



ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

Monday, 3rd July, 2023

Sunday Sermon: Psalm 1

Taking a break from the consecutive studies in Romans, John indicated that over the next two months his sermons would feature some of the Psalms.

Beginning with Psalm 1, under the title of **The Song of the Saved**, it was pointed out that this psalm presents the principle of blessing for (any) person through the work of the Person of Jesus.

Starting with the word 'blessed' it shows God's aspiration in that His intention is to proclaim salvation to a humanity that is in desperation because of its waywardness and sin.

That blessedness comes through the application of all that is revealed in God's word and the process of meditation on it.

That done effectively will result in fruitfulness illustrated by the picture of a tree growing in a wilderness but, planted by living waters, able to produce fruit.

That is the potential but it depends on choice. Its acceptance means blessing but to reject it means tragedy and a direction of travel that results in punishment. Blessedness is based on making the right choice.

Child Evangelism Fellowship

At the service, Simon Snodgrass shared about the work of Child Evangelism Fellowship which focuses on evangelising, discipling and encouraging children to be linked with a church. They also help churches in providing training, resources, encouragement and partnership. Allander was thanked for its support.

Newsletter

This is the final weekly Newsletter for the next two months. An abbreviated edition will be issued, DV, on July 17th and on August 14th just to keep us posted as to what may be happening. Neither of these will have a 'Finally' column so this is a good opportunity to thank the Elders for their regular contributions over the past year

This Week

While the routine activities are now suspended for the summer months, the Tuesday Prayer Meeting continues unabated. Communion will be in the evening on 9th and 16th and morning on 23rd. No Communion on the 30th.

Faith Mission Convention

Today sees the start of the annual Faith Mission Convention in Edinburgh. It is Gordon and Janice's first Convention for which they are totally responsible as Scottish Directors.

We have a group travelling through on Thursday for the morning session led by Paul Mallard and followed by a seminar, tour of the premises and lunch.

Holiday Clubs

Maryhill are holding a Holiday Club starting today (Monday) led by Simon and Hannah Snodgrass and running from Monday to Friday.

Our Allander Holiday Club will start next week and will run from Monday to Friday between 10 am and 12 noon. It, too, is being led by Simon and Hannah Snodgrass

and a host of willing helpers following the theme of Mission Possible. Thursday night will be Parents' Night when we hope to extend the presentation of the message and to consolidate our links with the parents / guardians who attend.

Help on Saturday 8th July from 10 am to set up the hall and church for the week's activities would be really appreciated.

Mission of the Month

July's Mission of the Month is Child Evangelism Fellowship whose services through Simon and Hannah we benefit from greatly.

£730 was contributed to SGA in June.

People and Prayer

Margaret Craig is now in Gartnavel hospital but improving and hoping to return home once a care package has been arranged for her. However, Joyce Kyle has had a fall and suffered some nasty injuries. She is in the QEUH. We remember them both and the many others facing health issues, in care homes or coping with challenging situations.

Remember Gordon and Janice Thomson at the faith Mission Convention followed by "Kids' Camp". And Simon and Hannah as they run both Holiday Clubs.

Inga had good reports of the course she taught and is now deeply engrossed in translation work again.

And let's not forget all those who have worked hard over the winter season and who now have some rest and respite.

Zoom Prayer Meetings

John writes: *The extra times of prayer on Wednesday and Friday have been a real blessing since they started during Covid. With the holiday period upon us it was felt appropriate for the labourers to have some rest, so these meetings will be off until September. When they restart we are hoping that the Friday morning meeting will take a slightly different form, in the sense that it will follow the pattern of Tuesday evenings by being in the Church building as well as on Zoom. More details will be shared nearer the time.*

October Conference on Worldviews

The West of Scotland Gospel Partnership are arranging an important conference entitled War of the Worldviews at the Tron Church in Bath Street on Saturday, 7th October, from 09 30 to 16 30 to consider how Christians, and gospel Churches, navigate the increasingly hostile culture in which we are called to mission. Details to follow.

Finally,

Having just finished the book of Acts in the Bible Study, I was amazed and learned so much about Paul. God took someone who had previously murdered Christians and transformed his life. He became a great evangelist of the gospel.

His desire was to tell others about Jesus and what he had done for them and through all his sufferings he still continued to preach the gospel. God used a group of ordinary people, fishermen and commoners.

God chooses the most unlikely people but listening and learning about Paul has made me aware he can use anyone of us if we as his people are willing by his Holy Spirit to be used by him.

My prayer for us all is to devote ourselves to allowing God to use each one of us to spread the good news of the gospel.

Jim Flett