

### Preaching Dates

#### Sunday 13 September 2020

**Ian Barr** (am) at

Renfrew Evangelical Church

**Glen Cartwright** (am) via Zoom at  
Galashiels Baptist Church

**Douglas Else-Jack** (am + pm) preaching  
morning at High Blantyre Baptist Church  
and via Zoom at the evening service.

**Jonathan Groves** (am) at Cowdenbeath  
Baptist Church with Kerusso Trust  
presentation

**Bill Haining** (am) via Zoom at  
Bridge of Don Baptist Church

**Mark Laing** (am) pre-recorded and  
broadcast via their YouTube channel at  
Naga Christian Fellowship, Pune, India.

**Dawn Martindale** (am) pre-recorded via  
YouTube at Rosyth Baptist Church

**Willem Smit** (am) online at Lossiemouth  
Baptist Church

#### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September

**Glen Cartwright**, *Teaching  
Truth* (via YouTube)

#### Tuesday 15 September

**Alistair Mackay** delivering on-line evening  
reflection at Dumfries Baptist Church

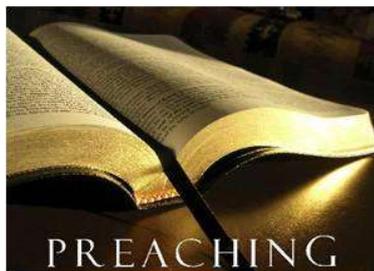
#### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September

**Elizabeth De Silva** (pm) via Zoom  
at outreach meeting for

Aglow International Blackburn.

**Charles Sommerville** (pm) via Zoom,  
Thursday evenings Bible Study on  
Philippians. For

details: [drcharles.sommerville@sky.com](mailto:drcharles.sommerville@sky.com)



### “Do We Believe What We Sing”

By Bill Duffy

Many years ago I came across a Christian cartoon. A minister is speaking about his congregation and says, “None of my congregation tells lies but a few of them sing them”. Surely this should not be the case. When we sing our songs of praise and worship, they should come from the depths of our heart with total conviction.

Songs such as, ***‘I’m going to trust in God, I’m going to trust in Jesus. Without shame and without fear.’***

Songs such as these should be sung with total assurance.

#### ***When we sing, we are obedient.***

The Bible teaches us that singing isn’t an option, it’s a command. Worship songs are more than a warm-up for the sermon. Singing stands alongside preaching as one of the two great ways God has ordained for His word to dwell richly in our hearts.

***Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God (Colossians 3:16).***

As God’s people we are not just invited to sing – we are commanded to sing.

#### ***When we sing, we build up each other.***

Ephesians 5:19, teaches us that we build up fellow believers when we sing: ‘addressing *one another* in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs...’.

Our songs also help unbelievers. In Psalm 105:1-2, we read, ‘Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!’ Think of the impact this has on someone who doesn’t know Christ.

#### ***When we sing, we are spiritually strengthened.***

We often sing when we’re happy and times are good, but singing also strengthens us and helps us persevere when times are not so good. If we struggle for joy then we should sing and if we are joyful then again we should sing! In God’s perfect understanding of us, He has joined together joy and singing for us.

For example, in Acts 16, Paul and Silas are unjustly imprisoned for the sake of the gospel. What do they do while they’re in prison? They sing!

#### ***When we sing, we glorify God.***

Singing has a great way of bringing our heart, soul, mind, and strength together to focus entirely and completely on God. In an age of distraction, singing takes hold of our attention and focuses us on God. As we pour out our hearts in song, He is lifted up, and He graciously lifts us up with Him. What better reason could there be to sing?