



ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

Monday, 24th April, 2023

Sunday Sermon: Isaiah 1: 1-9

Yesterday's guest preacher was Simon Turner, no stranger to us at Allander.

His sermon was titled **The Lord calling to account** based on Isaiah's opening verses addressing Israel and her departure from God. That reflects our situation when it is obvious that externally our world is in a mess and internally we fall short of what is expected. Humanity seems to want rights without exercising responsibility; whereas the Bible teaches that *"everyone will give account of themselves to God"*.

In these verses there was a definite **charge**, an indictment for rebellion and disregard for God in their life and behaviour. That same charge applies to us for we all *"like sheep have gone astray"*. We rebel against God and turn from His ways. We are all sinners, *"and come short of the glory of God"*.

That waywardness has **consequences**. For them, it was not only future judgement but disintegration and debility. Sin has that effect. It makes the sinner aware of their lost estate. The hymnist expresses it as being *"vile and full of sin"*. Even Paul cried out *"O wretched man that I am"*. Conviction is being aware of that condition.

The gospel is always positive and speaks of a **caveat** – good news that that need not apply, for God has made a provision through the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus so that turning to Him in repentance and faith can mean salvation and new life. Praise God, *"There is a Redeemer, Jesus God's own Son"*.

Holiday Club Planning

There will be another planning meeting tonight at 7 30 pm in preparation for the Holiday Club to be held from 10 – 14 July.

This Week

Our regular activities continue this week with Toddlers at 9 30am and Prayer Meeting at 8pm on Tuesday; Drop-In Café from 10 30 to 12 30 and Hashtag / Youth Challenge which will re-commence at 6 30pm on Wednesday; Bible Study at 7 30pm on Thursday looking at the letter to the Ephesians. Zoom prayer times from 9 to 9 30 on Wednesday and Friday.

FM Prayer

The monthly Prayer Union for the work of the Faith Mission takes place next Monday 1st May at Margaret Russell's home at 53 Roman Road, Bearsden, G61 2SG.

Concert

A Gospel Music concert with a distinctly Jewish flavour with ministry in word and song featuring Helen Shapiro, Simon Elman, Chrissy Rodgers is being held at Queens Park Baptist Church this Saturday 29th April at 7 30 pm. Admission is free with a freewill offering to be taken on the night of the concert.

Mission of the Month

This is the last week for supporting the Faith Mission and its work in Scotland and beyond.

The Mission of the Month for May will be Children for Christ in Romania.

Children for Christ

The church has had a long involvement with Children for Christ with the late David Jack looking after much of its business administration and John Macleod – along with teams and individual volunteers – spending time in the country helping at camps and contributing in ministry, training and practical projects.

The work consists of an orphanage and a series of summer camps for children, now led by Romanian personnel. One encouraging feature is the number of ex-campers and beneficiaries coming back to help and service the work.

Practical support is ensured by collecting items of clothing and other relevant artefacts for use at the camps and centre as well as being sold in the charity shop out there to help fund projects. Allander's support has been, and is, substantial.

Romania Packing

Packing donated clothing etc ready for transporting to Romania will take place at 10 30 on Friday 5th May in the church.

Morning Star

It is planned to show the film – Morning Star – telling the story of John Wycliffe and the amazing endeavours and challenges of making the Bible available and promoting the Reformation. The showing will be at Allander on Friday 19th May at 7 30pm. Admission is free with a retiring offering at the door. Details and

publicity material will be made available soon.

People and Prayer

While continuing to pray for Ava in China and Inga in her second week of teaching at Moorlands we list the following folk for our prayers and support as they face various challenges, some temporary, some more long-term, at this time. At the risk of inevitably missing someone out here are names to remind us again. Please let us know if there are others who would appreciate being included.

Janice Allan, Ian Baird, Ian Carmichael, George Cowan, Terry & Joan Gallagher, Jack & Christine Harvey, Joyce Kyle, Jean Malkin, Larry Malkin, Margaret Russell, Peter Stephenson, Margaret Stewart, Agnes Wilson, David & Morag Wilson,

More from Jing

Following mention of her extensive work with Chinese folk, Jing has made available a collection of digital pictures of the different – and wide ranging - activities being undertaken. She would gladly share these with anyone interested in learning more.

George Verwer

We give thanks to God for the wonderful life of George Verwer pioneer and founder of OM and the ministry that helped to channel so much missionary commitment for generations. He passed into glory on April 14th.

Finally,

Many years ago miners took canaries down into the coal pits. Unlike men, these birds were sensitive to the invisible and odourless presence of carbon monoxide. When the birds stopped singing and began acting strangely the miners knew right away they had to immediately leave everything and flee. Their very lives depended on this small bird's voice. May we all listen to the still small voice of God's Spirit to keep us from danger and walking close to Him. Jesus says "this is the way walk ye in it".

Sandy Allan