

Preaching Dates

Saturday 27 June 2020

Jackie Macdonald (pm) via Live Zoom at Aberdeenshire Filling Station, Millbank, Alford, at 7pm

Sunday 28 June 2020

Frances Bloomfield (am) in a Zoom service at Cathcart Baptist Church

Graham Bruno (am) will be offering a YouTube service at Bridge of Don Baptist Church

Stephen Ilett (am) via Zoom at Dingwall Baptist Church

Dawn Martindale (am) in a pre-recorded message for Rosyth Baptist Church

Alan Milnes (am) preaching for both Leslie Baptist Church and Kings Covenant Fellowship - the same sermon but edited differently for the 2 audiences!!

Aubrey Jamieson (pm) Conducting Service on BBC Radio Shetland at 3pm.

Stephen Morton recording sermons this weekend for Newton Mearns Baptist Church Wednesday services, to be broadcast during July.



“Keep Focussed On Jesus”

By Andrew Chalkley

Being a gardener seems to me to reflect the Christian life: it has its ups and downs. During the summer, I like to grow vegetables in the garden without the use of chemicals. This can be a problem as all sorts of things can attack plants, especially when young.

Where I live in Campbeltown we have fields on two sides of our house. Normally the Kintyre peninsula has a temperate climate, but this spring we had one night of extremely hard frost where I lost all my young runner bean plants. I had to buy some more seed and start all over again.

Paul writes in Romans 6:23 “Work hard for sin your whole life and your pension is death. But God’s gift is real life, eternal life, delivered by Jesus, our Master.” (The Message)

As Christians, every time we sin, a part of our spiritual life with Christ dies—and we have to grow again in Him to return to that relationship we had before. Unlike the weather (which I have no control over) we do have control over our lives, to focus on Jesus. As the old hymn says:

***Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.***

In these uncertain times, it is so important to keep focussed on Jesus. He is the only one who can save us: from the world around us; from ourselves; for the next world. As the message put that verse in Romans our “pension” for eternal life without our Saviour is death, but with Him it is eternal life. We who have accepted Christ as our Saviour and Lord have nothing to fear. Covid-19 should not have any hold over us. If we successfully isolate and don’t catch the virus we have won: but likewise, if we were to catch it and die, we also win as Jesus has promised us, through His wonderful grace, eternal life. Grace has given us a win-win situation.

Paul writes in 2 Timothy 9b–10 “This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.” (NIV)