

### Preaching Dates

**30 December 2018**

**Irene Campbell** (am) at  
Westwood Baptist Church, East Kilbride

**Gordon Dickey** (am) at  
Kelso Baptist Church

**Bill Duffy** (am) at  
Galashiels Baptist Church

**Bill Haining** (am) at  
Bridge of Don Baptist Church, Aberdeen

**Willie Henry** (am) at  
Cambuslang Baptist Church

**Hugh Tannock** (am) at  
Drumchapel Baptist Church

**Jim McNulty** (am + pm) at  
Islay Baptist Church



### “When Things End ”

**By Steve Taylor**

*Then He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will freely give to the thirsty from the spring of the water of life. The one who conquers will inherit these things, and I will be his God, and he will be My son.”*

*Revelation 21:6-7 CSB*

Every end is also a beginning. As one year closes, a new one begins; one season finishes only because another follows. As disciples we gaze upon Jesus, who professes to be the vital source of beginning and end: God of the first, God of the last, and Lord of everything that happens in between.

As Christians, ends are wondrous things which point to the reign of God in our lives. In a world which has no reason to hope, we are surrounded by people mourning finished things - seasons of strength and glory and vice never to be revisited; bygone days and years; friends and family who seem lost to the sands of time. And yet "we do not mourn as those who have no hope".

After the struggle, we the conquerors shall inherit these blessings. Unlike the men and women of verse 8 (*But the cowards, faithless, detestable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars — their share will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.*), we will have conquered and overcome. For each blessing behind, ten thousand stand ahead. For us, Jesus is Lord in a real and vivid way in the days ahead, every bit as much as he was in any day past.

