

Word For The Week

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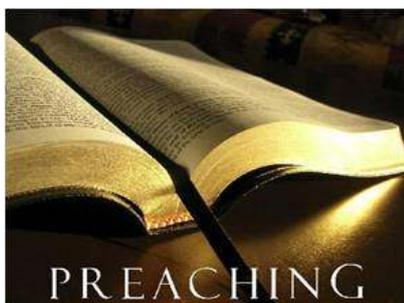
Preaching Dates

2 June 2019

David W. Andrew (am) at
Alva Baptist Church, Clackmannanshire
Hazel Brooks (am) at Uddingston Baptist Church
Glen Cartwright (am) at
Fusion, Newton Mearns Baptist Church
Bill Haining (am) at
Bridge of Don Baptist Church, Aberdeen
Graham Horne (am) at
High Blantyre Baptist Church
Arthur Jones (am) at Arran Baptist Church
Dawn Martindale (am) at
Kings Covenant Fellowship, Glenrothes.
Charles Sommerville (am) at
Cumbernauld Baptist Church
Brian Crockett (pm) at Bethany Evangelical
Church, Paisley (the first joint service of the three
Brethren churches this year)
Gordon Dickey (pm) at
the residential home in Selkirk
Aubrey Jamieson (pm) at
Reawick Congregational Church, Shetland
Charles Sommerville (pm) at
Bo'ness Baptist Church
Stephen Ilett (am + pm) at
Alness Baptist Church

8 June 2019

Charles Sommerville at
PWMI Branch Meeting, Blackburn, Lancs.



“Hidden Treasure”

By Bill Haining

So here I am, sitting in a very nice converted townhouse on Oosthaven in Gouda, the Netherlands, on holiday, and considering what to write which may inspire, encourage and enrich us as men and women who are actively involved in opening scripture to reveal the treasure spoken of in Colossians 2 verses 2 and 3:

“That their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”

Like many before me it was the story of Ann Frank which came first to my mind when planning what to do in Amsterdam, but curiously, it was another house altogether which started me thinking about hidden treasure. Not far from the centre of Amsterdam I came across a complete church hidden in a house. It is in fact a Roman Catholic house church where people came to worship in a time when their church had to be ‘hidden’.

A day or so after, walking the streets of Gouda I was encouraged by a billboard sign to enter and find the ‘hidden treasures’ to be found in Sint Jannskerk. Inside were many stained glass windows depicting both scripture and historical events. What my eyes were seeing was a very tall window with many figures, but what I found was a ribbon of light which were the words from the story of Jesus being baptised by John the Baptist “ *This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased - hear you Him*”.

The centrality of Jesus Christ, in our lives, in our thinking and in our preaching is surely the hidden treasure which we want everyone to ‘find’.

My prayer for us all is that we will continue to treasure the “ *true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*”