

Preaching Dates

Saturday 7 December 2019

Alistair Mackay at Carol Service,
Rigg Community Hall, Gretna

Sunday 8 December 2019

Glen Cartwright (am) at Fusion,
Newton Mearns Baptist Church, Glasgow
Andrew Chalkley (am) at
Campbeltown Community Church
Gordon Dickey (am) at Hawick Baptist Church
Richard Fettes (am) at Kelso Baptist Church
Willie Henry (am) at Irvine Baptist Church
John Locke (am) at
Chalandri Baptist Church, Athens, Greece.
Alistair Mackay (am) at Dalbeattie Baptist
Church, Dumfries and Galloway
Phill March (am) at
Lambhill Evangelical Church Glasgow
Jim McNulty (am) at Round Church,
Church of Scotland, Bowmore, Islay
Jim McNulty (am) at St. John's,
Church of Scotland, Port Ellen, Islay
Andrea Mill (am) at Galashiels Baptist Church.
Charles Sommerville (am) at
Cumbernauld Baptist Church

Bill Haining (pm) at
Footdee Mission Hall, Aberdeen
Aubrey Jones (pm) at Fishermen's Mission
Christmas Nightcap Service,
Lerwick Baptist Church
Phill March (pm) at
Shettleston Baptist Church Glasgow
Charles Sommerville (pm) at Dykehead Mission

Tuesday 10 December 2019

Charles Sommerville at Bo'ness Baptist Church



"Root Of Jesse"

By Fiona Merriweather



Isaiah 11:1-3

***A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—
and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.***

When we read this passage, it is obvious to our eyes that the fulfilment of this prophecy is our Lord Jesus. However, Isaiah was writing in the time before the fall of Jerusalem, with the dynasty of David son of Jesse still uninterrupted. Humiliation, defeat and displacement by the mighty Babylonian empire was a horror still to come. Isaiah was therefore a remarkable prophet, who gave some of the clearest pictures of the future Messiah in the whole of the Old Testament. Isaiah 11 above is one of several advent prophecies; later comes the beautiful poetry of Isaiah 53, a profound revelation of the cross, followed by Isaiah 61 which declares the glorious manifesto of Jesus Christ. The second advent of Christ is also spoken of in Isaiah 66. Written around 700BC, the words of Isaiah make clear that God has a plan for salvation for all nations.

As we prepare for advent, we are also facing the upheaval of an election and the economic uncertainty of leaving the European Union. In the midst of these challenges, there is a great need for a prophetic voice that speaks truth, redemption and hope to the nation. In our preaching, may we have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying, as Isaiah did all those years ago, and bring revelation that comes from God as we minister. Our nation, Europe, and the wider world need to hear what He has to say!