

Morning Service 10.30am

Date	Subject	Speaker
New Series: Rediscovering a better story (Studies on Genesis 1-3)		
7 Apr Communion	Image	Alistair Purss
14 Apr IP All Age Talk	Identity	Eoghan Paterson
21 Apr Communion	Education & work	Eoghan Paterson
28 Apr All Age Talk	BAPTISMAL SERVICE	Alistair Purss
5 May Communion	Creation Care	Alistair Purss
12 May IP All Age Talk	Marriage	Alistair Purss
19 May	ALL AGE WORSHIP SERVICE	Eoghan Paterson & All Age Team
26 May All Age Talk	Guest Service: (marking the accreditation of Eoghan as a BUS minister)	Bill Ferguson
2 June Communion	Family Life	Eoghan Paterson
9 Jun IP All Age Talk	Singleness	Alistair Purss
New series: DBC - up close and personal Studies on the church		
16 Jun Communion	Believing: our foundation	Eoghan Paterson
23 Jun All Age Talk	Behaving: our relationships	Alistair Purss
30 Jun Communion	Belonging: our responsibilities	Eoghan Paterson

All Age Talk = Service includes an All Age talk
IP = Service includes an Intercessory Prayer

Evening Service 6.30pm

Date	Subject	Speaker
New Series: Speaking Tears - Studies on the tears of lament & joy.		
7 Apr	The tears of Jesus - John 11:35; Luke 19:41; Hebrews 5:7-9	Alistair Mackay
14 Apr Communion	Our tears of remorse and bitterness - Luke 22:60-62; Hebrews 12:17; Gen 27:34	Alistair Purss
21 Apr	Our tears of repentance - Luke 7:36-50	David White
28 Apr IP/ Communion	Our tears of mourning - Deuteronomy 34:8; John 20:11	Alistair Mackay
5 May	Centre Point	Alistair Purss & Alistair Mackay
12 May Communion	Our tears in prayer - 1 Samuel 1:10-11; Nehemiah 1:4; Psalm 119:169; Job 16:20-21; Hosea 12:4	Eoghan Paterson
19 May	Our tears of joy - Ezra 3:12&13; Psalm 126; John 16:20	Eoghan Paterson
26 May IP/ Communion	God remembers our tears - Psalm 56:8	Eoghan Paterson
2 June	Centre Point	Eoghan Paterson
9 Jun Communion	God will wipe away our tears - Revelation 7:17,21; Psalm 30:5; Isaiah 25:7-8	Eoghan Paterson
New series: Search me and know me (Studies on Psalm 139)		
16 Jun	Search me and know me - Psalm 139: 1-12	Alistair Purss
23 Jun IP/ Communion	Search me and know me - Psalm 139:13-16	Eoghan Paterson
30 Jun	Search me and know me - Psalm 139:17-24	Alistair Purss

New Series: Rediscovering a better story (Studies on Genesis 1-3)

As Christians we live in this present age whilst looking backward and forward! As Christians, our world view is through the lens of the Genesis account of God's existence and the creation story; the rebellion, sin and fall of mankind and the promise that Satan, evil and sin will one day be crushed and defeated (Genesis 3:15). This is fulfilled through God's redemptive purpose in the coming, living, dying, rising, ascension and second coming of Jesus Christ. We can have our sins forgiven and be brought back into a restored and right relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ and therefore look forward to the new creation. So, Christian teaching points us backward in order to look forward. Our world view is unique and essential for purpose and hope. Creation to new creation, from beginning to ending, God's story is the only sure foundation.

Yet often professing Christians use Genesis 1-3 to argue with one another about what the days mean and how old the earth is! If this is all we do with God's creation story then we're missing the point completely. What God reveals to us through these foundational first chapters of the Bible is not so that we can argue and become divisive. Of course, this is what Satan would have us do with God's account of creation and new creation, he just loves to cause division.

During this series we will not be looking at the creation account in regards to whether the days are God's days or earth days (the same root word for day 'yom' is used for both in the Bible) and neither will we be considering whether the earth is young or old! Many Christians hold to either view, neither of which undermines the authority of the Bible.

