



## ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

### FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

28<sup>th</sup> September, 2020

#### Hello

Welcome again as we share our concerns over a worsening situation yet rejoice in Hope

#### Sermon: 'Future-focused' Luke 18: 18-30

In this series from Luke 18 on *end-time faith* we have already seen that *persistent prayer* is birthed in *total trust* and grounded in *heart-felt humility*. Further, it is nourished by being *future focused*.

The Bible makes it clear that life is not defined by the circumstances we are living in but that there is more to life than we are presently encountering.

The conversation between Jesus and the rich man began with a question: "*Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?*" The problem seems to be that the man was proud of his accomplishment – great wealth from assiduously keeping the commandments. Jesus makes it clear that such self-generated merit is inadequate and tells him to totally abandon what he was putting his trust in. Impossible!

Yet, what is impossible with men is possible with God. What men cannot achieve, God can accomplish as Scripture records through several examples such as Abraham, Moses, Jeremiah.

Assurance is given to Peter that the ensuing rewards – both in this life and in the one to come – are benefits that come through abandoning what we naturally put our trust in and focusing on the future as we believe the promises of God.

#### Invitation from Street Connect

Ricky McAddock writes: "*I would love to invite you from Allander Evangelical Church to the Street Connect Annual General Meeting which will be held on **Wednesday 7th October 2020 at 1pm**. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic this will be held **online via zoom**. I do hope that as many of you as possible are able to attend.*

*During the meeting you will hear from staff and participants about the impact of the work. You will also hear from inspirational speakers from the Board and Management who will be reviewing the progress of Street Connect over the past year and considering the next important steps for the organisation at these challenging times."*

Please book your place in advance here by clicking on this Eventbrite link, <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/street-connect-annual-general-meeting-tickets-120198692525>

#### More Church Matters

The Elders met last week to consider the implications of ongoing restrictions on meeting and have come up with the following proposals:

We are now planning to have **Communion** on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at both services while the current restrictions are in place.

Our **Harvest Thanksgiving Service** will be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October both at

10.30am and 6.30pm. Our cause for this year is Blythswood Trust. You can **support this cause** in the following ways: by giving a financial gift in the offering box available during October, or by cheque/post to David Jack. **Services in October** will be taken by our Pastor, John Macleod on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>; and by Simon Turner, Kilsyth Community Church on the 18<sup>th</sup> and by Gordon Thomson, Faith Mission, on the 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be a baptismal service on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Please remember John, Simon and Gordon in your prayers.

**Zoom meetings ID** for all services will be temporarily changed for the period Tuesday 6 - Friday 9 October to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82026822203?pwd=REVNeVRuNUhUbnRZb09NakpRWlqydz09>  
ID: 820 2682 2203  
Passcode: 484096

**Prayer**

Margaret Cowan had a fall last week necessitating an operation to mend a broken hip. Pray for her and George at this time. And remember others in our church and the community.

**Inga**

On Tuesday night at the Zoom prayer meeting Inga gave an insightful report on her varied roles in Bible translation and shared her plans for returning to Mexico on Wednesday. She appreciates the warm (virtual) fellowship encountered during her stay, regrets that Covid restrictions have prevented her from visiting us and values our prayers for this next phase.

**Mission Cause for the Month.**

Our Mission Cause for the month of September was Sam Gordon and his ministry: Truth for Today. Although donations to this cause have fallen a little short of the normal, the Elders decided at their meeting last Monday to send the sum of £200 to Sam. Support of other ministries external to Allander is important and we would therefore encourage you to remember future Mission Causes for the Month both prayerfully and financially. Blythswood Care is the Mission Cause for the month of October.



**Finally**  
*“Do not be anxious, .. but present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your heart and minds in Christ Jesus.”* (Phil 4: 6,7). Reassuring words. Emotionally we can be drained by the circumstances we are living in. Defining emotional health is having a peace of who you are, what you’re doing and where you are going in life both individually and our relationships with those around us. As Christians we can have total peace about our lives in the past, present and the future. We know that our lives are in line with God’s ultimate plan and purpose for us and we can always continue to be being fulfilled by that. When we live in peace with God we can know his strength upholding us is our daily lives.

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