



ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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APRIL NEWSLETTER

WORSHIP SERVICES – APRIL

7 th April (a.m. & p.m.)	John Macleod
14 th April (a.m.)	John Macleod
14 th April (p.m.)	Ramsay Shields
21 st April (a.m. & p.m.)	John Macleod
28 th April (a.m.)	The Elders Group
28 th April (p.m.)	John Macleod

JOHN MACLEOD – DIARY DATES

Please remember John in prayer for the following engagements

Sunday 14th April 4.00pm – Townhead Church, Newmilns

Sunday 14th April 6.30pm – Central Evangelical Church, Kilmarnock

Sunday 21st April 4.00pm – Townhead Church, Newmilns

Sunday 28th April 10.am – Townhead Church, Newmilns

John will be on holiday from 9th to 13th April

MISSION CAUSE OF THE MONTH (APRIL) – SLAVIC GOSPEL ASSOCIATION

Slavic Gospel Association (SGA) has its roots in the ministry of Peter Deyneka, who, after emigrating from the Soviet Union to America in 1914, became a Christian in 1920. Being called to evangelise his people, he attended Moody Bible Institute and graduated in 1925. He then travelled back to the Soviet Union to preach the Gospel and encourage local churches. However, with the intensified persecution of the churches in the early 1930's, he was prevented from travelling back to his homeland to preach the Gospel. In order to keep helping the churches of the Soviet Union from America, he and a small group of businessmen founded the Russian Gospel Association in 1934. As the work developed in expanded, it was renamed to Slavic Gospel Association in 1949. In 1950 the first British Council was established, and SGA (UK) worked mainly as a relief organisation helping Slavic people providing basic necessities, Bibles and Christian literature. However, during the 1970's there was a shift as the need and desire for training and equipping local believers to work among their own people increased.

Following the fall of the Iron Curtain in 1989 this Bible teaching ministry dramatically grew and became the core of the mission of SGA (UK) to this day. This is done mainly in four ways: training workers in a wide area of ministries to address the most pressing needs; sponsoring leaders to help with their ministry and church building; publishing literature, both written by national authors and translated from books available in the west; and distributing aid through local churches in area

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of very poor economic situations.

On Tuesday 30th April Derek Maxwell from Slavic Gospel will be speaking at the prayer meeting at 8.00pm. Please take the opportunity to hear and learn more about the work. Additionally, if you would like to stay informed and help this ministry, we meet on the third Friday of each month to pray for their needs and praise God for all the things that He is doing amongst them. For more details, you can contact Manuel or Ava. The next one is on 19th April at 7.30pm to which all are welcome. This will take place in the home of Betty MacKay.

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 God's Word. Please consider joining with the group to learn more and to benefit from studying God's Word together.

PEOPLE AND PRAYER

(Care Homes)

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

(At Home)

- ❖ Eleanor Brown; Margaret Craig; Jean Donnelly; Ian Carmichael; Margaret Russell, Agnes Wilson, Mary Linton.

(Health Issues)

- ❖ Ian Baird, Terry & Joan Gallagher, Isla Morrison, Howel & Ann Jones, Mary Linton, Isabel Nicol, Mary Clarke, David & Morag Wilson and Jim Gourley who started 6 sessions of chemotherapy on 22nd March.

TODDLERS

During school term the Toddlers Group meet at 9.30am when 30-35 families attend. Please pray for this outreach in the community.

CHURCH CAFÉ

During March the numbers attending the café have increased and in April the café will be open from 10.30am until 12.30pm. All are welcome.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S OUTREACH

During school term #One2Seven and Youth Challenge meet at 6.30pm – 7.45pm. Please pray for the leaders and for the young people who attend. Please also pray for the homes in the community they come from.

LADIES AFTERNOON MEETING

The meeting for the month of April will take place on Thursday 4th April (first Thursday of the month) from 2.00pm until 3.15pm. Ava Campbell will be singing and her husband will be our speaker.

ALLANDER HOLIDAY CLUB

The annual Children's Holiday Club will be held from Monday 1st to Friday 5th July. The next planning meeting is on Monday 13th May at 7pm. We made a positive start at our first meeting but still require some extra helpers. For more information, please speak to Simon Snodgrass or Jim Gourley.

INGA MCKENDRY

Inga is now working in England until 9th May. Please remember her in prayer. She will return to Scotland before returning to Mexico on 12th June.

SIMON AND HANNAH SNODGRASS

Please remember them and their work with Child Evangelism Fellowship. They play an important part in the life of Allander as they lead the Children's and Young People's work and our annual Holiday Club in July.

FAITH MISSION – SCOTLAND

The next monthly rally is on 3rd May in Allander at 7.30pm when the speaker is Ian Maclean. There is no Rejuvenate in April. The next evening is Saturday 4th May from 8pm until 10pm. Please remember Gordon and Janice Thomson in prayer. Copies of their prayer letter for April, May and June are available on the table at the back of the church.

BILLY GRAHAM EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION

GOD LOVES YOU TOUR – SATURDAY 22ND 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

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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 your name and numbers to Jim Gourley as soon as possible.

EASTER – HOLY WEEK

As you receive this newsletter, we will have entered Holy Week and on Sunday 31st March we will celebrate the resurrection of The Lord Jesus. The Elders Group wish you and your families an Easter Season blessed with Joy and Happiness.

And Finally

As we enter Holy Week my mind turned to Luke's Gospel chapter 23 verses 44-46.

'It was now about noon, and the darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called with a loud voice, "Father into your hands I commit my spirit." When He had said this, He breathed His last.'

In the darkness of these three hours a great transaction was done. Jesus took on himself the darkness of mankind's sin, and in so doing purchased our salvation. He was the only sacrifice wholly acceptable to God, and as a sign of that, in the same darkness, the curtain of the temple was torn in two; thus granting us access to the most Holy place and intimate access to God the Father.

In this Holy Week may we praise God as the Centurion did recognizing afresh that Jesus is righteous and that by his righteousness, He has bought our freedom from the power of sin. May we all be encouraged to witness to the saving faith we have, and to the eternal life Jesus gives.

Ian Baird