

Preaching Dates

30 March 2019

Alastair Crockett with Going for Growth Team at Laggan Hall, Newtonmore, Inverness-shire, a joint Abernethy and Lochaber Presbyteries Meeting

Charles Sommerville (pm) at Saturday Rally, Shettleston Baptist Church, Glasgow

31 March 2019

Alastair Crockett (am) at Kilmally Free Church, Caol, Fort William

William Henry (am) at Cambuslang Baptist Church

Phill March (am) at Uddingston Baptist Church

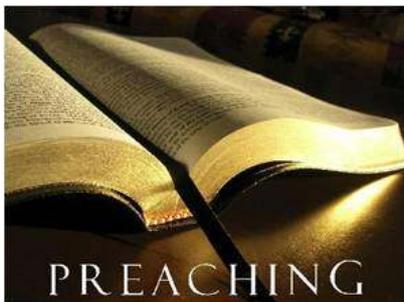
Dawn Martindale (am) at Rosyth Baptist Church

Charles Sommerville (am) at Keltie Evangelical Church, Fife

Ian Stephen (am) at Borders General Hospital

Douglas Inglis (pm) at Newton Mearns Baptist Church

Charles Sommerville (pm) at The 7 Letters to the 7 Churches, North Berwick Baptist Church



“Let’s Get Things Right”

By Bill Duffy

Proverbs 14:12

“There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.”

In the latest Network News, the article entitled “Preaching Into The Culture” reminds us that, as lay preachers, we have the responsibility to be aware of worldly influences in order to prepare a Christian response. My mind went back to an article by the Rt. Rev. Susan Brown (Moderator of The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland), in the ‘Life and Work’ (Kirk’s official magazine) last year. She points to a poll that shows about 60% of Scots were non-religious, whilst only 37% claimed to be Christian. She states that “There are now generations of people in Scotland who have no idea of what the Church and the Christian faith are all about. They look on Christianity as an outdated faith that people once believed but has now out-lived its usefulness. The world has moved on and science has the answers to most, if not all the questions that people are asking.”

The world seems to be worshipping its own intellect in the belief that it will end all of their troubles. We only have to look at the chaos that surrounds us to see that it is most definitely not the case. Science may have come up with answers relating to inventions that make our lives easier but it has not come up with the answer to the most fundamental question - “What is my purpose in life?” People seem to be of the opinion that they can live their lives according to their own desires and, at the end of it there are no consequences to face.

As lay preachers, we are in an excellent position to get the message across that we are on this earth for a purpose. The Bible states quite clearly that God created all things, and they exist because He created what He pleased (Rev. 4:11).

Even the well known atheist Bertrand Russell stated that unless we assume the existence of God, life’s purpose is meaningless. So let us get the simple and straight forward message across to an unbelieving world. We were created by God for His pleasure. Our purpose is both simple and straight forward. To worship God with all we are and in all we do. The world has tried to do things its own way and ended up in a mess. Now is the time for people to start doing things the right way by putting God first in their lives.

In John’s Gospel, we read, “Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow Me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”

Of equal importance is the message that all of us have to answer for the choices we have made when our time on this earth comes to an end.