



ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Hello

As we enter the eighth week of lockdown we bring you some more fellowship news

The Mind-set of Jesus

Last week, John reminded us of Paul's exhortation to the Philippian church to adopt the mind-set of Jesus. That mind-set was based on two key principles:

- Jesus lived for the glory of Another. His sole and consuming concern was to "do the will of Him who sent me".
- Jesus trusted His life to the governance of this Other: He became obedient. He willingly accepted whatever the will of God entailed in practice.

That mind-set is spelled out in detail in this wonderful 'hymn' (Phil 2: 6-8) adopted by the early church, for it showed that:

The supremacy of His status was not something that Jesus sought to use for his own advantage.

From a position of power He chose to be weak, humbling Himself by becoming a man.

And, from that place of humility, He embraced further humiliation for the sake of others: He became "obedient unto death".

That is the attitude and these are the actions that we should adopt as we follow the commands of Jesus and "take up our cross", "humbling ourselves under the mighty hand of God", knowing that "he who keeps his life will lose it but he that loses his life for my sake shall find it".

*Take up your cross the Saviour said,
If you would my disciple be.*

Shared Experiences

George Cowan writes: *Regarding our situation, our Christian Faith is a sure anchor to the soul and we live a very quiet but contented life. When we try to get an answer to all the troubles around today, we can find it in God's Word. 2 Corinthians 4:18 NLT says: So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things which cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last for ever". Thank God for His promises and to have the assurance of His Word in our hearts.*

Zoom Zoom

We have been zooming twice this week: on Tuesday for the now well-established Prayer Meeting with about 37 tuning in, and the Thursday experiment with over 30 at the Bible Study. Access details: Prayer Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81920229424?pwd=ZjlwcWJpMzhKYs8rY01tU29sd0tkUT09>; ID: 819 2022 9424; Password: 047533; Telephone access: 0131 460 1196. Bible Study: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89984453732?pwd=MEV5MFhITGIRazJYbFh6WjZ5REZ6dz09>; ID: 899 8445 3732; Password: 005502; Telephone access: 0131 460 1196

Finance / Money Matters

In our Newsletter dated 6 April, regular giving was encouraged in order that the church remained able to meet its ongoing financial commitments. The Apostle Paul encouraged the Corinthian believers to give regularly (1 Cor 16:2 and 2 Cor 9:5), willingly (2 Cor 9:6

and 7) and confidently (2 Cor 9:8 to 11) because God loves a cheerful giver and promises to generously provide all that we need. May we ask you therefore to study these scriptures, thinking carefully and prayerfully about your commitment to giving? In the absence of regular church services, you may give through the banking system by Standing Order or by Direct Bank transfer while cash or cheque may be given or sent to the Treasurer:

The details you may need are as follows:

Allander Evangelical Church 2019; Bank of Scotland; Sort Code 80 22 60; Account number 19484160.

Treasurer - David Jack, 62 Mosshead Road, Bearsden, GLASGOW G61 3HA Tel 0141 570 1236.

Prayer Request

Please pray for Aileen, a single Mum with 2 children, Rose and Andrew. Rose attends #one2seven. Aileen works for British Airways and is very concerned about the fact that her job is in danger due to the vast loss of jobs in the industry. *Please continue to pray for Morag Wilson that her trigeminal nerve pain would completely heal.* And, answered prayer: good news for Liz Baxter about her hospital scans.

SAT-7

SAT-7 is one of our mission partners reaching out by satellite to the Middle East. Pray for the teams based in Cyprus and London –the

Finally

*Through all the changing sense of life, in trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still my heart and tongue employ.*

*Of His deliverance I will boast, 'til all that are distressed,
From my example comfort take and charm their griefs to rest.*

*O magnify the Lord with me; with me exalt His name,
When in distress to Him I called; He to my rescue came.*

*Fear Him, you saints, and you will then have nothing else to fear.
Make you His service your delight, He'll make your wants His care.*

producers, presenters and crews – as they make and broadcast programmes to the people of Iran, Afghanistan and Tajikistan. Pray that their work will bring joy in the midst of fear and uncertainty, as in this response from Yasmin, a mother from Iran. *“Every time I feel weak and lonely, I call you; and every time you pray for me, I am strengthened. You are the only joy that I have right now ... thank you for helping those of us who do not have access to any church or to other believers.”*

VE Day Anniversary

Last week marked the anniversary of VE day. For those who remember, it brings back memories of relief and rejoicing after years of war and hardship - not unlike present day sentiments. However, that event was preceded by national Days of Prayer and Thanksgiving - a feature which is significantly missing from the initiatives of our hard working government and officials.

Ladies Outing

This Thursday should have seen the Ladies meeting off on a jaunt to the Clyde Coast visiting Caldwell garden Centre among other places. Sadly, it has fallen victim to lockdown. But we remember all the ladies who gather on a Thursday afternoon, many of them not 'Sunday' Allander folk and we pray for them and Flora Macdonald, a regular who passed away recently. And, of course, for the Allander ladies who work so hard on their behalf.

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