



ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Sermon: Simon Turner

Yesterday's Sunday morning sermon was based around three passages from the Gospels: Peter's denial, the Rich Young Ruler and Zachaeus. The common element in each of these incidents is a **special look from Jesus**.

The story of Peter's denial is a familiar one where the bold, confident, fearless, Peter, the one who declared undying commitment, withered in the presence of onlookers during the final hours of Jesus' life and denied that he knew the Man under trial. At that moment Jesus looked at him, a look that brought back the prediction that he would deny three times. And yet a look that spelled out understanding and potential redemption. It was a living look.

The rich young ruler, despite worldly wealth, clearly had aspirations after spiritual life. He had already met the apparent criteria in keeping the commandments, but still had a felt need. Realising his predicament Jesus looked at him – a loving look – and offered him the solution to his deficiency.

Zachaeus – a despised tax-collector – treated as something of a pariah by the ordinary folk, had heard of Jesus and took desperate measures to see him as he passed by. Jesus, being God incarnate, knew he was there and looked up at him, invited him to come down and declared that He was "*coming to your house for tea!*" That visit, accepting and welcoming the Lord Jesus into his life, was the beginning of a wonderful transformation. It was an enquiring – and finding – look.

This week

Following a break over the October Week Toddlers' will resume on Tuesday morning and Hashtag on Wednesday evening. Prayer meetings, Cafe and Bible Study (Acts 7) carry on as normal. And next Sunday's church services will be taken by John, and the Sunday School by Carol and her helpers.

In addition, there are some external meetings which may be of interest.

- **Science and the Bible Conference** at Milngavie UF Church on Saturday 29th October, 9.30am to 4.30pm. Nagy Iskander and Simon Turpin of Answers in Genesis will speak on the relationship of Science and the Bible and engage in a Q & A session. Admission is free but they ask for donations.
- **Women's Conference.** Echoes International is holding a day conference on the theme of Women Working for God on Saturday 29th October, at Beancross Farm, Polmont, near Falkirk, from 10 30 – 2 pm.

Details on Echoes International, Scotland, website

Blythswood

It has already been intimated that Harvest Thanksgiving this year will take the form of filling and collecting specially packed boxes for Blythswood's Annual Shoe Box Scheme.

Blythswood is a Scottish Christian Charity that engages in delivering relief and help

to countries mainly in Eastern Europe. One of the ways this is done is by encouraging churches and individuals to make up shoe boxes with relevant items that will then be distributed to people in these areas. Details of what kind of items to be included are contained in a special leaflet available in the Crush Hall.

Completed boxes should then be deposited in the church no later than Sunday 6th November for collection by the Blythswood lorry the next day.

Blythswood is also our Missionary of the Month cause for November and cash donations can be made in the normal way until Sunday 27th November in the box at the back of the church.

Next Week

Advance notice of extra meetings next week, DV.

On Wednesday, 2nd November, Milngavie UF Church, have a half-hour monthly Worship service at 12pm that is informal and suitable for everyone. A light lunch is served afterwards. Everyone welcome.

On Friday, 4th November there is the next Faith Mission Rally at Allander at 7 30pm with Albert McWhinnie speaking and the Stobarts singing. Rejuvenate is on the 5th.

On Saturday 5th November the Men of Faith series continues with **Breakfast and Praise** at Milngavie UF Church from 9am to

10am with Derek McIntyre of Glasgow Street Pastors.

Access to Meetings

With the clocks going back this weekend coming out to meetings in the evenings may present greater difficulties. Some of our meetings – Tuesday Prayer Meeting, Bible Study and Morning Prayer Times - can be accessed live on Zoom. Access numbers are: Meeting ID: 851 646 7898; Passcode 080856. Even without a computer you can access by phone on: 0131 460 1196 quoting the above codes. Sunday sermons are also recorded and are available on the church website:

www.allanderchurch.org.uk

Mission of the Month

Ava and Manuel reminded us last week in their report of the tightening restrictions on access to Christian activities in so many countries. That applies very much to Middle Eastern countries where any form of Christian witness is banned or seriously curtailed. SAT-7, our Mission of the Month for October, was set up specifically to overcome these constraints by broadcasting a range of Christian, educational and cultural programmes using satellite technology. Satellite dishes and smart phones make reception easy, even if dangerous. This is the last Sunday for contributing financially to that work.

Finally, - "Take it to the Lord in prayer"

Another day of chaos at Westminster. What next. Will a new Prime Minister solve the problems? The blunt answer is no. But God can. As Christians we realise that only God can bring order to this disordered world. This should encourage us all to come to God with our prayers at every available opportunity. During World War2 the King called the nation to prayer 7 Times, and the nation responded. Churches were packed and God responded with 7 miracles against all the odds.

As Christians may we all realise the great importance of gathering together as a church to pray for the salvation of the lost and the deliverance of our nation.

Jim Flett