

ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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MAY NEWSLETTER

WORSHIP SERVICES – MAY

5th May (a.m. & p.m.) – Ricky McAddock and Street Connect
12th May a.m. – Alan Guy – Hope for Glasgow
p.m. – Rev Ramsay Shields
19th May (a.m. & p.m.) - John Macleod
26th May (a.m. & p.m.) - John Macleod

JOHN MACLEOD

John will be on holiday from $1^{st} - 15^{th}$ May. Please pray that this will be a time of rest for John as he is recovering from the recent time of illness he has had. During this holiday period if there are any matters requiring John's help, then please contact one of the Elders.

MISSION OF THE MONTH CAUSE (MAY) – STREET CONNECT

Street Connect is a Christian Charity that we have partnered with since just after it was established in 2014 and have a close relationship with its founders Ricky and Julie McAddock, and we look forward to having them at Allander on Sunday 5th May.

Ricky McAddock writes:

"2024 marks 10 years of Street Connect reaching out and supporting vulnerable adults struggling with addiction. At a time when drug and alcohol related deaths are at an all-time high across the UK, and addiction continues to have such a negative impact on our communities, we believe the local church has a key role to play in tackling this crisis. As we move towards national expansion we want to support and equip local churches to deliver effective Christian outreach and support services to see many more people find freedom from their addictions and find hope in Jesus Christ. We have a three-year vision of 30 new church partnerships across the UK, and to date have launched seven of these partnerships, including one in South Wales, with many more in the pipeline. We thank all at Allander for your generous support of our ministry over many years, and for choosing Street Connect as your mission focus for May. Any support you give will enable us to reach more people, support more churches, and together, make an impact for the advancement of His kingdom in many communities across our land."

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY

Each Tuesday evening at 8pm and on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9am – 9.30am (by zoom) we meet for prayer together. It is important and essential that we do this and would encourage

more people to join the faithful group of people who meet to pray. On Thursday evenings by zoom we have started studying the book of Hebrews and we appreciate the help of Manuel Aldegunde, John Macleod and Howel Jones in leading the studies.

PEOPLE AND PRAYER

Recently the number of people within the congregation having health issues has increased adding to the number we already have. We appreciate the work that is done by the Pastoral Group in making visits and to others who also do this important ministry. The following are details of the situation:

(Care Homes)

Jack Harvey, George Cowan, Joyce Kyle, Margaret Stewart, Anna Gardner, Mary Attwell. Eleanor Brown is now living with a relative, as is Margaret Russell.

(At Home)

Jean Donnelly, Ian Carmichael, Agnes Wilson, Mary Linton and Isla Morrison.

(Health Issues)

Ian Baird, Terry & Joan Gallagher, Howel & Ann Jones, Isabel Nicol, Mary Clarke, David & Morag Wilson. Jim Gourley will have his last treatment of chemotherapy on 17th May and Laraine has a planned operation to receive a corneal transplant on 30th April.

<u>MINISTRIES</u>

Please remember in prayer the work of Sunday School, Toddlers, #One2Seven and Youth Challenge and the church café on Wednesdays from 10.30am – 12.30pm. It is encouraging that we can have up to 30 people coming both from Allander, other churches and the community. If you have not come to the cafe, we would love to see you for this relaxing time of friendship and fellowship.

ALLANDER HOLIDAY CLUB

The annual Children's Holiday Club will be held from Monday 1st to Friday 5th July. The next planning meeting is on Monday 13th May at 7pm. We made a positive start at our first meeting but still require some extra helpers. For more information, please speak to Simon Snodgrass or Jim Gourley.

SIMON AND HANNAH SNODGRASS

Please remember them and their work with Child Evangelism Fellowship. They play an important part in the life of Allander as they lead the Children's and Young People's work and our annual Holiday Club in July.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Arrangements have been made to hold a Conference on the weekend of 28/29th June. On Friday evening at 7.30pm and two sessions on Saturday 10.00am to 11.15am and 11.45am to 1.00pm.

We are delighted and privileged to be having with us Simon Manchester from Australia who is widely recognized as one of the leading international Bible teachers of today. We will give more details about the content of the Conference in due course but please note the date and plan to attend and make others aware of the opportunity at Allander to hear Simon's ministry.

KESWICK AYRSHIRE

The Park Hotel, Kilmarnock, Friday and Saturday 31st May and 1st June – 7.30pm – 9.30pm. Guest speaker Tommy MacNeil. Further details at <u>www.keswickayrshire.com</u>

MILNGAVIE CHURCHES SUMMER PRAISE EVENING

Sunday 2nd June at 7.00pm in St Paul's Church No evening service in Allander

FAITH MISSION – SCOTLAND

This Friday 3rd May the monthly rally will take place in the church at 7.30pm. All are welcome and refreshments will be served at the close for a time of fellowship together. On Saturday 4th May Rejuvenate for teenagers and young adults meet from 8pm – 10.00pm. Please pray for this outreach and for those who attend.

The monthly joint prayer meeting for the work of Faith Mission and Child Evangelism Fellowship will be held on Monday 6th May in the home of James and Allyson Flett at 7.30pm.

BILLY GRAHAM EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION GOD LOVES YOU TOUR – SATURDAY 22ND JUNE 2024 AT 6.00 PM OVO HYDRO EXHIBITION WAY STOBCROSS ROAD, GLASGOW, G3 8YW.

We are pleased to advise you of the above event and that a free return bus service from Allander Church has been organized by BGEA. This also includes a seat at the Arena. The objective is for Christians to use the service but bring someone who is not a Christian. Numbers may be limited so to reserve seats you require to give your name and numbers to Jim Gourley as soon as possible.

And Finally

Looking back to Easter we give thanks and praise to God for the services held in Allander during Holy Week and for the ministry from Simon Turner and John MacKinnon which was a great challenge and blessing. Thank you to those who supported the services and to everyone who helped in practical ways through stewarding and serving refreshments.

In the Christian Callander Thursday 9th May is Ascension Day when we remember 40 days after Easter that Jesus ascended into heaven. It was a very significant event.

All His work is ended Joyfully we sing Jesus has ascended Glory to the King.

For us here on earth our task is to fulfil the Great Commission of Jesus "to go into all the world and preach the gospel".

As we leave Easter behind us for another year remembering what Jesus did for us on the cross of Calvary, let us all take time to stop, think and ask ourselves, what are we doing for Him in the work of His Church.