



ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Sermon: 1 Corinthians 15: 17

Continuing our consideration of the ongoing relevance of Easter, we looked at 1 Corinthians 15 v 17 to see that the resurrection of Jesus is the proof of God's promise of forgiveness for mankind; for forgiveness is at the heart of the gospel.

So, what can we learn of this forgiveness and its significance for holy living?

In the first place we were reminded of the PROBLEM of accepting the need for forgiveness. While humanity sees itself as being good – *right in our own eyes* – that is not the reality. We need to be taught that this is not God's perspective. In God's eyes we are guilty.

Thankfully, God is not petty or indignant, so we learned of the redemptive PROCESS he initiated in order to provide forgiveness and to put right the things humanity had put wrong.

That process was exercised in all that Jesus accomplished through his sacrificial death and victorious resurrection.

And so we come to learn the glorious PURPOSE God has in His heart when it comes to forgiving sinners. God desires reconciliation with us and life for us. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead and his continuing life interceding for us is proof of His intentions in "*bringing many sons to glory*."

That means coming to him in deliberate repentance and faith in order to discover the PLEASURE of being forgiven by the living God and, living a redeemed life, to be pleasing to Him.

Welcome Home

Inga has arrived back in Scotland from Mexico for two months' break. We look forward to sharing fellowship with her over this time.

Faith Mission

The local FM Prayer Union meets tonight at 7 30 pm on Zoom. Access details: Meeting ID 796 7637 8613: Passcode 4iTQtJ

Then, on Saturday night at 8pm **Rejuvenate** for teenagers meets in the church.

The next FM Rally at Allander will be on Friday, 3rd June at 7 30 when Sandy Rodger will be the speaker and Peter and Helen Stobart will be the singers.

Bible Study

Our regular Zoom Bible Studies will start up again this Thursday on Zoom at 7 30 pm. (Meeting ID: 851 6446 7898; Passcode: 080856). The chapter under consideration will be Joshua 1.

"Grasping for Beauty in a broken world"

A musical recital featuring classical pianist John Smith and cellist Rebekah Lisan exploring the beautiful hope offered by Jesus to a broken world also including a clear evangelistic talk. Duration 80 minutes. Saturday 14th May at 7.30pm in the Tron Church, Kelvingrove (organised by Greenview Evangelical Church in connection with A Passion for Life).

Barnabas Fund

A Supporters' Meeting for the Barnabas Fund will be held on Saturday 7th May, at

7.30pm in the Tron Central Church, 25 Bath Street, Glasgow G2 1HW.

The Meeting – open for anyone to attend - is one of a series of meetings taking place in various Scottish cities in May to enable people to hear updates on the work of the Barnabas Fund.

Summer Holiday Club.

The next planning meeting will take place on Monday 16th May at 7.30pm. Please consider offering help during the club from 27th June to Friday 1st July.

Please remember this outreach in your prayers.

Mission of the Month

The Mission of the Month for May is Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF). It is a world-wide ministry to children working in many countries supporting children's evangelistic workers and setting up camps and centres.

We are benefitting directly from their help with Simon and Hannah Snodgrass running our #One2Seven weekly meetings so efficiently with help from John and Martha, They are also leading our Holiday Club this summer along with as many volunteers as we can muster.

Maryhill Mission Week

We have already mentioned the Mission Week at Maryhill. Here is a more detailed account from Donald Crosbie.

The week began at 7:30 pm Saturday 2nd April with an International Church Fellowship evening. We had taster foods from the various countries represented at Maryhill: El Salvador, Portugal, Spain, Nigeria, USA and, of course, Scotland. There were testimonies from representatives of the nations as to what God had done for them. On Tuesday, it was South America/Spain/Portugal night, Wednesday was Nigerian night, Thursday was USA night, and Friday was Scottish night. On each night the desserts of the various countries were sampled and fellowship shared. It was good to see some locals attending. On the Friday evening a young girl (15 years old) gave her heart to Christ! Praise God. It was a good time to get to know more of the culture of our friends from various countries and to get to know them better. A local family have joined us on Sundays as a result of this ministry and some who previously attended have re-engaged. God is good and His work will prosper in His hand.

Pray for:

As well as remembering each other and many others, special prayer this week for Margaret Stewart, back in QEUH with severe pains; and for Inga with accessing medical attention and help with her international linguistics work while at home.

Finally,

Many a life has been blessed by learning from an early age the great children's chorus "Jesus loves me this I know". It is one of these little choruses which conveys the simplicity of the wonderful truth at the heart of the Gospel. However, what is it that gives us the authority to believe that Jesus loves us? Well, thankfully, the next line of the chorus reveals that to us; "for the Bible tells me so". Our source of knowledge for the wonder of God's love to us is the Bible. It is because the Bible says things about God and his love that we can have confidence in believing these things, but if we are going to hold firmly to the truth that God loves us then we owe it to Him to take everything else the 'Bible tells us so' just as seriously.

John Macleod