

# Word For The Week

## 5 July 2019

### Preaching Dates

7 July 2019

**Neil Fisher** (am) at Hawick Baptist Church

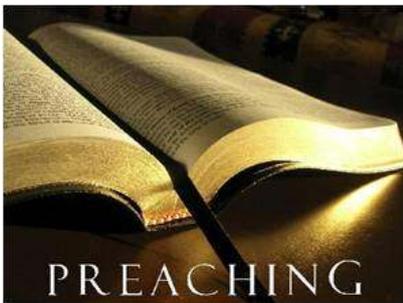
**Kenneth Forrest** (am) at Cathcart Baptist Church

**Stephen Ilett** (am) at Forres Baptist Church

**Nigel Johns** (am) at Coatbridge Baptist Church

**George Thomson** (am) at Vale of Leven Baptist Church, Alexandria

**Jonathan Groves** (pm) at Mull Baptist Church with Kerusso Trust Malawi presentation.



### “Stones Of Testimony”

By Hazel Brooks

Just last night our church enjoyed a wonderful civic reception with the Provost to mark the conclusion of our Centenary Year celebrations.

Life has been super busy and having organised 6 successful events over the past 6 months I can honestly say I am delighted that I won't be around to organise the next Centenary !

Last Sunday we erected a 30ft wooden cross in our outdoor garden space which, with the help of two tonnes of concrete, sits tall and proud as a poignant reminder to our congregation and community of God's great love for each one of us.

Stones had been laid in a rockery at the foot of the cross and as I looked on I was reminded of the story of Joshua crossing the River Jordan where he chose 12 men out of the 12 tribes of Israel and commanded every man to take a stone. (Joshua 4)



These stones were to become pillars of testimony to the miracle power of God dividing the Jordan and delivering the children of Israel.

It was required that every man would take up a stone upon his shoulders, in other words, every man had to carry his own testimony and lay it down where future generations pondering the significance of the stones would be reminded of God's mighty power and faithfulness to his people.

As Larkhall Baptist looks back and celebrates 100 years of worship and witness within our community and we remember all the saints who began the good work and passed the torch down through the generations, let us never forget that we each too carry our own stone of testimony that declares the mercy of God that delivered us, that restored us and set us free. For our stones become pillars of testimony displayed for all to see, bringing hope to the hopeless and serving as lifelines to those who are perishing.