



ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

15th November, 2021

Sunday Sermon: 1 Peter 2: 4 - 10

On this Remembrance Sunday when the nation remembers those who gave their lives in various conflicts, it is not inappropriate to reflect on the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus in the cosmic battle with the devil and sin, when He triumphed on Calvary. As Christian believers, we are '*Living Memorials*' of that accomplishment. How can that be?

Initially it is by being **drawn to Jesus**. Having 'tasted that the Lord is good' we now come to Jesus as the 'living stone'. Having come initially for salvation we need to come repeatedly and consistently to the One who is our Saviour: the one who saves today as he saved us yesterday.

It also means recognising the **preciousness of Christ**. He was – and is – rejected by men but for the believer his constant presence (as we come to him) is precious. He is the "*Living Stone*" and as believers we also are made living stones. Christ in you is *the hope of glory*.

As well as the past and the present there is significance in the future as we realise the **purpose of Christ**. We are not only *saved from* but also *saved for*. It is God's purpose that we are built into a spiritual house, a dwelling place of God that not only ensures his presence but also displays his character and expresses his ministry.

So, we need to yield ourselves totally to God through Jesus and the outworking of his divine life through us in worship and service by his divine power as we deliberately "*come to him*".

Services on Zoom

Because of the difficulty in using Zoom and the Loop service for the hearing impaired at the same time, Sunday services will not now be available on Zoom but can be followed subsequently through the church website as normal.

The Tuesday Prayer meeting will still be available on Zoom for those who find coming out at night difficult but, as Elders, we would stress the importance of being in one place for this most important meeting in the life of the church.

Ladies Meeting

The ladies meet again on Thursday afternoon at 2 pm when Gordon Thomson will be the speaker.

Mission of the Month

The current Mission of the Month is SAT-7 – a contemporary mission agency using satellite technology to beam gospel and educational programmes with a Christian focus into many countries in the Middle East at a time when ordinary missionaries are not allowed to operate.

Sunday Services

This Sunday, Alastair Lohead, Scottish Representative of SAT-7, will give a presentation on the work of SAT-7, which is our Mission of the Month. Communion and a devotional Word will follow. At night, Gordon Thomson will be the speaker.

Milngavie Churches Advent Services

From November 28th, we join with local churches for Advent services on the

theme of looking forward to the Second Coming. These will be at 7 pm each Sunday leading up to Advent in different locations as set out below.

Nov. 28 th	UF	John Macleod
Dec. 5 th	Allander:	Ramsay Shields
Dec. 12 th	St Luke's:	Fergus Buchanan
Dec. 19 th	St Paul's:	Douglas Campbell

David Jack

The Retiring Offering at David's funeral raised £493 for Cancer Research.

The family have donated books from David's library for anyone from Allander who would like to have something to remember David by. They will be available for perusal in the Back Hall on Sundays 21st and 28th November.

Transport

Margaret Russell is Church Transport Coordinator. If you require help in getting to church please contact her on 0141 942 5624 to discuss.

Bible Society Christmas materials

The Scottish Bible Society have produced a set of materials especially for Christmas, entitled: Christmas Joy Activity Pack; Light and Life podcast of John's Gospel; and Advent Readings. Each costs £1 (including p and p) available from SBS, 7 Hampton Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5XU. Further details from Mark Girvan or newsletter@scottishbiblesociety.org

Finally,

Recent flooding on the roads in Glasgow created chaos for motorists in the city. It was remarkable how quickly roads were closed and sadly cars broke down as they endeavoured to get through the water. What is particularly sad (or annoying!) is that much of it was caused by blocked drains. With all the autumn leaves lying on the roadside it did not take long for the drains to clog. It is remarkable what problems are caused when basic things are not maintained! So much of faithful Christian living is simply maintaining our spirituality well and making sure that there is nothing that will cause any blockages of the Spirit's flow. As the children's chorus says, read your Bible, pray every day and you will grow, grow, grow.

John Macleod

Advance Notice

The Church's Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 2nd December at 7 30pm, DV.

People:

Sadly, Liz Baxter passed away last week after a long battle with cancer. Our thoughts and prayer go to the family at this time. Remember Jim and Allyson Flett with news of son Alastair's serious accident in Japan and subsequent major operation. Pray for Anna Gardner settling in to her new home; and for Esther McColl still suffering back pains. And, many others facing difficult circumstances at this time.

Remembrance: Margaret Stewart

We remember that redemption

Reminds,

Expresses,

Delivers,

Eliminates,

Motivates,

Provides,

Typifies,

Indicates,

Offers, and

Nullifies.

*O taste and see that the
Lord is good*