

Preaching Dates

15 July 2018

David Andrew (am) at
Tillicoultry EU Congregational Church
Andrew Chalkley (am) at
Campbeltown Community Church
Richard Fettes (am) at Carrubbers
Breakfast Meeting, Edinburgh
Bill Haining (am) at
Bridge of Don Baptist Church
Stephen Ilett (am) at
Forres Lighthouse Baptist Church
Matthew Payne (am) at
Lossiemouth Baptist Church
Elizabeth Shiveley at
St Andrews Baptist Church.
George Sprott (am) at Kelso Baptist Church.
Ian Stephen (am) at
Borders General Hospital
Chris Townsend (am) at
Strathendrick Baptist Church
Tony Walters (am) at
Fort William Baptist Church.
John Bingham (pm) at
Newton Mearns Baptist Church
George Hunter (am + pm) at church parades
at Strensall Training Camp
Jim McNulty (am + pm) at
Islay Baptist Church.
Charles Sommerville (am + pm) at
PWMI, North Berwick Baptist Church

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George Hunter (pm) at military funeral,
Falkirk Crematorium

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George Hunter at Strensall Training Camp



“Where Your Treasure Is”

By Anthony Luxton

As I write this I am at the end of our family holiday. We have definitely reached that stage at the end of three weeks where the attraction of being back in our home is outweighing the excitement of staying in, and exploring, new places. Sadly, while we have been away there has been a fire at our house and we won't be moving back in for the foreseeable future. Thankfully no one was hurt in the fire, and our most treasured possessions, such as photo albums, did not go up in flames. It is amazing how times of trial allow us a unique reflection on aspects of everyday life which we might usually take for granted.

Avery Dulles in his book *Models of the Church* highlights the concept of spiritual security which can become a stumbling block as people resist change rather than risk committing to a new set of values. Of course, spiritual security can be in anything. Having your possessions going up in flames, in many ways, allows you to see the wood for the trees. Whilst I am not a hoarder there are still many possessions I would be loathe to get rid of. However, this experience has taught me the importance of recognising what are the things that are most valuable. The Scriptures have numerous verses which talk about the refining nature of God. The apostle Peter in his letters writes that the genuineness of our faith when tested, when refined, should leave only what is un-perishable that 'result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.'

This experience has left me mulling over the importance in helping each other to truly value the priceless nature of the gift that we have in Christ that we share in common. So that we might find the grace to be accommodating to each other on those things which sadly we often think are more important but ultimately will perish in the refining love of Christ.