

### Preaching Dates

**14 July 2019**

**David W. Andrew** (am) at  
St Mungo's Parish Church, Alloa

**Ian Barr** (am) at  
Kilnside Evangelical Church, Paisley

**John Mark Donaldson** (am) at  
Peterhead Baptist Church

**Jonathan Groves** (am) at Banchory Christian  
Fellowship Church. Preaching and Kerusso  
Trust update.

**Aaron Harvey** (am) at  
Aberdeen Christian Fellowship

**Douglas Inglis** (am) at  
Newton Mearns Baptist Church

**Nigel Johns** (am) at  
Helensburgh Baptist Church

**Mark Laing** (am) at the Church of Scotland,  
Bothkennar and Carronshore, Falkirk

**Jackie Macdonald** (am) at  
Rosewell House Care Home, Aberdeen

**Phill March** (am) at  
Clydebank Central Methodist Church

**Andrea Mill** (am) at  
Coatbridge Baptist Church

**George Thomson** (am) at  
Wishaw Baptist Church

**Ian Barr** (pm) at  
Helensburgh Baptist Church

**Aaron Harvey** (pm) at  
Portlethen Christian Fellowship

**Alistair Mackay** (pm) at  
Retirement Home (Granary), Dumfries

**Tony Walters** (pm) at  
Fort William Baptist Church

**Charles Sommerville** (am + pm) at  
Shettleston Baptist Church



### "The Beginning of Wisdom"

**By Steve Taylor**

In preaching, we regularly tread that tightrope - confidently preaching the word of God, yet knowing that those of us who teach will be judged carefully on what we speak. Standing boldly on the word of God, yet with great caution and trepidation wherever our own thoughts and ideas come into play, each crafting our message with great precision so as to neither embolden the wayward soul nor crush the faint in heart.

At the end of it all, the great temptation is to rely on our own wisdom in doing this - so focused on walking that tightrope that we forget why we're on it at all. We suspect we're there because of our capability, our learning or our maturity - to others, we may appear the best candidate in the room on these marks, and yet we know full well these are not enough.

As we pursue Jesus, we are reminded time and time again that it is neither our strength nor our knowledge which make us fit to preach. Our Bible is full of strong and clever men and women who were consumed by these things and preferred them over intimacy with God, and so fell along the way.

As the Prophets and Apostles before us, we are measured before God neither by our eloquence nor our learning - but rather by obedience and supplication. Our words and ideas take a back seat to the Bible and the Holy Spirit's leading; our cleverness and strength take a back seat to honesty and vulnerability.

Like true tightrope walkers, each message faithfully delivered is a marvel and a miracle - it's His strength, honour and power which make it all possible. May he lead us to the other side, and may we trust in Him alone to get us there.