



ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

Monday, 5th June, 2023

Sunday Morning:

In addition to the lovely weather there was an extra element in yesterday's morning service.

Being Inga (McKendry)'s last Sunday with us before she returns to Mexico on Tuesday, 6th June, she shared with us the work she is involved with in translating the word of God into native languages and local dialects. She explained clearly the process of making a draft translation then reviewing it several times before locally checking it and back-translating it to make sure that key concepts and terms are both accurate, consistent and understandable.

Inga herself has been in Mexico for 38 years working with Wycliffe Bible Translators in the Oaxaca region with its many language variants. She is there in response to her own calling from God but also as our representative and trustee. Opportunity was not given to publicly stand with her, but it is our responsibility - as a church and individuals - as she returns - to commit ourselves to pray and support her in this key ministry.

The sermon, on Romans 6: 1-14, focused on **The glory of Grace**. Speaking of the redemption brought about by the Lord Jesus through His substitutionary death and glorious resurrection, we were warned that such grace is not a licence to sin but is the power of a new life – expressed elsewhere by Paul when he said *"I live, yet not I, but Christ lives in me"*. The Cross offers forgiveness: the resurrection offers life. And, grace demands a responsibility on our part to live that out in effective witness.

FM Prayer Union

The final FM Prayer Meeting for this summer will be held tonight, Monday 5th June, at Margaret Russell's home, 53 Roman Road, Bearsden G61 2SG at 7 30pm.

This week

This week's activities follow the normal pattern with Toddlers on Tuesday morning and the Café on Wednesday morning. Hashtag and Youth Challenge take place on Wednesday evening at 6 30pm and our weekly Zoom Bible Study continues on Thursday evening at 7 30pm looking at Acts 27 and the account of the shipwreck as Paul is taken - at last - to Rome.

Seminars on Evangelism

Glen Scrivener will give several seminars on evangelism at Calderwood Baptist Church, East Kilbride, on Saturday 10th June between 10am and 1pm, which should be of great help and interest. He will also be delivering an evangelistic talk that same Saturday evening. Cost £5. Spaces still available.

Milngavie Churches at Allander

The Milngavie churches' Summer Praise gathering will be held at Allander next Sunday at 7pm with the service including a contribution by Ian White and his band. Ian is well known for his modern musical versions of the Psalms.

Mission of the Month

£700 was contributed during May to the work of Children for Christ in Romania.

The Slavic Gospel Association (SGA) working in Europe and beyond, is our designated Mission of the Month for June.

Mark Foster SGA

On Tuesday 13th June, Mark Foster from Slavic Gospel Association, will be with us at our Prayer Meeting. Please take this opportunity to come and hear about the work and the challenges, opportunities and blessings that are presented to SGA in the world today. We always appreciate very much our visits from Mark who is an outstanding speaker.

FM Convention

More responses to the suggestion for an Awayday on Thursday 6th July to the FM are welcomed by Jim Gourley as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made. Paul Mallard is the speaker and Gordon Thomson our host! The visit will include a tour of the premises and lunch.

People and Prayer

Special prayer this week for **Inga** as her stay in Scotland and the UK comes to an end. She returns to Oaxaca in Mexico on Tuesday, 6th June. During her time here she has managed to maintain contact with the church, attending in person and on Zoom, been in touch with supporters and, recently, run and taught on the Wycliffe Training Course held at Moorlands College among many other things. We have appreciated her presence and pray for her as she returns to direct involvement in this crucial ministry and wider consultative responsibilities.

We also have been issued with the new Church Prayer Diary compiled by Jim Gourley and the other Elders enabling us to be reminded of all those who need prayer, especially those in challenging circumstances.

Church Outing

A church outing to Balloch has been arranged for Saturday, 17th June with a meal at the Balloch Inn at 1 pm and a Sail on Loch Lomond from 3 – 5pm. You can come to both or to one or the other. The meal costs £25 and the Sail £13. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church for choice of activity and / or menu. Names are needed by the end of this week, please.

Men's Meal

As many of the weekly activities stop over July and August arrangements have been made for men in the Church to have a meal together on 28th June at 6.30pm at Spice Chilli Indian Restaurant, Baljaffray Shopping Centre, Grampian Way, Bearsden, G61 4RN. The Menu is a 3-course buffet meal at £10.95p per person. European dishes are also available if preferred. We have already had a very positive response and hope more people will join us. Please, if wishing to attend, advise Jim Gourley by Sunday 18th June

Finally,

At home, we are in the midst of having a new kitchen fitted, with our old one having done fifty four years' service. After stripping out the old kitchen, Paul, who is doing the work checked the walls with a spirit-level to see if they were plumb. There were defects, so this resulted in extra plastering to get the surfaces smooth and even.

I was reminded of the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers, who through reading God's word are challenged about their lives and their walk with the Lord. If our Paul had ignored what his spirit level showed, the kitchen wouldn't have fitted properly. It's the same for the Christian who ignores the Holy Spirit's promptings, and are less effective disciples.

Ian Baird