

Preaching Dates

Friday 7 February 2020

Hazel Brooks (pm) at Larkhall Baptist Church

Saturday 8 February 2020

Charles Sommerville (pm) at Bible Prophecy Conference, Barnards Court Mission

Sunday 9 February 2020

Glen Cartwright (am) at Fusion, Newton Mearns Baptist Church

Kenneth Forrest (am) at Cathcart Baptist Church

Willie Henry (am) at Cambuslang Baptist Church

Doug Inglis (am) at Auldhouse Community Church

Aubrey Jamieson (am) at Lerwick Congregational Church

Richard MacPhee (am) at Uddingston Baptist Church.

Charles Sommerville (am) at Cumbernauld Baptist Church

Hugh Tannock (am) at Alexandria Baptist Church

Stephen Ilett (pm) at Invergordon Church of Scotland

Charles Sommerville (pm) at Shettleston Baptist Church

Hugh Tannock (pm) at Drumchapel Baptist Church.

Cheryl Leckie (am + pm) at Ayr Baptist Church

Monday 10 February 2020

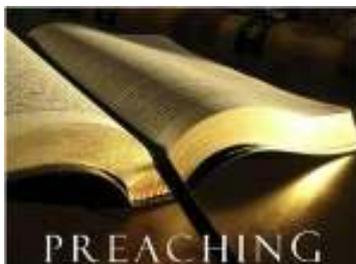
Hazel Brooks (pm) at Kenmuir Church, Bishopbriggs

Wednesday 12 February 2020

Hazel Brooks (pm) at Hope Hall Church, Lesmahagow

Thursday 13 February 2020

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



“Rest for God’s People”

By Jim McNulty

As I was reading Hebrews 4 one word stood out - “rest”. Rest for God’s People. What is this rest? In the world at large, that there is a lack of rest. There is unrest. People are not at rest with themselves or with each other. There is personal unrest. There is social unrest. Nations are not at rest with each other. There is political unrest. What is this promised rest? Where is it to be found? How can we get it?

After creation, God rested. It was and is a continuing rest. It was a rest not from tiredness but a rest after achievement. There was nothing more needing to be done. His creation was perfect. God was also at peace with his creation and with his creatures, Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve shared God’s rest with him. When sin entered the world, it took away that rest. It was not possible for man to share in God’s rest. There is now no rest for man nor the earth. Genesis 3:17-19. Later God promised the Children of Israel, as they wandered in the desert, that one day they would be at rest in the land that God had promised them. Deuteronomy 25:19. But this rest was not the final rest. The rest being talked about in the book of Hebrews is more than just a reference to entering the Promised Land it points to something better - rest for our souls.

We will, of course, have this rest when Christ returns, or we die and go to be with our Saviour. But it is not just for the future. For the Christian, it is a present rest. To restore that lost rest, a new creation is required. When we come to Christ for salvation, we enter his kingdom and an eternal relationship with him. Our rest begins. Jesus’ mission was to bring that rest. He said, Matthew 11:28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Now, as Christians, we rest in the joy of His presence and His promises. As Hebrews 4:3 says, “We who have believed enter that rest.” That is in the present tense. We enjoy it now. God offers us something of the joy that God had with Adam and Eve before the fall and which he will share fully with his people in the new creation.

As we continue to serve our Lord and at times struggle with our fallen nature and our fallen world it is good to remember and celebrate that we are at rest with God through the redemptive work of His Son Jesus Christ.