

Word For The Week

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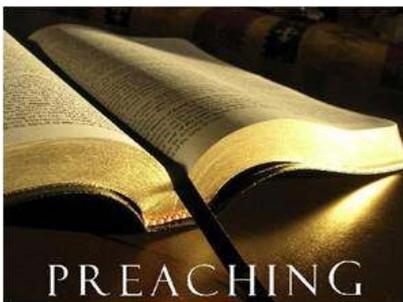
Preaching Dates

9 June 2019

David W. Andrew (am) at
Tillicoultry EU Congregational Church
David Craig (am) at
Vale of Leven Baptist Church, Alexandria
Cheryl Leckie (am) at Ayr Baptist Church
Andrea Mill (am) at Galashiels Baptist Church
Jim O'Hara (am) at Bo'ness Baptist Church
Charles Sommerville (am) at
Cumbernauld Baptist Church
George Thomson (am) at
Linwood Baptist Church
Peter Trotter (am) at Faith Fellowship Ministry
Centre, Bonuan Guest, Dagupan City,
Pangasinan, Philippines
Tony Walters (am) at Lighthouse Church, Arisaig
Charles Sommerville (pm) at Dykehead Mission
Hugh Tannock (pm) at
Drumchapel Baptist Church
Tony Walters (pm) at
Fort William Baptist Church

13 June 2019

Stan Paliwoda (pm) at
Antonine House Care Home, Bearsden



“The Hope We find in Jesus”

By Stan Paliwoda

Daily life provides examples of how barbaric we can be to one another. Evil exists within our world and it releases within us a reflex desire for vengeance and bringing people to justice, howsoever that may be defined. In times of trouble, we turn to God who is spirit (John 4:24). He is everywhere and sees and hears everything that we do. We can never walk outside of His field of vision. We can fix some things with money; we can repair broken bones; we should be able to restore Notre Dame in Paris; we continue to find vaccines against the most horrible diseases; but we cannot fix the psychological damage inflicted when our emotions remain bruised long after the physical bruises disappear.

Jesus told us that He will be with us to the end of the world (Matt 28:20). Yet what hope did the disciples have when they saw Jesus on the Cross? Many nationalist dreams of freedom from the Roman Empire then disappeared but think of how dispirited the disciples would have felt, their time with Jesus was at an end, He was now no more, so they return to what they knew, fishing on the Sea of Galilee and not fishing for people to bring to Jesus (Mark 1:17).

When Jesus catches up with them, they do not recognise Him. They work oblivious to the fact that Jesus is even with them until He starts to command them what to do and whereas before there were no fish at all, suddenly, they find themselves with nets loaded to bursting with fish.

Often, we do not realise what we have until at the point of losing it. Jesus is alive and our hope is in Him. Jew, Gentile, Roman centurion, tax collector, all can find solace in Jesus. We need to focus on Him, like Peter on the boat where it is the hand of the Jesus that lifts Peter out of the water. On the road to Emmaus, when Jesus stops overnight with two travellers, it is the way in which Jesus breaks the bread that makes them realise that this is Jesus. He breaks the bread and eats it with them. This is Jesus, alive for us today and every day 24/7 until the end of the world. What is more, He lives in us!