



DUNFERMLINE
WEST BAPTIST

JESUS SAID

YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD -
LIKE A CITY ON A HILLTOP THAT CANNOT BE HIDDEN

"Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

(John 6:32-35)

Dear friends,

Last Sunday we were privileged to have Stuart from Tearfund Scotland highlighting the desperate need that many people have for the most basic life giving resource: water. In many ways it is bewildering that a resource that we have in plenty here in Scotland is so scarce in other parts of the world. Stuart's sermon reminded me of the Baptist Union of Scotland's 100 year theme "give me also streams of living water." This theme recognised that where there is water there is life. In John 7:37-38 Jesus says:

Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's hearts shall flow rivers of living water.'

Let's pray that we will not quench Jesus' living water.

What's on

At the start of the **weekly prayer session** (Wednesdays 11:00) Gilmour Lilly, pastor of Rosyth Baptist, will be reflecting from the Psalms on how they might be speaking into our lives today. Tomorrow we will be considering Psalms 24 to 26 and the Lord's is the earth. You may wish to read the Psalms in advance.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.

(Psalm 24:1-2)



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On Sunday we will be gathering online at 11:00am for our live service. This week the service is being led by Beth, Fin and Andrew.

Our **weekly evening prayer and bible study** continues this Wednesday at 7.30pm over zoom via the standard meeting details. The group follow the study questions from our service.

Sharing In and Out Together

Please do **share any pictures with us** (if you are able) of what you are getting up to. You could share them to our Facebook Page, over What's App, or email them to me.

World Mission: BMS

After our Relief Sunday focus, we sent £120 to the BMS Relief/Covid Appeal and received a very nice thank you letter from them. Hopefully, In the light of this, the following snapshots of how some of the most vulnerable people in the world are being helped during this global pandemic will be an encouragement.

Peru £7,000 to provide hundreds of vulnerable families across Peru with emergency food parcels.

Mozambique £22,996 BMS' sewing community has helped to make 30,000 face masks for frontline workers. Soap and hygiene information has been given for low-income families and 2,900 children have received educational support.

Tunisia £7,000 given to families in need to access food through parcels and vouchers.

Chad £30,000 to help set up a satellite hospital to act as a Covid-19 centre in the north – where medical provision is extremely limited and to help the life-saving work of Guinebor II hospital to continue safely.

Uganda £10,100 to help improve food security in the north by providing families with seeds. At-risk families in the west of the country have received food Parcels and soap.

Albania £9,160 to provide food and basic necessities to families who have a limited income and who are at increased risk during lockdown.



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Afghanistan £17,000 to provide PPE for frontline workers and for ongoing mental health support to patients, medical workers and their families.

Sri Lanka £5,000 Food parcels provided for vulnerable families unable to purchase and other necessities during lockdown.

Nepal £17,000 to support the running of hospitals providing PPE and hygiene supplies helping with prevention and treatment measures and providing at-risk families with food parcels.

Bangladesh £13,000 For 500 vulnerable families to receive food and hygiene supplies.

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/>

Study Questions on Genesis 21:14-19

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/n9YbE8HqIq4>

Please read Genesis 21:14-19 in advance of the study.

God promised that through Abraham He will make a great nation. God promised that Abraham's families of the earth will be blessed (Gen 12:2-3). Abraham learnt that God's timing is not our timing, instead he had to wait with patience. This was not always easy and as time went on Abraham and his wife Sarah believed that Sarah was not able to bear children.

- 1) Read Gen. 16:1-11; Once again the Bible attests to the gritty reality of life. Surprisingly, this is the origin of the story of Israel.
 - a) What is your initial reaction to this whole situation?
 - b) Contrast the situation between Sarai and her slave Hagar and also Elkanah's wives (1 Sam. 1:3-8,9-11). What can we learn from these relationships?
 - c) What was Abram's responsibility in all this?



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- 2) In ch. 16 and 21 we can see that the lord meets with the broken hearted. Considering both passages:
 - a) How does God hear our misery?
 - b) How does God satisfy our needs?
 - c) How does God secure the future?

- 3) Read John 6:25-35; Jesus said he was the bread of life. In his message Stuart said that "where there is water there is life"
 - a) Discuss the truth of this both physically and also spiritually.
 - b) What does it mean to us that Jesus is the bread of life?
 - c) How does this challenge us today considering the Tearfund appeal?

Buddy groups and prayer items

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

Connecting with us

You can connect into each of these 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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- YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7BuBS_TUKDMvu5Wcpg9PAg/
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dunfermlinewest>

Worship music

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>

Let us continue to stay in touch, to pray for one another and do not lose hope.

Your brother in Christ, Anthony