



ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Sermon: Acts 2: 42

While Easter- and the death and resurrection of Jesus the Messiah – was the completion of the redemptive substitutionary work Jesus came to do, Pentecost was the inauguration of the incarnation of God's eternal purpose in the hearts and lives of believers. It was the beginning of the Church, His body, *a community brought into being by Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit.*

As Luke records, these early beginnings (and their eventual spread across the then-known world) describes the believers as being committed to the *Apostles' doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayer.*

Each of these aspects will be considered in turn over the next four Sundays.

Their initial activity was to be devoted to the Word of God; devoted in the sense of being fully committed, dedicated, being totally governed by, what was being communicated to them of the word of God, which, for them, was understanding the Old Testament and appreciating its practical application as they sought to live it out in their new existence.

Jesus had shown the two on the road to Emmaus how the Old Testament explained what had happened to him at Jerusalem; Peter quoted the OT extensively in his explanation of what was happening at Pentecost. In their day the Bible was being completed with the Four Gospels, Acts, the Epistles and Revelation.

That is the 'apostles' doctrine' that we are to be devoted to in our day.

This Week

As we approach the end of June some of our regular weekly activities will close down for the next two months, or so.

Toddlers is already on vacation and #One2Seven stopped last week. This Thursday's Bible Study ceases through July and August as do the morning Zoom Prayer times on Wednesday and Friday mornings.

The Wednesday Café will stop after this week but will start up again on Wednesday 3rd August. The Tuesday Prayer Meeting will keep going each week at 8pm. Sunday services will continue as at present.

The Holiday Club

Next Monday sees the launch of the Holiday Club led by Simon and Hannah Snodgrass. It will be the first Holiday Club in-person for three years. Following the theme of Brave, based on the story of Daniel, each day will focus on a specific aspect. The Club will run from 10 am to 12 30 pm each day with a Parents' Evening on Thursday, 30th June at 7 pm.

In preparation for the Club, chairs will be stored away after the Sunday morning service and the evening service held in the Back Hall.

More from Inga

Speaking of the developments in the translation task in Oaxaca, Mexico, last Sunday, Inga mentioned how the pandemic had helped to open up the way for making greater use of technology. One example of this was to download an app

on mobile phones which allowed initial drafts to be shared among local community readers to ascertain suitability and coherence as good translations. Modifications could then be easily made to address any issues and tested further. In a similar way drafts could be referred to 'experts' and consultants for their response. That helps enormously in the painstaking checking and re-checking process to ensure an accurate and meaningful translation.

The use of battery-operated MP3s made it possible for folk in the remotest regions to literally 'hear' appropriate Scriptures in their own native language, without an extensive literacy programme.

Mission of the Month

Wycliffe Bible Translators, with whom Inga works, is our Mission of the Month for June.

Bible Study

This Thursday's meeting brings to an end our studies in the Book of Joshua and its encouraging story of how the land was re-possessed for God. But it needed resolute commitment and dedication, summed up in Joshua's challenging words in chapter 24: *"Choose you this day whom you will serve"*. That is a critical choice for each one of us.

Faith Mission Edinburgh Conference

This annual conference will be held in Edinburgh from Sunday 3rd to Friday 8th July. Details in Crush Hall.

Finally,

For many Christian people the book of Psalms has been their constant help and guide through all the changing circumstances of life. I was helped, challenged and blessed recently when reading Psalm 52 v 8 & 9, *"I trust in Gods faithful love for ever and ever. I will praise you forever for what you have done. In the presence of your faithful people, I will put my hope in your name, for it is good"* How wonderful to know and experience that we have a faithful God who loves us but also to remember to praise and trust him at all times.

Jim Gourley

Slavic Gospel Association

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

Camps

Summer Camps are now well under way. The second camp in Romania starts today and others will follow throughout the summer. SU Camps are taking off again. Recently, the Bearsden and Milngavie local group held a barbecue for top Primary pupils to meet with other Christian young folk before they go up to Secondary in August. Peter Buchan reports that it went very well.

Pray for:

Some of our people have or are undergoing specialist consultations with health professionals: Inga, Terry and Joan Gallagher, Jim Gourley, Morag Wilson, Rosemary Sutherland.

And remember folk going on holiday, people like Jim and Allyson Flett who work so hard behind the scenes on so many practical tasks. May they all know real rest and refreshment.

Maryhill

After over two years' trial, Maryhill's involvement with 20Schemes has come to an end. We remember them at this time, especially Donald and Danny.