



ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

6th June, 2022

Sunday Sermon: Acts 2: 1 - 21

Celebrating Whit Sunday the focus was on 'Pentecostal Preaching', meaning the substance of what was preached at Pentecost.

Whereas the redemptive acts of Jesus – His death and resurrection – took place at Passover this event took place during the Feast of Weeks marking the coming down of God in power by the Holy Spirit.

So, what were the marks of Holy Spirit activity as recorded in these verses?

Primarily it involved speaking God's word comprehensively albeit accompanied by 'tongues and fire'. Peter explained these phenomena by quoting the Joel prophecy proclaiming the word of God in this situation and in this sequence.

The message spoken carried Biblical authority: it was a declaration of God's promised purpose. It focused on Christ's accomplishment, now endorsed by inspiration, application, power and enabling.

As such it received God's accreditation that what was spoken was 'of God'. It also revealed God's purpose in redeeming a people. For this Jesus, "*whom you crucified*" was raised by God's power and it was rewarded with God's authority for it declares "*this same Jesus as Lord and Christ*". It recognised Jesus Christ as God's true Saviour.

Such preaching and such a message demands spiritual action. They were "*cut to the heart*" repented and were baptised. So should we repent and be baptised.

Quo Vadis?

Sunday 29th May turned out to be a very special day. In addition to being introduced to Simon and Hannah Snodgrass – and wee Edith – we were given an insight into the extensive ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship, both the work that is done worldwide and what is happening with weekly children's meetings and holiday clubs here in Scotland.

And, the evening ministry was quite challenging. It spoke of Nehemiah, returning to a devastated Jerusalem, motivated by God ("*what my God had put in my heart to do*") and examining the situation so that he – along with others – could take restorative action.

Hearing encouraging reports of increasing attendance at our activities is good reason for us to be conscious that God is "*doing a great work*" among us and should surely inspire us to greater commitment to pray for, and to seek, "*Thy will be done on earth*" here in our area and among our local churches.

The challenge to "*Let us rise and build*" is surely timely, knowing that "*Except the Lord builds the house, they labour in vain*".

Bible Study

This week's chapters are: 10 – 17 with the challenge of conquering hostile territory.

FM Prayer meeting

Our monthly Faith Mission Prayer meeting is on tonight, Monday, 6th June at 7 30 pm on Zoom. Access details are: Meeting ID: 793 5113 5957; Passcode: emMw4d

This week's Activities

Toddlers meet tomorrow morning (Tuesday) from 9 30 until 11. We meet for prayer in the church on Tuesday evening at 8 pm, and on Zoom Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9 to 9 30 am. The café takes place on Wednesday morning from 10 30 to 12 30 and #One2Seven meet that evening at 6 30. There is a weekly 'garden party' of volunteers who do a grand job in keeping the grounds looking so well. Any extra help is welcome. Contact Jim Flett.

Mission of the Month

Last month £650 was contributed to the work of Child Evangelism Fellowship.

This month we support Wycliffe Bible Translators and the crucial – and painstaking – work of making God's word available in people's native tongue. Inga's reports give us some insight into what that entails. Inga will share more with us on Sunday morning.

Holiday Club

A further meeting to finalise arrangements for the Holiday Club will take place on Monday 13th June at 7 30pm. More help will be welcome as will encouragement for children to attend. Leaflets and registration forms are available in the Crush Hall.

Finally,

Over the last decade we have seen a world where wars have taken over in so many countries. Moralities are collapsing; infections and pandemics are spreading; economies are failing; and churches are turning away from the word of God.

However, we can be assured that no matter how chaotic things appear, God is still in control. Worldly peace is temporary and dependent upon circumstances. When things are calm, we're at peace; but, when our circumstances grow dim, we're not at peace. That is different from the kind of peace that Jesus is offering.

Jesus doesn't want our hearts 'to be troubled' with temporary struggles as he offers a permanent solution: His peace is superior: it "passes all understanding". May each of us know that peace in our daily lives.

Jim Flett

Prayer

We continue to remember those in our fellowship –and beyond – who ask for prayer in these days. Among our own folk are: Ian and Margaret Baird, the Carmichael family, George and Margaret Cowan, (George now in QEUH with a fractured hip after a fall) Paul and Mary Clarke, Margaret Craig, Christine and Jack Harvey, Joyce Kyle, Inga McKendry, Simone Sloan, Margaret Stewart, Danny Sutherland, Morag and David Wilson.

Locally, we think of Fergus Buchanan and Ramsay Shields, Douglas Campbell (Covid) and their – and other – neighbouring congregations, like the UF and Maryhill.

And, further afield, SU, Hope for Glasgow, Street Connect, Ukrainian, Eastern European, Myanmar believers, SGA and SAT-7, among others.

Praise Gathering

After the Covid lay-off, Praise Gathering will again be held in the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall at 7 pm on Saturday, 18th June with a 400-voice choir, Youth Choir and special guests – Celtic Worship. Tickets on sale now at the Royal Concert Hall or www.praisegathering.org.uk