19     | Ephesians 3:1-13      |
| Sun 12th | Job 39:1 to 40:4     | Hebrews 12:1-17       |
| Mon 13th | Ruth 2:1-13          | Luke 10:25-37         |
| Tue 14th | Proverbs 16:1-11     | Philippians 3:4b-end  |
| Wed 15th | Deuteronomy 11:1-21  | 2 Corinthians 9:6-end |
| Thu 16th | Ecclesiastes 2:12-25 | John 16:1-15          |
| Fri 17th | Obadiah 1-10         | John 19:1-16          |
| Sat 18th | 2 Kings 2:11-14      | Luke 24:36-end        |
| Sun 19th | Exodus 2:23 to 3:10  | Hebrews 13:1-15       |
| Mon 20th | 1 Samuel 17:32-50    | Matthew 8:14-22       |
| Tue 21st | Proverbs 17:1-15     | Luke 7:1-17           |
| Wed 22nd | Jeremiah 5:20-end    | 2 Peter 3:8-end       |
| Thu 23rd | Daniel 2:1-23        | Luke 10:1-20          |
| Fri 24th | Daniel 3:1-28        | Revelation 15         |
| Sat 25th | Daniel 6             | Philippians 2:14-24   |
| Sun 26th | Exodus 4:27 to 5:1   | Hebrews 13:16-21      |
| Mon 27th | 2 Samuel 7:4-17      | 2 Corinthians 5:1-10  |
| Tue 28th | Proverbs 18:10-21    | Romans 14:10-end      |
| Wed 29th | Judges 4:1-10        | Romans 1:8-17         |
| Thu 30th | Isaiah 49:14-end     | John 16:16-24         |
| Fri 31st | Job 9:1-24           | Mark 15:21-32         |