



## ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

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### Hello

Sharing news of the Fellowship once again and reflecting on God's word to us.

### Listen and Live

Following God's answer to his complaint in chapter 1 last week, we find Habakkuk taking his stand on the ramparts to see what God would say further about the situation and, what is more, reflect on what Habakkuk's own response should be. He is still very vexed and in some perplexity but is wise enough in his journey from fear to faith to draw aside and look to God for further insight – and its implications. For God is still on His throne. And to survive, the righteous will need to live by faith in that God, despite supremacy not being immediately obvious at the time. Four truths emerge from that deliberate action.

**Waiting on God in this way is worth it**, for God answers him the second time with a fuller explanation. From that reply he is reminded that **Evil's triumphs are only temporary**: in time they all fade away and are overtaken, thwarted by God. **God's purpose will always prevail**. To confirm this, Habakkuk was told to write the vision, run with it and live in the light of its revelation. **To go from fear to faith means living by faith in an Almighty God** who has already demonstrated His supreme power in Christ 'spoiling principalities and powers' by the Cross.

So, let us walk by faith, not by sight.

### Gordon and Janice Thomson

Denied because of the lockdown to hold traditional meetings, but making good use of the opportunities available, Gordon is this week conducting a 'Mission' by Zoom. It will be aired each evening from Monday to Friday, at 7 30 pm. Details are posted on the FM website: [www.faithmission.org](http://www.faithmission.org)

### FM Prayer Day

Gordon writes: "A Day of Prayer has been set aside by the Faith Mission for Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June to pray for our nation's spiritual, political and physical needs. It would be good if you could take some time during the day to pray. (2 Chronicles 7: 14)". [Our own local FM prayer meeting will be on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> July – by Zoom.]

### Summer Camps

Thwarted by the restrictions of lockdown, so many camps, holiday clubs and missions have been adversely affected. Children miss these opportunities. Parents rue the fact that an activity in a Christian environment is not available for this year. And the agencies themselves see it as a serious challenge to the ongoing work because there is always the danger of a 'natural' break becoming a permanent one, breaking the continuity of recruitment, involvement and support – both prayer and funding.

## **Children for Christ**

Children for Christ, like many other activities, has been affected adversely by the Covid 19 pandemic. As with other agencies, those responsible have to make strategic decisions as they seek ways of maintaining the ministry, both in terms of activities and finance. The Scottish Trustees met via Zoom on Saturday 13th June and the English Trustees will meet on Monday 29th June in 'Virtual Aylesbury' on Zoom. One positive is that, by using Zoom, the Romanian leaders, Wilma, Vio and Casi were able to join the Scottish Trustees' deliberations 'in person' as it were and their contribution was much appreciated. They have been invited to, and may, join the English Trustees at their meeting.

## **People**

Remember Jim Gourley who goes into Gartnavel tomorrow for a procedure which has been postponed since April because of Covid. Jean Malkin is also waiting a deferred hospital appointment.

Our congratulations to George and Margaret Cowan who will celebrate their 69th wedding anniversary tomorrow, 23rd June. Please continue to remember them in your prayers.

## **Finally,**

It is remarkable that the death of one man, George Floyd, in Minneapolis could have such a widespread effect on the world. Undoubtedly, the manner of his death was cruel and unjust and the policeman involved has been rightly charged. However, that is where clarity ends. The rioting, looting and now the re-interpreting of history, raises as many questions as it does answers. Yet at the heart of this upheaval; one man's unjust death. What a powerful reminder that the story of the death of one innocent Man, our Saviour Jesus, still needs to be told, that it might bring hope to this restless world.

## **Quiz**

It is proposed to hold a light hearted quiz night this Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm using Zoom software. The quiz will last approximately one hour with Donald Crosbie as the quizmaster. You will be most welcome to join us whether you wish to take part in the quiz or simply look on as an observer. The meeting ID is 862 7538 3290 and the Password is 712 231.

## **Church Building,**

Jim Gourley writes: Despite the building being closed, the grass and weeds still grow and we appreciate that this continues to be maintained. The back hall flooring has also been cleaned and polished and is looking very good. Thank you for this being attended to.

## **Sharing**

Allyson Flett shares this blessing saying, "*I felt God speaking to me today through this verse*". Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ. Colossians 3: 23, 24

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