

Word For The Week

31 July 2020

Preaching Dates

Saturday 1 August 2020

Elizabeth de Silva (am) at Aglow Manchester North, morning Zoom meeting

Sunday 2 August 2020

Frances Bloomfield (am) via Zoom at Pollok Baptist Church

Hazel Brooks (am) at Larkhall Baptist Church online YouTube channel.

Willem Smit (am) via pre-recorded message at Lossiemouth Baptist Church

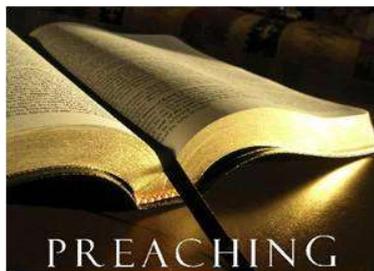
Monday to Friday 3 – 7 August 2020

Glen Cartwright *Teaching*

Truth (Monday-Friday) via YouTube

7 August – 17 September 2020

Charles Sommerville via Zoom for 15 more weeks on Philippians. For details: drcharles.sommerville@sky.com



**“Be still and know that I Am
God (Psalm 46:10)”**

By Jackie MacDonald

I don't know about you but this has been my go to verse whilst navigating through Covid19 pandemic.

When we went into lockdown we were just completing our house sale and purchase of our new home...Everything came to an abrupt halt and we found ourselves unable to go back to our old home or move into our new home...uncertain waters indeed. Our daughter and family welcomed us into their home with open arms for what we thought would be two weeks or so...it was over ten weeks!!

We have all had to learn to navigate through new experiences of gathering together, who knew Zoom would become a word in our everyday vocabulary and a portal for us to 'gather in His Name'

I wonder if like me you have sought The Lord more keenly in this New Era we find ourselves in, familiar landmarks have disappeared overnight and it's as if the whole world has been put on hold!

Being still has been a struggle, to let go of my way of doing things, surrendering my anxiety over things that have been taken out of my control and missing my 'normal life'.

Psalm 46 begins with God is our refuge and strength an ever present help in trouble, Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way...

HE alone is our constant, our go to place, Our Navigator who goes before us.

How have we been reaching the lost during this time? Sharing our faith in new and different ways...many people are joining in online services and asking meaningful questions.

I found myself being a telephone supporter for someone who had no church connections but was isolating on her own and needed regular reassurance there was someone to listen to her. I felt unequal to the task as her life unraveled over the telephone. But I was reminded in verse 4 and 5 of my psalm There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall, God will help her at break of day.

The river of life that flows through us and streams out to those we come into contact with, bring refreshing life and hope to those who have never drunk of this life giving water, Who have never heard of Jesus Christ the Son of God who came to seek and save them. Could this be our season of opportunity like no other?