We will be looking at how God, who had no beginning and has no ending, created the cosmos and created humans as the crown of his creation. We will think about critical and important truths such as what it means to be made in the image of God, human identity, education, work, creation care, marriage, parenting, and singleness. God's creation story is the only sure foundation upon which to build our world view, all other ground is sinking sand! Oh how our world needs to 'rediscover a better story'... His Story of creation and new creation.

New Series: Speaking Tears - (Studies on the tears of lament & joy.)

Many years ago when Sharon and I had only been boyfriend and girlfriend for a short time, we experienced something quite strange. We were sat together and I became very burdened and this led to me crying and weeping for over an

hour, Sharon comforted me the whole time, not speaking, but remaining silent. When I went off to bed exhausted I wondered what on earth had happened and what Sharon would be thinking of me! The next day Sharon told me that she had a very difficult and painful experience not long before we met and that she had felt this lift away as I wept the night before. She said that my tears were speaking for her. This experience deepened our relationship.

Tears are a language, a wordless language that can speak volumes. Tears speak when there are no words to articulate the deepest valleys of grief and loss. Tears speak when we are so overwhelmed with distress and pain, either physical or mental, that we cannot describe it in audible words. Tears speak when we experience indescribable joy. Tears fall where words fail to express our feelings and emotions, whether happy or sad. Tears can also express our genuine regret and repentance for our sin, both of commission and omission. Whether all these different kinds of tears are shed privately or publicly, they speak for us.

During this teaching series we will begin by considering the tears of Jesus which demonstrated both his compassion for people, also, his distress and righteous anger over the effect and impact of sin in people's lives. We will also study a variety of Bible passages and characters which will help us to consider our tears of loss, mourning, bereavement, bitterness, repentance and joy. We will be reminded that our tears are seen by and matter to God and that one day He will wipe away all tears in the new heaven and earth.

New Series: DBC - up close and personal (Studies on the church)

During our recent series on the Apostles Creed Eoghan preached on the theme of the church. He powerfully reminded us that the church is not a building, with an address on a street, with walls, a roof, windows and seats etc. The church local and universal is made up of people who have put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord.

Eoghan then went on to teach about the church using three Scriptural pictures: the church as the BODY of Christ here on earth, a spiritual BUILDING made up of living stones (people) and the BRIDE of Christ which ultimately looks ahead to the second coming of Christ, when the bridegroom (Christ) and the bride (the church) will be together forever in the new heaven and earth.

In this teaching series we will be focussing on three very practical aspects of what it means to be an authentic part of

Dumfries Baptist Church and of belonging to this local church is less about being a 'Baptist' and more about being part of a Biblically functioning community. I trust that these studies will help us to grasp the truth about what it means to be part of the DBC family, which is deepened and strengthened through our faith in Christ, our love for one another and the willing offering of our time, talents and treasures.

New series: Search me and know me (Studies on Psalm 139)

When I was a child I used to play hide and seek with my friends and it went a bit like this. The seeker would shut their eyes and count to 30 and the others would find a good place to hide. After the seeker had counted to 30 they would say, "Here I come ready or not"! There were always those who were very good at hiding and those who were pretty bad at it, or would give their hiding place away by giggling. All those who were found had to join the seeker to find those who were still hiding. The game therefore became more challenging and difficult for those hiding as there were more sets of eyes to spot their hiding places! Those who were extraordinarily good at hiding soon discovered that there actually wasn't much fun in not being found!

Psalm 139 tells us that we cannot hide from God - if we go up to the heavens, make our bed in the depths, or travel to the far side of the sea, God is present! There may be reasons why we want to hide from God: because of our sin, sense of shame or because we are disappointed and disillusioned with life. The bookends of this great Psalm explain to us David's desire to be searched, known and tested by God. Search me - v1, 23a... Know me - v1b, 23b... Test me - v23b.

During this teaching series we will discover what this Psalm teaches us about the very nature and work of God and what this means and how this is applied into our everyday living. We will be reminded that God is all knowing, all seeing and is present everywhere at all times, even when we think our life is hidden from him he is there. Despite the all knowing, all seeing and everywhere present nature and character of God, he still desires that we pray along with the Psalmist - search me, know me, test me!

Special Diary Dates

28th April Morning: Baptismal Service

1st May : DBC Half AGM @ DBC 7pm

Summer Mission : 28th July - 4th August

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If you'd like to be baptised or would like to find out more about baptism and/or church membership, please speak to Alistair Purss or Eoghan Paterson.