



ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

11th April, 2022

Sunday Sermon: Matthew 21: 9

On this Palm Sunday the sermon was based on Matthew's account of the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and how the crowd perceived him. They were **Holding out for a Hero** not only because it is a common feature of human behaviour but also they had prophetic promises which came to mind in connection with this remarkable person.

Different from other heroes, Jesus was a **Hero with divine authority**. He was not simply caught up in popular acclaim who, a week later, was rejected and put to death as a failure. He was fully aware of what was happening as the fulfilment of his mission and the purpose of God.

As such he was a **Hero who inspired prophetic promises**. His coming in this manner reminded the people of the coming of a Messiah, frequently announced in the Old Testament.

Yet he was a **Hero who disappoints**. - not in royal robes as a mighty king but humbly riding on a donkey, a beast of burden, rather than a mighty charger.

Yet, he was a **Hero who excels**. His mission was to come as a Saviour, in Isaiah's description, as *"a lamb led to the slaughter"* so that *"he who knew no sin was made sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him"*.

There was no other good enough
To bear the price of sin
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven, and let us in

We need to recognise, receive and trust in this Messiah as our personal Saviour

Mission of the Month.

April's Mission of the Month cause is Street Connect which was postponed from March, when Ricky McAddock was with us, to allow opportunity for the Ukraine offering.

Holy Week Services

As previously intimated, the Milngavie Churches' Holy Week services this year will be held in St Luke's Church from Monday 11th – Friday 15th April at 7 30 each evening. The topics and speakers are:

- Monday – Ramsay Shields: Reading: Mark 11: 12-19. Theme: 'Clearing The Temple'
- Tuesday – John Macleod. Reading: Matthew 21: 33-46. Theme: 'Facing Hostility.'
- Wednesday – Gavin Matthews (Solas)
- Thursday – Douglas Campbell. Reading: John 13: 1-17. Theme: 'Demonstrating Service'.
- Friday – Fergus Buchanan. Reading: John 19: 16b-30. Theme: 'Fulfilling His Mission.'

This Week

As this is Holy Week, with joint services, etc, there will not be a Tuesday night Prayer Meeting nor Zoom Prayer Times on Wednesday and Friday mornings, this week. But keep on praying.

Holiday Club

It is planned to hold another Holiday Club during the first week of the summer

holidays (27th June to 1st July) under the leadership of Simon and Hannah Snodgrass who run the #One2Seven each week. They have a well-worked out programme but will depend on help to make sure everything runs well. Please let Jim Gourley know if you can help in any way. Thank you.

SU Study Week at Gowanbank

Gordon Craig has long served SU camps as cook. This week he is at Gowanbank Centre near Darvel cooking for hungry teenagers spending the week doing revision for their upcoming exams under SU guidance. He sets out the following prayer points:

**The team of 15 Leaders and 24 'students' to bond together;*

**For the campers that they will study well and experience something new and fresh as we study Scripture together.*

**Our focus will be on what the Bible says about work and doing it as our worship.*

Thank you for your prayers. GORDON.

Christian Institute Week of Prayer

The Christian Institute, always working to seek to stem the force of secular erosion of our Christian values, is setting aside this week as a Week of prayer focusing each day on: On-line safety Bill, Sanctity of Life, Family Freedom, Society, Transgender ideology and Gospel Freedom. Further information from info@christian.org.uk

Finally,

Some of the most precious things in life we take for granted, for example, our eyesight. What would life be like without our eyesight? It would curtail our lives in so many ways. In laboratories and industries, safety notices are placed on large boards "Safety Glasses Must Be Worn". The reason for this is to prevent serious life-changing eye injuries. In Proverbs 7: 2 it says "Keep my teachings as the apple of your eye". If we neglect God's Word we stumble and fall. Hearing is also an important sense for us, what would life be like without being able to hear? The phrase most frequently used by our Lord Jesus in the Gospels seems to be "He who has ears to hear, let him hear".

Sandy Allan

SAT-7.

It is so encouraging to hear recently that in 2021 SAT-7 had 84,000 one-to-one viewer conversations with people in the Middle East and North Africa showing the great desire they had to know more about the Christian life.

SAT-7 continues to be watched by millions of people in 25 countries.

Please pray for this wonderful outreach and praise God for the transforming results it is continuing to have.

Inga McKendry

If all goes to plan, Inga will be in Scotland on Tuesday 26th April until Thursday 30th June.

Please pray for her safety in travel and for the plans she has while in the UK. We are looking forward to Inga being with us and hearing of the ongoing work with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Mexico.

Pray for:

Our Covid casualties: - Ian and Margaret Baird, Jim and Laraine Gourley, Janice and Sandy Allan, and Christine Harvey.

Remember also Margaret Stewart in hospital and Nessie after her fall. Margaret Russell would also appreciate prayer.