

Word For The Week

17 April 2020

Preaching Dates

Sunday 19 April 2020

Glen Cartwright (am) at Fusion (S1-S3), Newton Mearns Baptist Church, using Zoom.

Stephen Ilett (am) will be providing, via email, a written sermon and prayers for Dingwall Baptist Church midweek and for the next four Sundays.

Dawn Martindale (am) for Rosyth Baptist Church via YouTube video through Facebook and via What's App and email for those not on Facebook.

Charles Sommerville (pm) via Zoom at Kelty Evangelical Church



“How Are You Doing?”

By Bill Duffy

Dear brothers and sisters when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. (James 1:2-3)

In these troublesome times when church buildings are closed I am, along with the rest of the deacons at my local church, phoning people on a daily basis just to see how they are doing, are they able to cope with all the restrictions that have been imposed on them. So I will take this opportunity to ask, ‘How are you doing?’

How is your faith? Are you able to find an inner joy in the midst of all that is happening. Not a joy that takes pleasure in pain but an inner joy and peace because we know that in all things, God is still in control. Do we still hold on to the verse in the book of Romans which reads, ***‘And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.’***

God is constantly at work, using both pain and pleasure to develop within us character traits of endurance and patience. In these times our faith has the opportunity to develop. To become more than just head knowledge but a practical way of living.

If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and He will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. (James 1:5)

God allows tough situations in our lives in order to refine us and bring us closer to Him. We should approach these times with a right attitude and seek wisdom from God. At the moment, with church buildings closed, we all need God’s wisdom as we look for ways to get the Gospel Message out to people when we are to observe social distancing. Across Great Britain as a whole, Church Leaders and Ministers have been finding ingenious ways of reaching out to people. From reports that have been published, the Message of the Gospel is reaching more people than before.

My prayer now is that, when the current crisis has past, we do not forget the lessons we have learnt. That our faith and wisdom continue to grow and we continue to look for new and more relevant ways of spreading the Good News to those around us.