



## ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

### FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

25<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2020

#### **Hello**

"The night is far spent .." Yesterday was the tenth no-church Sunday

#### **Godly Workout**

We were reminded again that, despite restrictions and lockdown, God is still at work – at a cosmic level, in us personally, and corporately through the church. His objective is still to bring us into conformity with Jesus, as presented in the picture of condescension and accomplishment in the earlier verses of this chapter. (Phil 2)

The theological truth presented here emphasises His being an example. But theology itself has a purpose. It is intended to be practical and have an outcome in real life. That means two things for us, as individuals and as a church.

In the first place we must shoulder our responsibility in that outworking. As stated in so many scriptures, the onus is on us to work out our salvation, to adopt Jesus' mind-set, with fear and trembling, and evidence our obedience to the manifest will and purpose of God. That won't happen without our voluntary, disciplined, and consistent endeavour.

There is also a need to acknowledge the reality that in that process – however difficult, painful, discouraging, or faltering it may be - it is God still at work accomplishing in us, with our active engagement, the purpose of God in our lives, both personally and corporately.

#### **Update from David McColl**

We are thankful to be able to be in Scotland at this time as we await the arrival of our son at the end of June. Jenn has been keeping well and we are thankful for the health care we have received so far. David continues to work remotely supporting the work of the Samaritan's Purse office in Bolivia. All normal activities in Bolivia have been suspended due to the Covid-19 outbreak but the office is implementing a number of emergency projects including food distributions to vulnerable families and supporting the Bolivian health system with needed medical equipment.

#### **Nation-wide Prayer**

This Saturday should have been the Frankiln Graham Tour Rally at the SEC. That event was controversially suspended by the venue proprietors and is now overtaken by the lockdown. However, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association is holding a nationwide prayer event on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> May at 11 am on <http://grahamtour.co.uk/live>

#### **Prayer requests**

Flora reminds us to continue to remember the people in Care Homes, the people caring for loved ones at home and the people who are grieving. A lady who faithfully attended the Ladies Meeting died last week and it was very difficult for her family not to be with her.

### Wise Thoughts

Ava has supplied us with some points to ponder from Reverend Sng Chong Hui, who is a retired Methodist Pastor:

*If only* we monitor our spiritual temperature regularly like the way we conscientiously do now.

*If only* we wash our souls as much as we wash our hands and sanitize them whenever we touch something suspiciously unclean.

### Pentecost

While once again we will not be together in Church this Sunday let us not forget that it is Pentecost Sunday in the Christian calendar, 50 days after the death of Jesus. One can read the happenings of that great day in Acts 2. Let us pray that in our time we might experience another great movement of the Holy Spirit in the world and in our lives.

### Keswick in Ayrshire

Keswick in Ayrshire would normally have been held this week but has been cancelled. However, a 'live' message was planned with Peter Maiden scheduled to speak via internet on Sunday 24th May at 10am. The link could be accessed via: [keswickayrshire.com](http://keswickayrshire.com). Although past, it may be available still.

### More Prayer

Supplementing our weekly gatherings for Prayer on Tuesday evenings at 8 pm and the Bible Study on Thursdays at 7 pm, the Elders are arranging for a brief 30-minute prayer time by Zoom on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10 am, starting on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May. John will lead with a Scripture reading which will be followed by open prayer. Access is by the same ID and password as the Tuesday Zoom Prayer meeting.

### Responses

There have been some encouraging responses to the letter sent out by the church to various contacts. Most express their appreciation of the Holiday Club and are saddened that it won't be held this year.

### Busy Allander

Sunday:	Sermon
Monday:	Elders
Tuesday:	Prayer Meeting
Wednesday:	Prayer Time
Thursday:	Bible Study
Friday:	Prayer Time
Saturday:	Sabbath rest!

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### Finally:

The Exhortation: *Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed – not only in my presence, but now in my absence – continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose.*

The Response: *Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone,  
And live by all I do;  
The strength to follow Your commands  
Can only come from You.*