



## ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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### **MARCH NEWSLETTER**

#### **WORSHIP SERVICES – MARCH**

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| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | am & pm | John Macleod                 |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | am & pm | John Macleod                 |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | am      | John Macleod                 |
|                  | pm      | Andrew McMullan (CEF Europe) |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | am      | John Macleod                 |
|                  | pm      | Ramsay Shields               |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | am & pm | John Macleod                 |

#### **JOHN MACLEOD**

Please remember John in prayer for the following engagements:

- Evening Services at **Ebenezer Evangelical Church Motherwell** on **10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March.**
- Holy Week Services Wednesday (lunch time) **27<sup>th</sup> March at High Kirk, Stevenston.**

#### **MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH CAUSE – (MARCH) - ELAM**

Elam Ministries Executive Director is David Yeghnazar. He is a young man, whose father Sam Yeghnazar, together with senior Iranian church leaders, founded Elam Ministries in 1990. David's grandfather, Seth Yeghnazar came to Christ in Iran in the 1930's. In the 1950's he held a prayer meeting in his Tehran home every night. Today, many estimate that a million or more Iranians from a Muslim background have come to Christ. There are now house churches all over Iran; Bibles are getting into the country; and more Iranians than ever are being trained for leadership. Thanks to advances in technology, ministry to Iran is rapidly expanding.

Iran is much in the news these days and will continue to be so due to the current political situation both there and in the surrounding countries. The Iranian nation was previously known as Persia and has been a nation for over 2,500 years since the days of Queen Esther in the Bible. The revolutionary Islamic regime came to power in 1979, bringing an end to their monarchy.

It is a nation in excess of 86 million people with much persecution of Christians whose government opposes Christianity, bans Bibles, arrests evangelists and threatens the lives of converts to Christianity from Islam. It is the second largest country in the Middle East, with vast reserves of oil and gas.

The Iranian people whilst being disillusioned have become the most open to Christ in the region. The church is growing faster than at any other time since the arrival of Islam in the 7<sup>th</sup> century.

Elam's ministry includes training church planters, women's, men's, youth and children's workers to serve many people inside Iran as well as refugees in the region, strengthening

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house churches and fellowship with many thousands of one-to-one believers being disciplined. They had a target last year to print in excess of 250,000 Persian New Testaments. Today the need for prayer is as great as ever. As the church grows, persecution is intensifying.

**David F Wilson**  
**4 February 2024**

### **PRAYER MEETINGS**

The most important ministry in the life of the church are our prayer meetings. We meet on

- ❖ Tuesday evenings in the church hall at 8.00pm
- ❖ On Zoom – Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.00am until 9.30am
- ❖ Sunday evenings at 6.00pm prior to the evening service.

The Elders Group would encourage more people to join the faithful people who attend the weekly prayer times.

### **BIBLE STUDY**

We meet by zoom on Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm continuing to study in the book of Proverbs. Please consider joining with the group to learn more and to benefit from studying God's Word together. Due to Easter services, there will be no study on 28<sup>th</sup> March.

### **PEOPLE AND PRAYER**

#### ***(Care Homes)***

- ❖ Jack Harvey; George Cowan Joyce Kyle; Margaret Stewart; Anna Gardner; Mary Attwell

#### ***(At Home)***

- ❖ Elleanor Brown; Margaret Craig; Jean Donnelly; Ian Carmichael; Margaret Russell

#### ***(Health Issues)***

- ❖ Ian Baird; Terry & Joan Gallagher; Isla Morrison; Howel & Ann Jones; Mary Linton; Mary Clarke; David & Morag Wilson.

### **TODDLERS**

The Toddlers meet every Tuesday morning from 9.30 am.

### **CHURCH CAFÉ**

The Church Café opens from 10.30am until 12.30pm each Wednesday in March serving free refreshments. It is encouraging that people from other churches and the community join with us. It would be good to see more Allander people coming along to enjoy the good fellowship we have together.

### **YOUNG PEOPLE'S OUTREACH**

This continues with #One2Seven and Youth Challenge on Wednesday evenings. There are up to 24 people attending. Please pray for the young people and the team who lead the outreach.

### **LADIES AFTERNOON MEETING**

The meeting for the month of March will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> (first Thursday of the month) at 2.00pm until 3.15pm. The speaker is Gayle Cattanach. Gayle will speak on "Eating to support health and provide optimal nutrition" and through her topic will also share the gospel with us.

