





Last Weekend Fin and Beth led the service as I was travelling back from a few days away in Snowdonia. During my time there I enjoyed several trips in the mountains. The hills were especially busy as lots of people had the same idea of making the most of the great weather. As is often the case, the busier the mountains become the more accidents that happen. From our vantage point we saw a rescue helicopter make two rescues and also walked past the Mountain Rescue Team as they escorted a person off the hill on crutches with his leg in a splint. Thankfully my trip went without any serious issues, but the reality is there is always a chance that it could have been me being lifted off in a chopper. Indeed, as I looked across the horizon I could see the spot of an incident I was involved in around 20 years previously when a friend I was walking with stumbled off the side of a cliff and fell a long way. On that day I followed the guidance of the Mountain Rescue team, who literally saved my friend's life:

If you feel you need our help, you should request it by dialling 999 which may result in guidance or we'll call a team together to come and help.

The reality is that life is risky. From an early age we are taught how to manage the various risks of life from how to cross a road safely to how to put food on our table. Risk management may minimise the impact or decrease the probability of unfortunate events but it doesn't necessarily prevent them. Like journeying through the mountains our lives will include many valleys and peaks both with unique challenges. Little did we know last Christmas what challenges 2020 would bring. It is with great sadness that this week further measures have had to be introduced to try to manage the impact of the coronavirus. Such measures try to strike the fine balance of risk management, giving generously in some areas while taking away severely in others to try to avoid the standstill of the previous lockdown. Certainly, I would not want to be in the shoes of the global leaders who are trying to navigate this deep valley.

Perhaps, today the world needs a rescuer more than ever. For many of us this period has invoked a deep sense of loss of control, confusion and helplessness. But who do we call if we are stuck but not on a mountain?

This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search and find my sheep. I will be like a shepherd looking for his scattered flock. I will find my sheep and rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on that dark and cloudy day. (Ezekiel 34:11-12)

If you feel you need God's help, you should request it by praying, literally speaking, to him which may result in guidance or He'll call a team together, led by his son Jesus, to come and help. Jesus Christ our rescuer, who descended into the deepest valley in order to save us all

<https://youtu.be/sAg7rn7fH3Q>.

- **Your brother in Christ, Anthony**

What's On

September

Sunday 27th 11am – Sunday Worship (Online/Church)

Join us at the church or on YouTube/Facebook as we worship together. Doors open at 10.45am and close at 12:00pm.

October

Weekly: Sundays 11am – Sunday Worship (Church/Online)

Join us at the church or on YouTube/Facebook as we worship together. Doors open at 10.45am and close at 12:00pm.

Weekly: Wednesdays 7.30pm – Prayer and Bible Study (Hall)

Discuss the most recent Sunday message, pray and worship together.

The latest study questions can be viewed at:

<https://dunfermlinewest.org/links/biblestudy>

Monday 5th 8pm – Women's Bible Study (Zoom)

Gather together on Zoom as we continue the Prayer Course:

<https://prayercourse.org/>. For further information contact rachel_luxton@yahoo.co.uk.

Wednesday 7th 11am – Live reflections in the Psalms with Prayer (Online)

Joins us on YouTube/Facebook as a guest speaker reflects on Psalms 51 to 54.

Sunday 18th 11am – Harvest Sunday (Church/Online)

Join us at the church or on YouTube/Facebook as we celebrate Harvest together. Doors open at 10.45am and close at 12:00am. Note: further details will be provided of our harvest activities including collecting for Foodbank and a Harvest Family Fun Pack.

Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th – BUS Canopy (Church/Online)

Canopy is a new online gathering for all Scottish Baptist Churches.

Over the weekend we will pray together, listen to God's word, hear inspirational speakers, tell stories of what God is doing in his church and expect him to speak into our lives and communities.

(<https://scottishbaptist.com/events/canopy/>)

Please read the latest guidance on meeting physically with us:

<https://dunfermlinewest.org/assets/files/reopening-guidance.pdf>

Sharing In and Out Together

World Mission: 'On the Frontline' – Lifewords (Scripture Gift Mission)

Last April as the severity of the pandemic became more apparent, Lifewords in the UK encouraged chaplains, to order free Bible resources. 'Chaplains from hospitals, the armed forces, prisons, and neighbourhoods across the country have been on the frontline of a tide of grief, disorientation and anguish' says the team 'so we wanted to support them in their ministry.'

The lead chaplain at one hospital ordered resources to use in his work, where he and his team serve 4,000 staff, many of whom are frontline healthcare workers. The chaplains had been asked to provide systematic staff support by setting up 24 hour 'We Care Cafes', Breakout Rooms and safe spaces for staff to off-load, decompress, and talk about their experiences. They have been developing comfortable areas with coffee and tea, pastoral support, and helpful material and resources to take away. The chaplain says 'we simply cannot get enough resources at the moment and anticipate increased demand for help with frontline staff'.

Generosity

We would like to thank all of you for your generosity in continuing to give to the church during this time. We appreciate that these are

uncertain times and are grateful that many of us are still able to contribute to the mission of the Church. You can find further information on how to give to the church via bacs (preferred), cheque or cash at: <https://dunfermlinewest.org/giving/>

Sunday's Message

If you haven't had a chance to watch the message from Sunday or would like to watch it again you can watch it at: <https://youtu.be/Hs2ZzP-WoBk>

Buddy Groups

Keep up to date with prayers for our community at <https://dunfermlinewest.org/prayers>.

Connecting with us

You can connect into each of our services via <https://dunfermlinewest.org/online> and also via telephone using our latest stay connected details at: <https://dunfermlinewest.org/assets/files/dwbc-stay-connected.v6.pdf>



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Worship Group

As we are creating new songs we are adding them to a YouTube playlist which you can listen to whenever you like at: <https://dunfermlinewest.org/worship/playlist>