

Welcome to the 100th issue of



ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Sermon: John 12: 1 – 11

Returning from holiday, John focused our thoughts on lessons from the well-known incident of Jesus being worshipped at Bethany. The events show different

Reactions to Royalty as seen in:

Lazarus' living testimony. He was there as a guest of honour, restored to life again, telling what God had done. That made him a target for God's enemies who took exception to such a miracle, but it was explained that its purpose was to be for God's glory.

Mary's loving worship in embalming Jesus was a very costly gesture for her, but it was a deeply-felt personal expression and its exquisite nature meant effusing a permeating fragrance.

In sharp contrast, **Judas' shameful unbelief** and insincerity revealed his resentment of true worship but camouflaged in pious language.

Our reaction needs to be like the first two.

Faith Mission Prayer Union

The monthly Bearsden and Milngavie FM Prayer Union meets tonight (4th April) at 7 30pm on Zoom. Access details: Meeting ID: 797 7775 4569; Passcode: s8xYvk.

Christian Viewpoint

The Ladies meet again for Lunch this Wednesday, 6th April, at 12 45 when the speaker will be Norman Lazonby from the Leprosy Mission.

A Passion for Life

The next Milngavie Churches preparation meeting for A Passion for Life will be held in Allander next Saturday morning, 9th April, from 10 until 12 noon.

Mission of the Month

The magnificent sum of £2935 was given to Slavic Gospel Association for relief work to the beleaguered folk in Ukraine, especially Christians. The Lord will abundantly bless such generosity.

April's Mission of the Month Cause is Street Connect who were postponed from March, when Ricky McAddock was with us, to allow opportunity for the Ukraine offering.

Holy Week Services

As previously intimated, the Milngavie Churches Holy Week services this year will be held in St Luke's Church from Monday 11th – Friday 15th April at 7 30 each evening. The topics and speakers are:

- Monday – Ramsay Shields: Reading: Mark 11: 12-19. Theme: ‘Clearing The Temple’
- Tuesday – John Macleod. Reading: Matthew 21: 33-46. Theme: ‘Facing Hostility.’
- Wednesday – Gavin Matthews (Solas)
- Thursday – Douglas Campbell. Reading: John 13: 1-17. Theme: ‘Demonstrating Service’.
- Friday – Fergus Buchanan. Reading: John 19: 16b-30. Theme: ‘Fulfilling His Mission.’

Pray for:

Continue to remember: Janice Allan, Ian and Margaret Baird, the Carmichael

family, George and Margaret Cowan, Christine and Jack Harvey, Jim Gourley, Joyce Kyle, Mary Linton, Jean Malkin, Margaret Stewart, David and Morag Wilson.

And, Gordon Craig who will be cooking for the SU Sixth-Year Study camp at Gowanbank next week.

Stop Press.

We heard yesterday that Ian Baird, Jim Gourley, and Janice Allan have tested positive for Covid and that Margaret Stewart has been readmitted to hospital. They value our prayers at this time.

Finally, Palm Sunday Special

As we emerge from the pandemic and its restriction we have much to thank God for. The ministry has sustained us and the times of prayer have been a real comfort. We have much to be rejoicing over.

Sunday 10th April is Palm Sunday. On that day, the crowds, many of whom had direct experience in their own lives or had seen it in the lives of other acquaintances, had reason to give thanks to God for the life and ministry of Jesus in their midst.

They threw palm branches and even garments in their expression of praise to the Lord Jesus. Maybe we should do the equivalent?

On Sunday evening, April 10th we have the chance to share our testimonies of God’s goodness to us personally and as a church. For that occasion we invite people to express their praise in different ways during that evening service. Here are some suggestions.

- * There may be a hymn that has been a real blessing to you.
- * It may be a Scripture that has really been significant.
- * There may be a prayer you want to pray.
- * You may have an up-to-date testimony to share

Then, why not write it out and either read it at the meeting or give it in beforehand and it can be displayed on the screen.

Just as on that occasion this is an opportunity to express personal, up-to-date, gratitude to the Lord, for *“What Jesus has done for my soul, the half has never been told”*.

For practical reasons it would help if you can let Howel or Jim Gourley have the details of what you would like to do, have sung, or whatever, so that music can be arranged and audio-visuals prepared.

Let’s have our own Palm Sunday procession, not as a performance but as a corporate expression. *Praise my soul the King of Heaven.*