



ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Sermon: Luke 24 24: 1 – 12

We were reminded that increasingly in our commercial world the Easter season is becoming like Christmas with its emphasis on gifts and cards and food etc.

Be that as it may, for Christians there are significant similarities in that the focus is on Jesus, the Son of God, the Messiah.

While at Christmas we rejoice at the good news that God came into our world physically in a miraculous way through the virgin birth and, theologically, in that *"God was in Christ"* and that *"in Him all the fulness of the Godhead dwells, bodily"*

At Easter that incarnate Jesus was crucified, bearing our sins, died – and miraculously was raised from the dead in a glorious resurrection. He had come to fulfil a mission. He came to seek and to save that which is lost.

Responding by faith to that message can surely be **the dawn of a new day.**

Reflection on Holy Week

It has been good to see the church full each night with a good representation from the local churches; and to experience the deep hush each evening as we heard about the Cross through Peter's eyes from the ministry of Sandy Roger. He drew our attention to Jesus as our perfect example going to the Cross as our substitute and representative, liberating us as our Redeemer and shedding His own precious blood to ensure forgiveness. It was a blessed experience to be present at these meetings. Recordings are available on the church website.

Good to share fellowship with other believers and churches ranging from small churches like Maryhill to burgeoning establishments, like the Tron; and to support key ventures like "Jumping Jack's"

It also meant a lot of hard work for many to make it practically possible. Thank you each one.

This Week

While it is still school holidays, Toddlers and #One2Seven are suspended again this week. Simon and Hannah are away in Northern Ireland but still ask prayer for more convenient accommodation closer to the West of Scotland.

Tuesday Prayer Meeting at 8pm and Bible Study on Thursday at 7 30 will be held as usual, The former will look at a second Praying Scripture formula and the latter will be based on Acts 19. The Wednesday Drop-In Café carries on as usual at 10 30 until 12 30pm.

No morning Zoom Prayer sessions this week. They will resume on Wednesday 19th April from 9 to 9 30 on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Sunday Schools

Do remember the work of our own Sunday School with a good number of children gathering upstairs each Sunday morning.

And also remember and encourage Jing as she conducts a Chinese version of 'Sunday School' over the Internet with quite a large 'congregation' scattered among expats here in the UK and beyond.

Mission of the Month

This month we will be supporting The Faith Mission as our Mission of the Month. Much of their work is based in Northern Ireland with a wealth of activity in rural areas. The Scottish work majors on evangelism and personal contact with the Headquarters, Bible College and Bookshop located in Edinburgh

People and Prayer

We hear of the passing of Bessie McDowall (Irene Carmichael's mother) at the grand old age of 102. Funeral in Yoker on Tuesday 18th April at 2 pm.

Continue to pray for recent victims of falls: George Cowan, Betty Mackay, and Agnes Wilson. Others, like Jean Malkin, Joan and Terry Gallagher facing surgery and treatment, while yet others are facing a whole range of challenges because of health and welfare issues or circumstances. We think of those in Care Homes at this time. And, remember Inga as she takes up her teaching role at the SIL Training Course.

SGA Prayer

The next prayer meeting for the Slavic Gospel Association is planned for Friday 21st April. Venue to be confirmed.

Finally

Back in the 1970s, a fantasy film was made called Raise the Titanic (This was a couple of decades before the discovery of the wreck of the real Titanic). In order to make the film, they made a huge scale model of the vessel which apparently cost more than the actual ship to build ignoring inflation. Had the film producers known that the Titanic had broken up when sinking, or had they known how badly the film would do at the box office, the film would have never been made.

We have just celebrated Easter when we remembered the death of the Lord Jesus and God raising him from the dead. No fantasy here, as God recognised the perfection of Jesus' sacrifice for us and raised him from the dead as proof of that. The price was paid for our sins, God knowing that Christ would bring the reward, *'bringing many sons and daughters to glory'*. Heb. 2v10 NIV

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