

Preaching Dates

Sunday 1 November 2020

Frances Bloomfield (am) at
Giffnock United Reformed Church
Glen Cartwright (am) via pre-recording at
Coatbridge Baptist Church
Andrew Chalkley (am) at
Campbeltown Community Church

Monday 2 November 2020

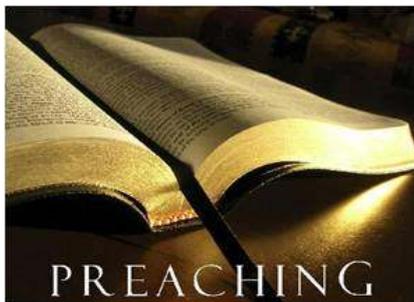
Elizabeth De Silva at evening zoom outreach
meeting for Blackpool Aglow.

Wednesday 4 November 2020

Dawn Martindale via livestream and pre-
recording at Dunfermline West Baptist Church

Thursday 5 November 2020

Charles Sommerville (pm) via Zoom, Thursday
evenings Bible Study on Ephesians. For
details: drcharles.sommerville@sky.com



**“Am I connected to
anyone?”**

By Stan Paliwoda

I recently moved my broadband and landline to Virgin and during those two weeks when I was without a landline, I regularly checked that I had everything properly and securely connected, as per the instructions. The ‘starter kit’ arrived containing the cables and connectors to hook up and receive telephone and internet communication. However, still no viable connection because as I later discovered, the telephone cable provided should not be connected. Two weeks later, an engineer called and identified this cable, disconnected it and it worked! A feeling of delight tinged with frustration and annoyance that this proved to be so simple! What then to make of this conflicting information?

Many companies are arrogant enough to believe that they are supreme. God would not send you anything that prevents you from having a conversation with Him. Reflect for a moment on the power of the prayer taught to us by the very Son of God. We can speak directly to God 24/7 and not be referred to a website. We do not need fancy prayers with flowery language, just the words from our heart. Is that not truly amazing? Why then do some people miss out altogether? When people are perhaps most in need of prayer, it can often be especially hard to find a moment of calm to pray without the constant intrusion of random wild thoughts.

The Message puts the words of Matthew 6:7-13 very succinctly:

⁷⁻¹³ **“The world is full of so-called prayer warriors who are prayer-ignorant. They’re full of formulas and programs and advice, peddling techniques for getting what you want from God. Don’t fall for that nonsense. This is your Father you are dealing with, and he knows better than you what you need. With a God like this loving you, you can pray very simply. Like this:**

**Our Father in heaven,
Reveal who you are.
Set the world right;
Do what’s best— as above, so below.
Keep us alive with three square meals.
Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.
Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.
You’re in charge!, You can do anything you want!
You’re ablaze in beauty! Yes. Yes. Yes.**