



## **ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

### **FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER**

*7<sup>th</sup> March, 2022*

#### **Sunday Sermon: John 1: 1 - 18**

Sam Gordon, our visiting speaker yesterday, shared truths from this well-known passage with us, showing that in it we see Jesus both as He is and also as He was.

He is both bigger than we think He is and also greater than we think He is. He was the expression of God in all his fulness. He was the Word. Introduced as being in the beginning, from eternity, he is presented as not only being with God but as God, not created but eternally existing.

As such, he is the source of life. That life was – and is – the light of men: a life and light that is transforming.

He is not only the source of life but also the sustainer of life. John the Baptist heralded him and introduced him to others. Sadly, although he came to his own they rejected him. But, those who did receive him have the privilege of being called the children of God.

Reception of Christ through saving faith is the secret of overcoming darkness. For, with him comes not only grace but also an experience of the glory of God incarnate. Truth for living a Christian life is a knowledge of that grace for it is the reason for confidence, the resource for living and the enabling power,

#### **Faith Mission**

There have been real encouragements from the Faith Mission activities of the last few days. Around 40 people were at the Rally on Friday evening and 28 young folk attended Rejuvenate on Saturday evening.

The monthly FM Prayer Union will meet tonight (7<sup>th</sup> March) at 7 30 pm on Zoom.

#### **Ladies Meeting**

Having been cancelled last time because of the snow, the Ladies will resume again this Thursday when they welcome Tommy Miller of Maryhill Evangelical Church and Twenty Schemes as the speaker.

#### **Bible Study**

This Thursday's Bible Study on Deuteronomy will be slightly different. Last week, we looked at the motley of instructions in Chapters 19 – 26 on how to behave in ordinary situations and circumstances in the new Land. In the belief that these have lessons for us today, the task is to identify examples from New Testament instructions as to how we should behave practically as Christians in this present evil age.

#### **Mission of the Month**

The Mission cause for the month of March is The Slavic Gospel Association. Their cause is very relevant at the present time with the conflict in Ukraine. It started with ministry to Displaced Persons after World War 2 and now extends, not only to Russia and Ukraine, but to all the surrounding countries, reaching out to encourage believers and promote evangelistic enterprise.

#### **Sunday Service**

Ricky McAdock will be with us on Sunday for both services, sharing in ministry and also brining us up to date with the works of Street Connect.

### **The Space - Govanhill.**

The box in the Entrance Hall is available each Sunday for donations of clothing and toiletries which will be appreciated and will help Margo Uprichard and her team in the ongoing work. Please also remember the work in your prayers.

### **Drop-in Café**

Continuing our survey of Allander activities we come this week to the Drop-In Café held on Wednesday mornings. Jim Gourley writes:

This new outreach started in September last year and has operated every Wednesday from 10.30am until 12.30pm. Visitors are served with free tea, coffee and biscuits by a duty rota of 6 people (2 each week)

Numbers attending have ranged from 20 to 30 each week with some 50% of them non Allander people.

The purpose of the activity is,

1. To provide an open door and extend an invitation to people in the community to come and meet with us, talk together and see the building.
2. To meet with people who attend other churches but who have an association with Allander in order to promote fellowship.

### **Finally,**

It never ceases to amaze me how the Word of God can be simultaneously comforting and challenging. We see this in many ways but recently I have been both comforted and challenged by the words of Jesus in Matthew 26, *"You will hear of wars and rumours of wars but see to it that you are not alarmed"*. The comfort comes from the assurance that all that is happening in our world today is exactly what Jesus said would happen. We long for peace on earth, but the reality is as long as sinners rule we will see the fruit of sin. So, I am comforted in knowing that Jesus knew these things would occur, but the challenge comes as he continues, *"see to it that you are not alarmed"*. It is instinctive in the face of war to be alarmed, but the challenge of Jesus is to let the power of his Words have a greater influence on our emotions than all the images and news we engage with in the media. Jesus said: *"My peace I give unto you."*

John Macleod

3. For church members to be with each other informally and have the opportunity to talk and share together.

Please come some Wednesday and enjoy this relaxing time together. Any additional support with the duty rota would be appreciated. For more information speak to Jim Gourley.

### **Communion**

Arrangements for Communion are changed for this month. Having been held in the evening yesterday they will be mornings this Sunday and the 27<sup>th</sup> March and evening on the 20<sup>th</sup>. This is partly to accommodate the Joint Service at the UF Church at which Andy Bannister of Solas will be speaking.

### **Pray for:**

Those in the Fellowship and beyond, including Ian Baird, Janice Allan, Jim Gourley, Margaret Stewart, Esther McColl, Betty Mackay, George Cowan, Christine Harvey, Stewart Campbell, Inga, others.

### **Thank you**

Janice Allan wishes to thank everyone for their good wishes and prayers during her recent knee operation at the Jubilee Hospital.