



ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Sermon: 1 Peter 1: 13 - 25

Having reminded the believers of the benefits of salvation, expressed in the words: *"now that you have tasted that the Lord is good"*, Peter goes on to emphasise that an appreciation of those blessings should lead to action and expression in their behaviour as Christians.

Of course, if anyone as yet has not *"tasted that the Lord is good"* then none of these benefits or challenges will apply. That is something that must be – and can be – settled first.

For those who have, then they need to **prepare their minds** and think through their faith both in self-discipline and in exercising hope for the future.

It also needs **spiritual aspiration** by *'not conforming'* to this world and its desires but to be holy as obedient children living a life that is distinctive because of following the ways of God.

There is also to be a **reverent appreciation** of this new bestowed life, made possible by the application of the *"precious blood of Christ"* and its effective outworking in practical living.

Out of **reverent fear** for God, his holiness, and all that he has done and applied in our lives, then there is a responsibility to reflect that holiness of God in *"loving each other deeply from the heart"*. That is made possible because Christian experience comes from being *"born again through the living and enduring word of God."* That word endures for ever and is the word that is consistently preached in these sermons.

Sunday Roast!

Here is Margaret Stewart's reflection on last week's sermon, with its emphasis on **salvation**, which brings:

Safety,
Assurance,
Life,
Victory,
Acceptance, and a
Testimony,
Identity,
Ownership, and a
New name.

Protecting the Vulnerable

With the slow but insidious advance of the Assisted Dying legislation, abortion concerns and the LGBT agenda, the **Christian Institute** is launching a series of Zoom consultations during which Nigel Kenny and Dr Gordon Macdonald of Care not Killing will give a brief update on all these issues. Held at different dates all over Scotland 'our' session will be on Wednesday, 10th November at 7 30pm. Zoom access is: ID: 891 0596 5727; and Password: Protecting.

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 14th November is Remembrance Day. The morning worship service will start at 10am and will end by 10.50am to allow anyone who wishes to attend the brief Remembrance Day service, conducted by Ramsay Shields, in the town centre at 11am. At the end of both services refreshments will be served in the church.

Mission of the Month

42 shoeboxes were delivered to Blythwood on Wednesday for distribution by Christmas and £675 sent to support the work. It is so encouraging to have this level of response and to be able to bring some joy to others in the world.

The Mission of the Month for November is: SAT-7. Their Prayer Diary for November is available on www.sat7.org.uk

Fabric.

We are pleased that the stairwell in the church has been repainted and the two rooms upstairs. The sofas upstairs have also been recovered. If you have not seen the facilities upstairs, and would like to, then please speak to James Flett.

Advance notice Church AGM

The Church's General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 2nd December at 7 30pm, DV.

Church Catering

We are pleased to advise that Linda Wilson has agreed to become responsible for this duty and extend our thanks and best wishes to Linda. There is abundant evidence of her good work already; and of all those who regularly help.



Transport

Margaret Russell is Church Transport Coordinator. If you require help in getting to church please contact her on 0141 942 5624 to discuss.

Bible Society Christmas materials

The Scottish Bible Society have produced a set of materials especially for Christmas, entitled: Christmas Joy activity pack; Light and Life podcast of John's Gospel; and Advent Readings. Each costs £1 (including p and p) available from SBS, 7 Hampton Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5XU. Further details from newsletter@scottishbiblesociety.org (or Mark Girvan)

Pray for:

Liz Baxter, Mary Atwell and Ibbie and Mary caring for her; Inga and Sue with news of Mirsa testing positive for Covid; Christine Harvey; and others.

Congratulations

We rejoice with Simon and Hannah Snodgrass – helpers at #One2Seven – on the birth of a baby daughter, Edith, on 3rd November.

*Let everything that has breath,
Praise the Lord*

Finally,

Having gone on Thursday for my Covid booster and Flu jabs, someone said to me it gives you confidence and I replied "yes". Afterwards I thought about it and realised that my confidence was limited as there is no guarantee that I won't catch Covid or infect someone else; it will only prevent severe symptoms. It is however an amazing advance in the fight against Covid all be it the protection fades with time.

We have a much greater protection against the penalty of our sin, in 1st Peter ch1 from v3 we read '**Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!** In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in Heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time'.

Ian Baird