



## ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

### FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

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#### Sunday Sermon: Pentecost Plus

One significant phenomenon of Pentecost was the fact that, by the enabling of the outpoured Holy Spirit, each one of the bystanders from various language groups gathered in Jerusalem *"heard (the message) in our own mother tongue"*.

Making that word available and understood in various contexts became the hallmark of that early group of believers as they continued in the *"apostles' doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayers"*. (That will be the theme of the morning ministry over the next few weeks).

Bringing us up to date with her own involvement in that venture, several centuries after the initial dissemination, **Inga McKendry** spoke of the work of Wycliffe Bible Translators and her own part in it in the Oaxaca state in Mexico - with its 60 or so languages - each the mother tongue of a people group.

Having gone out in 1985 following a challenge for Christian commitment in Jean Donnelly's Crusader class, Inga has been fully engaged in translation work. Linguistics helps to appreciate the distinctive way each language works (e.g. word order in sentences). Translation entails conveying concepts, such as 'grace' or 'salvation', in ways that are meaningful (and avoid misunderstanding) to local groups. Teams work on translation, try out the version in community groups, check and re-check before the Scriptures are made available to these folks in their remote areas. Prayer and support for such vital work is an essential partnership.

#### Elders

The Elders meet this morning and would value our prayers as they deliberate.

#### Holiday Club Planning

With the end of the month fast approaching and our Holiday Club imminent, final stage planning will take place at tonight's meeting at 7 30pm. Still room and scope for more helpers. Come just to find out what's happening.

#### Bible Study

With only two sessions left this 'term' we plan to look at chapters 18 – 22 of Joshua and the task of allocating responsibility to the remaining seven tribes who, as yet, have not claimed their inheritance.

#### Praise Gathering

Praise Gathering with a 400 voice choir is on at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall this Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, at 7 pm.

#### Holiday Club

The Holiday Club runs from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July from 10 to 12 30 each day. The theme is Brave, based on the Book of Daniel. We already have the "hanging gardens of Babylon" ready in the Crush Hall (but not 'Underneath the Arches' as our theme song!) and more decorations will appear in due course.

Recent reports have confirmed that seeds sown over the years in these activities do bear fruit so we are anxious for the event to be really saturated in prayer that God will use it for His glory. Remember Simon and Hannah as they lead it and all those helping in whatever way.

Publicity material is available in the Crush Hall. Please take it and distribute as opportunity arises.

### **Mission of the Month**

Quite fittingly, the mission we support financially this month is Wycliffe Bible Translators. Having heard Inga share yesterday we can appreciate a little more of the vital role their workers play, not only in local translation work but also in developing a wider – and more specialised understanding – of how to do it more effectively.

### **Slavic Gospel Association**

A Prayer meeting for SGA will be held in Margaret Russell's home (53 Roman Rd) on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7 30pm.

### **Toddlers**

There will be no Toddlers on Tuesday morning for the rest of the summer. So, perhaps this is the time to say thank you to Margaret Baird and Flora for faithfully running this for yet another year with all the endeavour that entails. And thank you, too, for all the other ladies – and Ian – who help out so willingly and diligently.

And, such is the commitment to maximise the potential of this outreach that, DV, in September two sessions will be held – one in the morning and the other in the

afternoon so that double the numbers can be accommodated. More volunteers are needed to help ease and spread the load.

### **Summer Activities**

Not because they are unnecessary or expendable, but to make allowances for availability arrangements and some respite for those who carry responsibility, a number of our 'regular' activities will be suspended over the next few months. Toddlers has finished and #One2Seven will cease after this week. Bible Study will finish on 23<sup>rd</sup> June as will the two morning Zoom Prayer Times. The vital Tuesday Prayer meeting will still be held each week and the Wednesday morning Café will remain in operation through the summer; as will our Sunday services, including Sunday School.

### **Prayer:**

In addition to regulars, some new names for our prayer list: Joan (broken wrist) and Terry Gallagher (MRI scan and possible surgery), Margaret and Jack Wallace (Maryhill).

George Cowan is now in Gartnavel Hospital and Jean Donnelly thanks everyone for their good wishes on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### **Finally,**

A recent visit to Milngavie Manor to conduct a service at the time of the Queens Jubilee celebrations brought back memories of seeing Princess Anne in the flesh when she opened the spinal injuries rehab unit in Clober Farm Lane. (For those who don't know, we lived in the bungalow that made way for Milngavie Manor to be built where it is and each time, I visit I am always amazed at the magnificent building that stands where our home once did!) The day we saw Princess Anne it was strange to be looking over the garden wall and seeing Royalty; it certainly wasn't an everyday occurrence, and it was slightly surreal to be in your own home and yet in such proximity to a Royal. As we seek to follow Jesus isn't it a marvel that we are called to behold his majesty and to do so amid the ordinary events of everyday life. Whether we are soldiering away in the workplace or bound at home with illness, the glory of our faith is that we are never far from a Royal Presence.

John Macleod