

Preaching Dates

11 February 2018

George Sprott (am) at Kelso Baptist Church

Alastair Crockett (am) at FIEC Anstruther

Graham Horne (am) at
Uddingston Baptist Church.

Chris Townsend (am) at
Strathendrick Baptist Church.

Glen Cartwright (am) at
Fusion, Newton Mearns Baptist Church.

Charles Sommerville (am) at
Carbrain Baptist Church

Charles Sommerville (pm) at
Shettleston Baptist Church

Aubrey Jamieson (pm) at
Lerwick Baptist Church.

Stephen Ilett (pm) at Alness Baptist Church

Arthur Jones (am + pm) at
Ayr Baptist Church

Jim McNulty (am + pm) at
Islay Baptist Church, Port Ellen

Jonathan Groves (rescheduled) (am + pm)
at Bethesda Evangelical Church,
Fraserburgh.

Morning service preaching and Kerusso Trust
presentation.

Evening service full KT presentation.

Monday 12 February 2018

Marilyn MacArthur (pm) at Westwood
Baptist Ladies Group, East Kilbride

Hazel Brooks (pm) at
Kirkintilloch Baptist Church

17-18 February 2018

Charles Sommerville (am + pm) at
New Farm Chapel, Alresford, Hampshire



“Enter Through The Narrow Gate”

By Chris Rosie

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction. And many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.” (Matt.7:13-14)

These are popular verses to use when declaring the stark choice that faces unbelievers – and is a choice not to be taken lightly. They are verses I know I have used in this way on more than one occasion. Recently, however, these verses have spoken to me in a different way. Instead of referring solely to my initial decision to go *through the narrow gate*, I have sensed them talking into my daily walk. Spiritually speaking I have felt lethargic. I have probably grown overly comfortable. I have been involved in some ministries for many years, including preaching around numerous churches. I still greatly enjoy them, but they possibly don't stretch me in the way they once did. I could happily continue serving there but would my faith be growing? Do I need to make a fresh commitment to go through the narrow gate? *The Message* translation I think captures this sense of continued challenge:

“Don't look for shortcuts to God. The market is flooded with surefire, easygoing formulas for a successful life that can be practiced in your spare time. Don't fall for that stuff, even though crowds of people do. The way to life – to God! – is vigorous and requires total attention.

It is from this desire to go through the narrow gate that I have accepted a call to serve Motherwell Baptist Church. For myself and my family it will require giving up much that was comfortable and familiar. There will be many new challenges to face, not least getting used to being in a much smaller fellowship, doing church in a different way, new relationships will need to be formed, and adjusting to my new pastoral responsibilities. Now before all your pastors' start to panic, I am not advocating that we should all move church! Nor is it wrong to feel comfortable in what we are currently involved in. But all things have a season. When the time comes are we willing to ask that dangerous question: “What next Lord?”, even if it means going through the narrow gate.