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As summer weather arrives, it is wonderful to see the beauties of God's creation and get out and enjoy it. It has been a joy to put this edition of the *Christian Worker* together.

If you didn't get to hear the Harding Chorus, you missed a treat! The beautiful voices singing a varied programme encouraged all who heard them. We have reports from various congregations who hosted the group.

Speaking of beautiful places, the Lake District will be the setting for a study week hosted by the British Bible School in the autumn (see advert below). This is an ideal time to take a week out of your busy lives to concentrate on growing in our relationship with God and with each other. You can register online at [britishbibleschool.com](http://britishbibleschool.com).

Jon

# Walking with God

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## Spotlight: The end of an era in Tranent

Following the acquisition of the Tranent meeting place by the local council for redevelopment the congregation decided to seek fellowship with the neighbouring congregation in Newtongrange. We enjoyed a warm welcome on our first meeting with them and also shared in the fellowship meal they kindly provided.

The Tranent congregation dates back to 1893 when a hall was hired for worship. By 1915 the congregation was sufficiently strong to purchase a building in Lochside, Tranent for the princely sum of £188. The church continued to grow and by 1950 numbered over sixty Christians with a large Sunday school.

With a strong evangelistic outreach ongoing, the Christians who lived in Haddington decided the time was right for them to establish a congregation in their home town, which they did. There were also brethren working in Edinburgh to establish a congregation there. Willie Steele and his family left to assist in that work which continues as the Hyvots Bank congregation. Some years later Joe Nisbet left with his family for Northern Ireland to be director of the Northern Ireland Bible School. Joe was a

very able preacher and teacher and was well known amongst the congregations as an evangelist. Whilst we missed these brethren in Tranent they continued to serve the wider fellowship with their skills and for that we thank God.



In the 1970's our young Christians went off to college, university or away to work and we lost that generation in Tranent. Many, of course, continued to work

and worship in other congregations. Tranent never really recovered from the loss of these younger Christians and by the beginning of this millennium we were becoming an ageing congregation.

When the council offered to buy our building we prayerfully considered our situation and

the options available to us. We decided it was best to sell the building and meet with the Newtongrange congregation with which we have had a long and close working relationship. We joined them on 2<sup>nd</sup> April and look forward to worshipping with them in the fellowship of the gospel. Whilst our old



building has gone the congregation still continues with its witness through the lives of the Christians in their local communities and also in Newtongrange.

*John Kneller*

# Congratulations!

**Hindley:** Selina Morgan, known to her family and friends as **Rene**, celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Easter Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, with a lunch-time get together. There were fifty guests consisting of nieces, nephews, and a cousin and his son who came all the way from South Africa. All the Morgan family including her four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, a number of her brothers and sisters from local congregations, plus a few friends completed the guest list.



Rene was born the youngest of a family of seven, many of whom were part of various congregations. She does not remember when she was immersed into Christ but she reckons she was in her teens, so it seems that that she has been a Christian for over eighty years! She talks about being in the Fire Service during the war being based on the South Coast. She worked in the offices of the Civil Service in Wigan for quite a number of years.

She was very active with the brethren at Albert Street working with the young. Along with the late Miriam Partington they took parties of girls on holidays and organised other activities. Does anyone remember the famous Paddock Wood Holidays?!

In 1970 she married the late Leonard Morgan and began worshipping in Hindley. Rene looked after him faithfully until he went to be with the Lord. Her hospitality was well known and her kind caring nature are an example to us all.

Rene still lives in her own home with additional care. The one thing she never forgets is to meet with her fellow-Christians on the Lord's day for the Breaking of the Bread. A phone call at 9.30 am ensures she is being picked up for worship. What a great example she is to us all!

*John Morgan*

**Livingston:** Jake Montgomery has had lots of questions about the Bible, God, and Jesus over recent weeks and we have tried to help him find his own answers to these questions. On Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> May, he came to the conclusion that he needed to be baptised, and ask God for forgiveness to receive the gift of eternal life with God that He offers each of us.



This is a big decision that people have to make for themselves, no one else can make that choice for you. We are thrilled that Jake made that choice, to act upon what he understands from reading the Bible himself and not just trusting what people say is true.

