



## ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

### FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

*This is the second interim newsletter covering the summer (what summer?) months while folk are away on holiday and those who have been heavily involved in the activities of the church have had a chance to “rest awhile”. During that time there have been opportunities to restore and refresh spiritual resources. Regular activities, such as prayer meetings and Sunday worship have continued with benefit accruing from the slower pace and more time for informal fellowship.*

*At the same time it has been – and still is – hard work for those involved in local routine work, like maintenance, pastoral visiting and administration, while others engaged in camps, conventions and evangelistic outreaches; and missionary work, like Inga’s involvement in the minutiae of translation work on the ground, catering for different dialects and also contributing to the expertise that facilitates such translation, continues.*

#### Meanwhile,

We have been able to meet regularly each Sunday – and Tuesday - to appreciate good **ministry** covering personal encouragement from the Psalms and the challenge of church responsibility from Titus; as well as inputs from external sources, private prayer and devotions.

As many of us have been welcomed at holiday churches it has been good to welcome a number of **visitors** to our church. There is always a warm welcome at Allander and the opportunity to share in informal fellowship after each meeting has been good. Our prayer is that they might have been blessed and helped in their quest for spiritual satisfaction.

Concern for each other has been helped by the availability of the **Church Prayer Diary** which not only provides the names of people who attend but also offers a focus for encouraging spiritual experience and growth through personal and corporate commitment. The list will be updated, soon.

#### Looking Ahead

A number of activities will be starting up again, DV, at the beginning of September. These are:

**Sunday School** which has never really stopped over the summer being ‘manned’ by several volunteers.

**Toddlers** meets on Tuesday mornings (from 29<sup>th</sup> August) with Margaret Baird and Flora supported by several helpers.

**Drop-In Café** resumes on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> at 1030am with the Elders’ wives and others running it.

**#One2Seven and Youth Challenge** starts its winter season at 6 30pm on that same day with Simon and Hannah again heading it up with support from Allander.

**Bible Study** meets on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> on Zoom at 7 30pm. This time we will be looking at the Book of Proverbs.

**Morning Prayer Times** resume on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> with a church-based arrangement on Fridays.

### **Children for Christ, Romania**

The Children for Christ Centre has been running a full programme over the summer months. That is still ongoing (their weather is better than ours!)

A group from Allander – (John and Carol Macleod, Bethany Macleod and Rachel Anderson) is going out next week to help in the camp and to maintain the close link we have with the work out there, an involvement that was interrupted by Covid. Our thoughts and prayers go with them in this venture.

### **Sunday Speakers**

While John is away in Romania our Sunday services will be taken by visiting speakers as follows:

August 27<sup>th</sup> – Alan Guy from Hope for Glasgow

September 3<sup>rd</sup> Gordon Thomson of the Faith Mission

### **Prayer**

Tuesday evening prayer meetings have continued faithfully over this period.

As we face the prospect of activities starting up again next month perhaps our prayer efforts should intensify.

It would be good to preface the September start with extended opportunities for corporate prayer.

### **People and Prayer**

Over the past few weeks a number of folk have – and still are – facing challenging times. They include: Margaret Russell in the QEUH, Isla Morrison continuing treatment, Jim Gourley, Ian Baird, and Alan Roger grieving the passing of his brother. In Oaxaca, both Inga and Sue are facing health and other challenges. Bethany Thomson (Gordon and Janice's daughter) gets married to Reuben on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

### **New Elder**

As is the custom at Allander, the Elders have nominated Manuel Aldegunde as a new Elder who will be ordained at this Sunday's morning service.

### **Mission of the Month**

£700 was raised for Child Evangelism Fellowship during July.

Meanwhile our Mission of the Month for August is The Scottish Bible Society.

### **Milngavie Street Party Outreach**

An opportunity is being taken to open the premises during the Milngavie Street Party on Saturday to encourage access to the building and a chance to savour the church's message and ministry. Volunteers are needed to make this possible.

### **Faith Mission and SGA**

On the matter of gathering for prayer, it is not too early to intimate the monthly Faith Mission Prayer Union meeting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 7 30pm. Venue to be decided.

The SGA prayer meetings resume on the third Friday of each month starting on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Empowerment***

*As we contemplate a fresh start next month, it might be good to remember the words of the Lord Jesus to the disciples when he said: "You shall be witnesses unto Me" and told them to "tarry in Jerusalem until you be endued with power from on high". May we use these next few weeks to prepare ourselves for the challenges of this new session.*