



ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

Monday, 4th September, 2023

Welcome Back.

After a gap over the summer months, albeit with two interim editions, we now start, DV, the regular weekly issue of the church newsletter and the resumption of activities, many of which were suspended over the summer. While Sunday worship and the Prayer Meetings have been held each week, Toddlers (Tuesday 9 30am to 11am) began last week with 41 children, while the Drop-In Café (Wednesdays 10 30 to 12 30pm), #One2Seven and Youth Challenge (Wednesdays 6 30 – 7 45pm) and the Proverbs Bible Study (Thursdays at 7 30pm on Zoom) all come into operation again. (Morning Zoom Prayer Times on Wednesday and Friday morning from 9 to 9 30am, with possible access by Zoom from the church on Fridays, are delayed by a week.) Whatever, it is a good time for a new start. As Jim Gourley's Finally piece suggests, now is the time for fresh commitment and participation in the core activities of the church, prayer being the obvious priority.

Sunday Sermon

Over the past two weeks we have been encouraged and challenged in relation to our response to the gospel.

Alan Guy from Hope for Glasgow, basing his message on the Transfiguration of Jesus, which the disciples encountered following the confession of Peter that "Thou art the Christ" urged us to be **led** by Him, to **listen** obediently to what he says, and to **learn** from that teaching and example.

Drawing on his varied experiences, Gordon Thomson reminded us that salvation came from "the precious blood of Jesus" sacrificed. He encouraged us to respond to that. We should be thankful, for that forgiveness, rejoicing and glorifying God in changed behaviour knowing that redemption in our own experience having trusted in Christ. We need to continue in that knowledge, keep it current and appreciate its benefits.

Some, however, may not yet have taken that initial step but can do so now and enter into the joy of being 'born again'.

Congratulations

Nessie, one of its faithful members, celebrating her 90th Birthday with the Pastoral Team.



Faith Mission

This month's FM Prayer Union will meet in Jim and Allyson Flett's home at 20 Craighead Drive, Mains Estate, Milngavie, G62 7SD tonight, Monday 4th September, at 7 30pm. If anyone needs transport please contact Howel.

Sunday Speakers

This Sunday's services will be taken by Simon Snodgrass in the morning and by Richard Gamble from Grace Church, Bothwell in the evening.

Mission of the Month

Having supported the Scottish Bible Society last month with a gift of £500 during August we start a new month with Hope for Glasgow as the mission we are supporting during September.

Zoom Access

Several of our routine activities are carried out through Zoom or have Zoom as an alternative mode, so a reminder of the access details is probably timely:

Meeting ID: 851 6446 7898

Passcode: 080856

Telephone 0131 460 1196

Prayer and Preparation

Resumption of additional activities, as well as, day by day witness, depends so much on prayer.

The focus of the Tuesday night Prayer meetings over the next couple of weeks is on our range of ministries.

People are also prayed for as we remember those facing short- and long-term challenges for whatever reason. Names that have emerged recently include; Janice Allan, Margaret Craig, Allyson Flett, Terry and Joan Gallagher (good news), Jim Gourley, Isla Morison, and Margaret Russell – among others. And, of course, Inga and Sue in Oaxaca.

The Church Prayer Diary is a help to remember all. Please add the following names to the current edition: Nicola Guthrie, Samantha Hastings, Richard Hill (Tuesday) and Catherine Oliver (Friday)

The Church

Allander is a welcoming church reaching out to provide spiritual resources to anyone in the community.

It is also an evangelical church with an emphasis on active membership determined by a personal commitment based on an experience of saving faith in the Lord Jesus and submission to the Lordship of Christ. .

Home Communion

The Elders will be happy to provide Communion for anyone who is unable to attend church. This can be arranged by speaking to one of the Elders.

Romania

Romania camps have gone well. The Allander team's contribution has been greatly appreciated.

Conferences

A special conference that will help by sharing with others and expounding relevant Bible teaching about the ideologies that are currently rampant and influencing so much that is happening in society is the West of Glasgow conference on The War of the Worldviews on Saturday 7th October at The Tron Church

Finally

*Christ has no hands but our hands to do his work today,
He has no feet but our feet to lead men in the way,
He has no tongue but our tongue to tell men how he died,
He has no help but our help to bring them to his side.*

The words of this old hymn are very relevant for this week in the life of God's church at Allander as it sees the start of all activities following the summer break.

It should bring to us all a challenge - What will I do for Jesus, who died for me, to help build his church at Allander.

Will you be involved in: Sunday Worship, Prayer and Bible Study, Pastoral Care, Children and Young People's Ministries, Practical Work, Cafe Outreach or Ladies' Meeting? Christ needs your hands. Will they be working for him in the days ahead? There is much to do for Him.

Jim Gourley