



ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

19th December, 2022

With this last issue of the Newsletter for this year we take the opportunity to thank God for all that has been happening in the church, the people who have worked so hard, the blessings and help we have received from God and a reminder of the significance of the fact that in the fulness of time God sent His Son into the world.

Ebenezer! Hitherto has the Lord helped us.

— in our activities



2022 Activities

Bible Studies, Blythswood Boxes, Drop-In Café, Church Library, Easter Week, Elders, FM Rallies, Hashtag, Holiday Club, Ladies' Meeting, Mission of the Month, Newsletters, Passion for Life, Pastoral visits, Prayer Meetings Rejuvenate, Romania parcels, Toddlers, Sermons, Sunday School, Visitors



Photos: Ava

And blessings

There is much to thank God for as reflected in the following comments:

This year has been a very difficult one for me and my family. Yet, God has helped me through each daily challenge. It has been so comforting to know that the church is praying consistently for me in these trying circumstances.

Seeing increased numbers attending our worship and our prayer meetings has been encouraging.

It has been good to have Inga with us for most of this year. Her presence with us has helped us to understand the complex and varied work she and Sue are undertaking.

I'm thankful for being able to attend church each Sunday and for all the help people like Isabel give me.

Meeting together to pray each Wednesday and Friday morning, albeit on Zoom, has been a real help through difficult times.

We thank God for bringing Simon and Hannah Snodgrass (and wee Edith) to us over this past year. They have really been used to develop our children's outreach

I thank God for all the hard work so many people put in out of selfless devotion in making Allander a place for Christian witness and fellowship

We have appreciated the faithful – and challenging – ministry each week, opening our eyes to the providence of God and seeing what He demands of us as believers.

Wednesday morning has turned out to be an excellent opportunity to get to know people better and to reach out to others.

I look forward to receiving the Newsletter each week, especially the wee sermon summaries highlighting the messages.

The Bible Studies have encouraged me to read the Bible for myself. That has been a real blessing for me.

Looking back on this year, I am so thankful that I have the Lord. I could not cope without knowing Him.

And, above all, Christmas:

Thanks be to God for His unspeakable Gift

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people;



Call His name Jesus, for he shall save His people from their sins

'Joy to the World the Lord is come.' The Miracle of Christmas

For God so
loved the
world that
He gave
His only
begotten
Son

*The Light of high heaven
To mankind was given
When Jesus was born.
The Word in flesh dwelling
The love of God telling
That first Christmas morn.*

*My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who walks beside
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fear to fly
Whose every promise is enough for every step I take
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace*

So, Come, let us adore Him – Christ the Lord



Notice Board:

Except for the Café and the Prayer meetings, the other routine activities will not be taking place during the week beginning 18th December but will resume in the New Year.

On Saturday, 24th December – Christmas Eve – we will be hosting Carols by Candlelight, starting at 7pm with refreshments.

That will be followed on Sunday morning with a Christmas Day Service at 10 30. There will be no Communion or refreshments served at the close.

There will be no Communion on Sundays 18th and 25th December.

The Morning Prayer Times will continue each Wednesday and Friday morning from 9 until 9 30am until Friday 23rd December and then start again on Wednesday 11th January 2023. The Tuesday Prayer meeting will continue each evening as normal.

There will be no Café on Wednesday 28th December.

There will be a Watchnight Service at 11 20pm preceded by refreshments at 10 45pm on Hogmanay. Then a New Year's morning service only (no Communion) at 10 30am

*With our good wishes for a
Happy Christmas and a
Blessed New Year*