### **HOLY WEEK 2024 – MILNGAVIE CHURCHES**

The Annual Services will this year be held in Allander each evening at 7.30pm from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March until Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Communion will be celebrated on Thursday evening and refreshments will be served at the close each evening.

#### **Speakers :**

***Monday, Tuesday – Simon Turner (Hamilton Baptist Church) Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday the speaker will be John MacKinnon (Director of Evangelism, The Word One to One)***

### **ALLANDER ANNUAL HOLIDAY CLUB**

#### ***Dates for 2024 – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July***

The next planning meeting is on 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 pm and more details about the Holiday Club will be in the April Newsletter.

### **SLAVIC GOSPEL ASSOCIATION**

The monthly prayer meeting takes place on ***Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm*** in the home of ***Manuel and Ava Aldegunde. (All Welcome)***

### **INGA MCKENDRY**

We are looking forward to Inga who has come home from Mexico being with us until ***12<sup>th</sup> June. From 14<sup>th</sup> March until 9<sup>th</sup> May.*** Inga will be working in the south of England. We will be hearing from Inga and would ask that we all continue to pray for her and the work of Wycliffe Bible Translators in Oaxaca, Mexico where she is based. The Elders Group are meeting with Inga on 26<sup>th</sup> February for a review meeting and to discuss her plans for the future.

### **SIMON & HANNAH SNODGRASS**

Please remember them and their work at Allander with #One2Seven and Youth Challenge each Wednesday. They would also value prayer for ***Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March*** as they organize the Children's event for Echoes International Conference at Woodhill Evangelical Church in Bishopbriggs. At the end of March, they will be in Ireland for C.E.F. (Child Evangelism Fellowship) Conference.

### **FAITH MISSION – SCOTLAND**

The monthly rally is taking place on ***Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm*** when the speaker will be John Matthews. Refreshments will be served at the close. Please plan to come and support the work of Faith Mission. On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March Rejuvenate meet at 8.00pm until 10.00pm for teenagers and young adults. The numbers attending is in excess of 24 and God is using and blessing this time of friendship and fellowship as the group enjoy food (free) music and chat. Please pray for this work and make it known to others.

### **ECHOES INTERNATIONAL – SCOTTISH MISSION CONFERENCE – SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024**

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***(Woodhill Evangelical Church, Bishopbriggs.)***

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| 11.00am – 1.00pm | Morning Session   |
| 1.00pm – 2.30pm  | Lunch Break       |
| 2.30pm – 4.30 pm | Afternoon Session |

**BILLY GRAHAM EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION**  
**GOD LOVES YOU TOUR – SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2024 AT 6.00 PM**  
**OVO HYDRO EXHIBITION WAY**  
**STOBCROSS ROAD, GLASGOW, G3 8YW.**

We are pleased to advise you of the above event and that a free return bus service from Allander Church has been organized by BGEA. This also includes a seat at the Arena. The objective is for Christians to use the service but bring someone who is not a Christian. Numbers may be limited so to reserve seats you require to give name and numbers to Jim Gourley as soon as possible.

**BILLY GRAHAM EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION**  
**CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WITNESS COURSE**  
**FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2024 AT 7PM**

We are pleased to be hosting this event in Allander Evangelical Church. Who is CLWC designed for? Those interested in serving as councilors at the event on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, but also for anyone wishing to develop their skills in evangelism and discipleship. This is a highly recommended course and a great opportunity to attend. As we are hosting the event please plan to come and support the evening.

**MARK GIRVAN**

Congratulations to Mark who has been appointed Communications Manager of the Navigators. Mark currently has a similar role with the Bible Society of Scotland. For 70 years Navigators in the UK have been getting alongside people, helping them to know Jesus personally. God has grown generations of disciple makers through these ordinary people. Please pray for Mark as he prepares to take up this new position.

***And Finally***

***As we continue studying the Book of Proverbs at our Thursday evening Bible Study, we have been looking at different lessons it teaches us. We can see proverbs deal with all kinds of situations in daily life, family, work, friends, neighbours, politics, alcohol, etc. It is not intended to be a comprehensive list of every possible situation we can face, but it does teach us clearly that in every aspect of life, whatever we are doing and whoever we are interacting with, there is a place to apply the Wisdom of God. And we may wonder, how can we find this wisdom? God also answered this question in sending His Son Jesus Christ, as we read 1 Corinthians 1:30; “It is because of Him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become wisdom from God – that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. “So let us draw near to Him, in whom we can find wisdom and strength in every day of our lives.***

***(Manuel Aldegunde)***