



## ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

### FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

19<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

#### **Sunday Sermon: The Deity of Christ**

Yesterday's services were taken by Simon Turner from Kilsyth Community Church in John's absence. Taking his text from John 1: 1-5 he focused on the Deity of Christ and stressed that it teaches that Jesus is God, not just a god among many alternatives; and warned us that whatever our verdict as to who Jesus is will determine our eternal destiny.

The passage contains four proofs that Jesus is God.

1. Jesus is eternal. He is the Word – the expression of God who was with God and was God from the beginning, not just an attribute of God but co-equal with God as a distinct Person.
2. Jesus is Creative. Indeed 2 Corinthians 5: 17) states that those who believe in Him are "*a new creatures in Christ*" with "*old things passed away and all things made new*".
3. Jesus is Life. Indeed Jesus himself says that acceptance of Him is to receive new life, spiritual life as he explained to Nicodemus.
4. Jesus is also light. He brings in truth and reality which transforms our living.

The incarnation means that Jesus as God has come to us in human form. That is the gospel. Yet, He needs to be received and definitely believed-in if we are to benefit from the salvation that he offers. Sadly, the people to whom Jesus came chose darkness rather than light. There is a danger that unless we accept Him by faith we, too, will end up lost in such darkness.

#### **Thank You from Flora**

Flora writes: *I would like to thank the friends in Allander Church for your prayers which were a great blessing and encouragement to Ron and Anne Bernard and myself following the death of Anne Wilson. Also to the many people who phoned, sent texts, lovely cards and flowers to me at this time of bereavement. I sincerely appreciate the love shown to me.*

*We were grateful to John for his help and the leading of the service in the crematorium.*

#### **Tribute to Anne Wilson**

Anne grew up in a Christian home and attended Abingdon Hall with her parents. She became a Christian when she was young and was baptized in her teens. She helped in the work of Scottish Counties Evangelistic Mission and loved singing. When she married she moved to Largs but after the death of her husband she came to Milngavie and joined Allander where she played a full part. Sadly, Anne spent the last four years in Mugdock House Care Home Dementia Unit but is now with the Lord.

#### **Church Matters - Allander Children's Work**

Due to the Covid 19 restrictions we had to cancel our annual holiday club - ABC - (Allander Holiday Club) and are currently unable to restart our Sunday School or our Wednesday evening meeting for primary school pupils (#ONE2SEVEN).

We are concerned that contact has been lost with homes and children for now and we so are looking to once again establish relationships with children and the homes they are living in. To do this we are considering the commencement of a weekly programme through our Web Site with the support of Brian Lowrie and the team at MAD Ministries.

In connection with that, there will be a Zoom meeting on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30 pm where we will share our thinking and invite ideas and comments for reaching children through the church website. Details for joining the meeting by Zoom are: ID - 819 2022 9424. Passcode - 047533. Telephone access: 0131 460 1196. (Same as for Prayer Meeting)

### **Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal**

As intimated last week, despite the Covid restrictions, the annual Shoe Box Appeal will still be taking place this year when more than ever the need for support is very considerable given the current living conditions in the countries Blythswood supports. Leaflets are available with

modified instructions and new guidance which will now apply. We are asking that all boxes are brought to the Church by Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November. If you are unable to personally come to Church then we can arrange for the box to be uplifted.

### **Church Opening**

After a prolonged delay because of building repair work, the UF church is planning to open its doors this Sunday morning. We pray for them and the other churches in the town as they maintain a faithful witness.

### **Sunday Service**

We appreciated Simon Turner's ministry yesterday and look forward to Gordon Thomson taking both services this Sunday. We remember him in prayer that God will bless his ministry among us.



And, don't forget, clocks go back this weekend!

### **Finally**

#### **A Rainbow of Hope**

The sign of a rainbow has been visible during the Covid-19 outbreak on many windows and posters. A rainbow is seen as a sign of hope. Let us all remember the great hope we have because Christ has come to the world. The Babe of Bethlehem grew up to become our crucified and risen Saviour and the world has never been the same.

Jesus' compassion has made the world more compassionate. His healing touch has made the world more humanitarian. His selflessness has made the world more self-effacing. Jesus drew a rainbow of hope around men and women and gave them something to live for. If Jesus had not come, this world would indeed be a hopeless world and it would be a lost world. We would have no access to God, no atonement for sin, no forgiveness and there would be no Saviour.

Jesus came into the world to make it a better place. Let us pray each day that people will find Jesus as their Saviour and Lord.



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*This is a faithful saying: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners*