

Word For The Week

7 September 2018

Preaching Dates

7-8 September SBLPA Retreat

Andrea Mill will be facilitating 4 sessions.

9 September 2018

David Cressey (am) at Selkirk Baptist Church

Jonathan Groves (am) at Inverness Baptist Church with Kerusso Trust presentation.

Mark Laing (am) at Larbert Baptist Church

Eric MacArthur (am) at Campbeltown Community Church

Matthew Payne (am) at Lossiemouth Baptist Church

David Rathel (am) at Whyte's Causeway Baptist Church, Kirkcaldy

Charles Sommerville (am) at Carbrain Baptist Church

George Sprott (am) at Kelso Baptist Church

J. Mark Donaldson (pm) at Grange Park Care Home, Peterhead

Jonathan Groves (pm) at Turning Point, Findhorn, preaching and Kerusso Trust Malawi presentation.

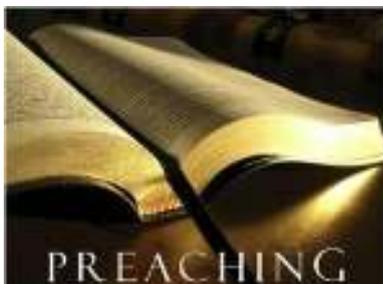
Stephen Ilett (pm) at Alness Baptist Church

Jim McNulty (am + pm) at Islay Baptist Church

Richard MacPhee (am + pm) at Shettleston Baptist Church

10 September and Monday evenings thereafter:

Andrew Roffey at Carrubers Christian Centre, Edinburgh, in association with David Wilkerson Teen Challenge, rehabilitation and proclaiming the Good News.



“Seek FIRST the kingdom of God”

By Christine Heron

Matthew 5 -7 gives us the best sermon in the world taught by the best Teacher in the world - Jesus Christ Himself. From how to be truly blessed and happy, through how to live with our enemies, and how to pray -it is a treasure-chest of instruction for practical Christian living!

One of the key verses that sums up how we can live without worry is Matthew 6.33 " Seek FIRST the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you" Growing up with a widowed mother who just had widow's pension to support us both, and seeing how she managed to trust the Lord was a revelation in itself. My older brothers were away married and setting up their own homes. On leaving school I was the 'bread winner'. In the course of time I married an old-style Baptist Minister whose stipend was minimal in his day. For the last 9 years of his life we had his State Pension and Attendance Allowance to pay all bills including rent and a car.

For the last 7 years I have lived on State Pension only. This has all given me opportunity to prove the truth of Matthew 6.33! I am sometimes amazed at how my needs are all met!- usually without asking! How faithful is our glorious heavenly Father who watches over us so carefully! If only we would trust Him more!

I sometimes find myself praying for "labourers for the harvest field" as we are encouraged to do in Scripture. These days we are so short in the Church of those who will put the Kingdom of God FIRST in their lives and serve Him reliably week in week out in their own church activities, as well as in supporting Christian Missions and other agencies. So many Christians today just seem to want to be assured of their own acceptance in the Kingdom, but are not willing to serve in that Kingdom as the priority of their lives. Will we let the Sermon on the Mount challenge us again in this materialistic age in which we live?