

Preaching Dates

10 June 2018

Jim Ewing (am) at
Shettleston Baptist Church
Fraser Allan (am) at
Strathendrick Baptist Church
Andrew Swanson (am) at
Campbeltown Community Church.
Hugh Tannock (am) at Robertson Court
sheltered housing, Stenhousemuir
Brian Crockett (am) at Queens Park Baptist
Church – Partick Campus
Richard MacPhee (am) at
Kings Park Baptist Church
Glen Cartwright (am) at
Fusion, Newton Mearns Baptist Church
Christine Heron (am) at
Braehead EFC, St Monans, Fife
David W Andrew (am) at
Muchart Church of Scotland
Andrea Mill (am) at
Bristo Baptist Church, Edinburgh
Nigel Johns (am) at
Port Ban Caravan Park, Argyll
Gordon Dickey (am) at
Kelso Baptist Church
David W Andrew (pm) at
Dollar Parish Church
Charles Sommerville (am) at
Carbrain Baptist Church
Charles Sommerville (pm) at
Shettleston Baptist Church
Arthur Jones (pm) at
South Beach Baptist Church
Jim McNulty (am + pm) at
Islay Baptist Church.



“THE GREATEST THING IN THE WORLD”

By Andrew Chalkley

This is the title of a small book written by Henry Drummond in 1890.

Born in Stirling in 1851, Drummond was never ordained, but was a licenced lay preacher.

This little gem of a book starts by quoting the whole of 1 Corinthians 13, Paul’s great chapter on love.

And here is the core of what this little book is about.

Paul writes: “If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal”. This is the whole thrust of this chapter to the church in Corinth – without love they (and us) are hollow, insincere, shallow.

He goes on to say: “and if I have a faith ... but have not love, I am nothing”. Does that mean we are not saved? I think not – but there is a large hole in our lives: how can we reflect the love of God in our lives if we are unable to reflect that love out to others.

This surely is a hard chapter for all of us. The standards listed by Paul are surely Christ’s:

Love is patient;

Love is kind;

Love does not envy;

Love does not boast;

Love is not proud;

Love is not rude;

Love is not self-seeking;

Love is not easily angered;

Love keeps no record of wrongs;

Love rejoices with the truth;

Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres;

Love never fails. (vv. 4–8)

When I read this I am reminded of how far short I am of the Saviour’s standards. But I grasp hold of Him and His righteousness and continue in love and faith.