

Preaching Dates

Sunday 22 December 2019

Richard MacPhee (am) at
Uddingston Baptist Church

Jim McNulty (am) at The Round Church,
Church of Scotland, Bowmore, Islay.

Jim Mc Nulty (am) at St John's Church,
Church of Scotland, Port Ellen, Islay.

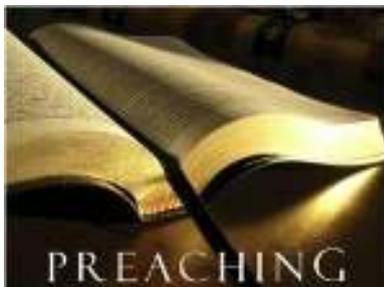
Stan Paliwoda (am) at
Shettleston Baptist Church

Charles Sommerville (am) at
Cumbernauld Baptist Church

Charles Sommerville (pm) at
Shettleston Baptist Church

Wednesday 25 December 2019

Alastair Crockett (am) at Christmas Day
Service, Cupar Baptist Church



“So let’s not get tired of doing what is good”

By Bill Duffy

⁹ So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith. Galatians 6:9-10

At this time of year, we not only look forward to Christmas but also begin to reflect on the year that has almost come to an end. I am sure many of us have asked ourselves questions about our ministry. Not least of all being, “How has my preaching been received?” There may have been times when the last thing we have wanted to do on a Sunday morning was to stand up in front of a congregation to deliver a sermon. Sometimes getting to a particular Church has meant a long and tiring drive. It can be too easy at times to question if it is all worth it.

I am writing the devotion for this week do not as a member of the SBLPA but as a member of a Church that has relied heavily on lay preachers over much of last year. I can say with all honesty that the time you have spent both in preparing and delivering your sermons has been well worth the effort you have put into them. Everyone in my local Church has greatly appreciated the preaching we have received. There has been the added bonus that, because we have had different members of the SBLPA, it has also meant that each member has brought something new both in their presentation and their style of delivery. This too has been a great blessing to everyone who has heard their message.

As you begin to look forward to the New Year, remember that there are many Churches and Fellowships across Scotland and beyond who greatly rely on and appreciate the work carried out by the SBLPA. All I can do is to emphasise the words of Paul,

So let’s not get tired of doing what is good.

So, as we begin to prepare for the New Year, I would like to remind each of us the words God spoke to Isaiah which I believe still apply to us today.

It is the same with My word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.