

### Preaching Dates

**Saturday 13 June 2020**

**Sylvia Jones** leading (am) at a Borders regional Women's Prayer Gathering via Zoom.

**Sunday 14 June 2020**

**Bill Haining** (am) at Bridge of Don Baptist Church using YouTube for a 30-minute service then using Zoom for a Sunday gathering 30 minutes after. The first service is pre-recorded and edited together before uploading to both YouTube and Facebook

**Stephen Ilett** (am) at Dingwall Baptist Church. A written sermon is provided to all and preached on Zoom.

**Sylvia Jones** (am) speaking at Galashiels Baptist Church about her studies at the Scottish Baptist College

**Cheryl Leckie** (am) in a pre-recorded service at Ayr Baptist Church where they also have prayer meetings and leadership meetings on Microsoft Teams,



**“Luke 15”**

**By Graham Horne**

Over the past few days this chapter has been going over in my mind. Jesus was with the tax collectors and all the over people that were deemed the lowest in society. The Pharisees and the teachers of the law did not like it because Jesus was making time for them. Jesus knew what they were saying and thinking.

This is why Jesus told the people who had gathered the three different parables. Each one is referring to someone or something that was lost. Each time though we can see there was great celebration for every time it was either found or came back to the Father. We would all agree at one time we were lost and separated from our Father in heaven, but when we did come to our Father, we were welcomed with loving arms. To quote from the hymn Amazing Grace ‘I once was lost, but now am found.’ This is us and we can celebrate that we have been found. We can take great comfort that when we turned to our Father God there was a big celebration for us being found and being welcomed back to where we belong.

This is all very well for us, but what we have to do though is to make sure we do our part as well. Whilst we are alive and well, we should not be bystanders or just part of the crowd watching what is going on. We should be participants in our little part of the world. We should be beacons or signs for people to see that they are lost and need to be found. This isn't always easy to do and for some of us in this current situation, it is harder than normal.

When the opportunity arrives we should be ready to do the work, we should not be like the Pharisees and the teachers of the law and be scared or condemn the people who are lost. Instead we should be like Jesus, go and spend time with them and show them the love of God. We can go and show them that there are people who care for them and ultimately see them no longer lost, but found into the Father's arms.