



ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

25th April, 2022

Sunday Sermon: 1 Corinthians 15: 4-11

Sunday morning saw the start of a new series looking at the ongoing meaning of the resurrection; **Easters over – what's next?** Well, hopefully we see that Easter is never really over and the first message took us to 1 Corinthians 15 vv4-11 where we see that the resurrection of Jesus was central to the message of the church. As Paul reminds the church of what they came to believe, he has to affirm to them the truth of the resurrection for it was facing a challenge from some doubters.

In these few verses we see that the Resurrection of Jesus was a very **SCRIPTURAL STORY**. This doctrine of the Messiah being resurrected was not a New Testament invention but part of God's plan of redemption from the beginning.

We also see that the resurrection was taught because of Jesus' **ATTESTED APPEARANCES**. There is historic record of Jesus being seen risen from the dead and, however mystical that may sound to us, it is what the early church witnessed to.

Finally we see that the resurrection of Jesus is a **TRANSFORMATIONAL TRUTH** as the reality of it made such a difference to so many people so quickly in the world. Some very ungodly lives were turned around and Paul himself witnessed that an encounter with the resurrected Christ on the road to Damascus transformed him completely.



Communion

Communion times for the Sunday services will now return to 'normal' with Morning Communion on 1st and 15th; and Evening Communion on the 8th and 22nd. There will not be Communion on Sunday 29th May.

Refreshments

Refreshments, along with a time of informal fellowship, will be available after the evening service next Sunday, 1st May. Refreshments will continue to be available after each Sunday morning service.

Weekly Activities

After the Easter break and Holy Week services, Toddlers (Tuesday 9 30 – 11), Drop-In Café (Wednesday, 10 30 – 12 30), and #One2Seven (Wednesday 6 30pm – 7 45) have started up again. Prayer times have resumed on Tuesday evening at 8 pm in the church and on Wednesday and Friday mornings on Zoom from 9 to 9 30. (Access: Meeting ID: 851 6446 7898; Passcode: 080856)

Volunteers for Toddlers

Looking ahead, the Toddler's team's response to the overwhelming demand for places (waiting list of 26) is to consider offering a second, parallel, session on Tuesday afternoons. But, to make that possible, more volunteers are needed on a rota basis to help with the back-up aspects. Please speak to Margaret Baird, Flora or Jim Gourley if you can help in any way. Names are needed now so that plans for any launch after the summer can be made.

The same applies for the proposed **Holiday Club** from Monday 27th June to Friday 1st July from 10 to 12 30 each day.

Children for Christ, Romania

And, talking of volunteers, if it is not too late, the second sorting and packing session is being held in the church this morning (April 25th)

Mission of the Month

Having generously supported the Ukraine work of SGA and the local work of Street Connect, the Mission of the Month for May will be Child Evangelism Fellowship.

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.

Faith Mission: Gordon and Janice

We have close links with the Faith Mission in Scotland so it is of interest to learn that, with restructuring of the Mission's personnel -post-pandemic and affected by retirements, Gordon and Janice Thomson have been charged with the added burden for overseeing the work and deployment of

workers for the whole of Scotland as Directors for Scotland. That is an exciting new challenge for them and calls for increasing prayer support on our part.

There is a monthly Prayer Union meeting for them held on the first Monday of each month. Originally it was in Margaret Russell's home but, since the pandemic, has been on Zoom at 7 30pm. The next one will be on Monday, 2nd May at 7 30 using the following access details:

Meeting ID: **796 7637 8613**; **Passcode: 4iTQtJ**

Keswick in Ayrshire

After an absence of two years the annual Keswick in Ayr Convention will again be held in-person at the Park Hotel, Kilmarnock, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 3rd, 4th, and 5th, June at 7 30pm with Alastair Begg as the main speaker. Places need to be booked through Eventbrite at £5 per evening. Further details from www.keswickayrshire.com

Pray for:

Special prayer this week for Linda Wilson with the loss of her father and continued prayer for Ian and Margaret Baird as they – and the others affected in the recent wave – recover slowly from Covid. And for all those on our regular prayer lists.



Finally,

Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father. (James 1: 17)

God never changes or casts a shifting shadow. How sad it is to be in a senseless world without a changeless God. Life can change so quickly as we see when looking at Ukraine and other parts of the world and what is happening there. Life is so uncertain and none of us knows what tomorrow will bring. The reassurance we have is that we have a God who never changes: He is the same yesterday today and forever.

May we as his people trust him completely knowing that one day we will see him face to face?

James Flett