

### Preaching Dates

**17 June 2018**

**Andy Bellat** (am + pm) at Welshpool Baptist Church, Powys  
**John Bingham** (am + pm) at Mustard Seed Fellowship, Glenrothes  
**Hazel Brooks** (am) at Carluke Baptist Church  
**Irene Campbell** (am) at Westwood Baptist Church, East Kilbride  
**Glen Cartwright** (am) at Fusion, Newton Mearns Baptist Church  
**James Ewen** (am) at Bo'ness Baptist Church  
**Neil Fisher** (am) at Dingwall Baptist Church  
**Willie Henry** (am) at Cambuslang Baptist Church  
**Mark Laing** (am) at Maryhill Evangelical Church  
**Phill March** (am) at Uddingston Baptist Church  
**Stan Paliwoda** (am) at Campbeltown Community Church  
**David Rathel** (am) at Carnoustie Baptist Church  
**Charles Sommerville** (am) at Carbrain Baptist Church  
**George Sprott** (am) at Kelso Baptist Church  
**Chris Townsend** (am) at Strathendrick Baptist Church  
**David Craig** (pm) at Ayr Baptist Church  
**John Mark Donaldson** (pm) at Peterhead Baptist Church  
**Charles Sommerville** (pm) at Shettleston Baptist Church  
**Hugh Tannock** (pm) at Drumchapel Baptist Church

**22 June 2018**

**Graham Horne** (pm) at funeral service, Southampton Crematorium.



**“Love Your Neighbour! Really?”**

**By Stan Paliwoda**

Jesus, when asked the greatest commandment in the Law (Matthew 22:34-40) responded: “Love the Lord with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. All the Law and the prophets hang on these two commandments.”

How are we doing? We all have neighbours wherever we happen to live. In the words of the French philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre: “Hell is other people”, a convenient escape clause absolving us of all responsibility. However, it is not what Jesus stated. Jesus is unswerving. Jesus demonstrated love in the face of adversity.

Across the world, there are a very large number of nations presently engaged in conflict but do we restrict ourselves only to armed conflicts? What about a Cold War?

Across the nations, we cannot even agree on an exact number of countries. The popular consensus is 194 although many territories fall outside this figure including Palestine. A Global Peace Index produced since 2007, covering 162 of these 194 countries, stated in 2004 that only 11 were not involved in conflict.

Are we absolved from action if not in positions of power? The answer is: “No!” Romans 15 points out how we all have a duty of care and concern for others. This involves everyone without exception. We must look to our neighbour and not to ourselves. Jesus never ever put himself first!

Consider how vastly different life would be if we practised what Jesus told us. What if peace were to break out? Could we afford it? Some might argue that it would create massive unemployment. For example: BAE is our largest export earner, employing 34,300. On the other hand, North Korea is not presently involved in any foreign wars but demonstrates instability. Love in the face of adversity presents some hard challenges.