

INVITATION TO

CENTENARY GOSPEL MEETINGS

being held in

Banbridge Gospel Hall

Victoria Street, Banbridge, BT32 3DQ

commencing

Sunday 13th October 6.30pm

continuing for a number of weeks (DV)

Sundays: 6.30 pm

Monday - Friday: 8pm

Speakers: **John Fleck** (Buckna)
David Gilliland (Lurgan)

You will be most welcome to see the hall
and hear the gospel.

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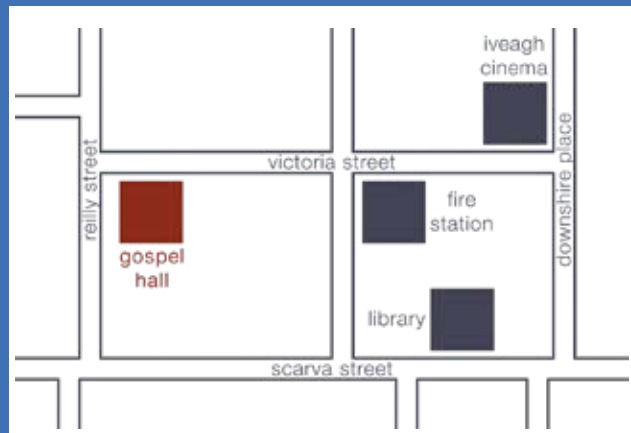


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**Christ Jesus came into the world
to save sinners. 1 TIMOTHY 1:15**

weekly gospel meeting every Sunday at 6.30pm
everyone welcome

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BANBRIDGE GOSPEL HALL

100 *years*



This year commemorates the 100-year anniversary of the building of Banbridge Gospel Hall, which still bears the inscription of '1924 AD' above the entrance porch. It was built as a labour of love by a number of locals from Banbridge and the surrounding town-lands who, in the years before, had their lives transformed by the message of the gospel. They aptly named it 'Banbridge Gospel Hall', as it was their hope that through it their friends and neighbours in Banbridge would also hear the gospel and come to know the same lasting peace and joy. These Christians are no longer with us today, but it is the enduring desire of the Christians currently gathering at Banbridge Gospel Hall that you would be blessed in hearing the life-changing truth of the gospel. Time has changed the buildings and people of Banbridge, but the message of the gospel remains the SAME. We would like to share with you three lessons that the gospel teaches us today:-

1) The SAME PROBLEM of sin

The gospel is an honest message. It comes from a God 'that cannot lie' (*Titus 1:2*), who 'knoweth all things' (*1 John 3:20*) and has 'searched me and known me' (*Psalms 139:1*).

In the Bible, God gives us His assessment of us: 'For there is no difference: For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God' (*Romans 3:23*). This has been the problem of all humanity, but it is also a deeply personal problem: 'your iniquities have separated between you and your God' (*Isaiah 59:2*). We each have the individual problem of sin.

The seriousness of the problem becomes evident as we read that in God's eyes 'all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags' (*Isaiah 64:6*). All our failed attempts to meet the holy standard of God only further confirm that we are 'guilty before God' (*Romans 3:19*). We are helpless to solve our problem of sin; we face the judgement of a Holy God.

2) The SAME ANSWER in Christ

Gospel simply means 'good news'. This is why Christians want to share the gospel with others because it is the best possible news.

The gospel is referred to in the Bible as 'the glorious gospel of Christ' (*2 Cor 4:4*), or simply, 'the glorious good news of Christ'. This is who the gospel is centred in – the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a message of a God who loved us enough to provide the answer to our guilt and sin, in giving His own Son: 'For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life' (*John 3:16*).

It is astounding, not only that 'Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners' (*1 Timothy 1:15*), but that 'while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us' (*Romans 5:8*). This is the tremendous price that was paid for you, the death of the perfect Son of God. 'We preach Christ crucified' (*1 Cor. 1:23*) because it is only in Christ that we can rest in perfect assurance of sins forgiven.

God doesn't leave us in any doubt that Christ's death is sufficient for us. He tells us in His word: 'For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God' (*1 Peter 3:18*). This is a sacrifice that never needs to be repeated; God is satisfied. God has proven it by His resurrection: 'God raised Him from the dead: and He was seen' (*Acts 13:30-31*).

3) The SAME OFFER of salvation

God is long-suffering, 'not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance' (*2 Peter 3:9*). In His mercy, He extends the same offer of salvation to you today that has been offered for centuries. The Bible records a question that was once asked 'What must I do to be saved?' (*Acts 16:30*). The answer is still the same: 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved' (*Acts 16:31*).

The Lord Jesus Christ expresses the offer of salvation another way in the words 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest' (*Matthew 11:28*). The Christ who was crucified for you is ready to welcome you, if you would only turn from your sin and come to Him.