

Word For The Week

9 November 2018

Preaching Dates

10 November 2018

Hazel Brooks at Remembrance Service, Intu Braehead, Glasgow

11 November 2018

John Bingham (am) at Grace Community Church, Garthamlock

Andrew Chalkley (am) at Campbeltown Community Church

Caireen Likely (am) at Sheddocksley Baptist Church, Aberdeen

Charles Sommerville (am) at Shettleston Baptist Church, Glasgow

Andrew Swanson (am) at Cambuslang Baptist Church

Charles Sommerville (pm) at Anniversary Service, Barnards Court Mission, Greenock

Jim McNulty (am + pm) at Islay Baptist Church



“God Gives Peace”

By Ian Stephen

Going through the local supermarkets this week, the themes of Halloween and Bonfire night have finally given way to Christmas. I browsed the Asda & Tesco Christmas offerings.

I looked in vain for baby Jesus, Mary, Shepherds or a stable - nothing! Then among tawdry baubles and other decorations, I found some angels. Of course. who knows what angels are meant to look like? These of course were gimmiky and cartoony. But at least they were linked to the Nativity. I began thinking on the angels' part in the story.

'Glory to God in the Highest Heaven and on earth, peace to those on whom His favour rests.'

Considering the 'peace' theme, I then realised that this reflected my Jesus much more than stables, mangers, shepherds or kings. So maybe it wasn't such a bad thing that they were missing. After all the words of Jesus himself about 'Peace' are central to life in Him.

'Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid' (John 14.27)

What could be less like the worlds Christmas. Stress, worry, OCD perfection -these don't offer much 'peace'.

For me the inner peace which Jesus gives me is beyond worth. Even the devil can't steal it from me. I often find myself saying 'Devil you can't steal my peace.' It is what gives life meaning - something I should share with others.

A simple 'God Bless You' said with meaning and conviction can mean so much to someone.