*Mark Montgomery*

# Harding Chorus encourages through singing

*The Harding University Chorus, under the direction of Dr Cliff Ganus, returned to the UK as part of their European tour during May. It was a joy to renew acquaintances as well as to hear a group sing so well. We are including several reports this month from congregations who were able to host them.*

**Northampton:** It was our privilege to host 33 people from Harding University from Friday to Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> May.

On Saturday the group provided a real treat for the shoppers and tradespeople in town through a “flashmob”. Two singers of the Chorus began to sing at a prearranged meeting place in the Weston Favell Shopping Centre and were gradually joined by other members of the group who sang as they joined them.

Starting quietly the full chorus together attracted a large crowd of appreciative bystanders. We passed out over 400 invitations to a concert to be held that night. They repeated this at the other end of the shopping centre. One of the security men said they had choirs sing there before but “it was nothing like this, they have raised the standard.”

In the afternoon the group were taken to the town of Olney and sang in the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul’s. This is where John Newton was serving when he wrote the hymn “Amazing Grace.” The group sang a wonderful version of the hymn from the

choir stalls, along with another couple of songs that were very special – the harmony and the words were beautiful.

On Saturday evening the concert was hosted and appreciated by all who attended. It was good to have some visitors from other congregations, from the locality and some former members. Our prayer is that as we have been encouraged this might be the moment for faith to return to those who have been away.

Our Sunday morning worship had the extra dimension of so many more being present to join in song – it was very encouraging. At the conclusion of the service the Harding Chorus sang a couple of hymns to mark the occasion of this being Dave and Annie Carscadden’s



last Sunday with us and an opportunity for those who could not get to the other occasions to be encouraged by the singing.

This was an encouraging weekend for the congregation as we worked together to host the group and reach out to the community. The effect of the group being here will go on for a long time and we trust will even reap a harvest. We are thankful to them for their dedication and willingness to travel here to help. There are videos of the Chorus singing on our Facebook and Twitter pages – please take a look, like them and share them.

*Mark Hill*



**Stapleford:** The Harding University Chorus conducted a one-night concert with us on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The venue was St. Helen's parish church in Stapleford, and it was standing-room only on the evening. It is estimated that the chorus sang to a packed building of around 230 and received a standing ovation at the conclusion of the evening. Anyone who has ever heard this Chorus will know of the quality of their singing. The Chorus always gives out everything it has in the form of a top-quality performance. Those present that evening experienced something they had never experienced before. Several commented on an amazing night – and for free! They couldn't believe it! I have received phone calls days afterwards from people whom I don't know thanking us for such a wonderful evening. We genuinely believe that if we had extended their stay with us another night, we would have required a building twice the size of St. Helen's.

From the start our desire was for this to be a concert for Stapleford. We knew that we could have easily filled a much smaller venue with our own congregation and their friends and those from surrounding congregations, but we wanted the people of Stapleford to experience this (85% of those present were not from churches of Christ). For this reason, we chose St. Helen's as the place for this to occur, not sure if the local vicar would agree. I approached him earlier this year, and he

said they would be delighted if the concert was held in their building. The people at St. Helen's were very gracious towards us in all of the planning and on the night, serving coffee and tea at the interval with biscuits and homemade cakes – at no charge! Most gladly gave voluntary donations. No charge was made for the use of the building or their facilities.

We also spoke with the leaders of all of the churches in Stapleford and they, too, were enthusiastic. They put up posters advertising the concert on their notice boards, advertised it in their newsletters and spread the word as much as they could. Likewise,

most of them came up to me afterwards saying they wanted to thank the church for offering this evening to their people.

God alone knows the good that this has done in our community, but we

believe it to be great. It has caused many to take notice of our presence in the community – and in a positive light. All of this, we hope, is to the glory of our Lord. We thank Dr. Cliff Ganus for the good work he does in training these young Christians to use their talents in this way. He has been a good friend to the Christians in Great Britain for several decades, and we pray God's blessings on him will continue. We thank every one of the members of the Chorus for their talents which were so wonderfully displayed on that evening. Their example was an encouragement to all of us.

*Bob Eckman*



**Hyvots Bank, Edinburgh:** The first of two concerts performed on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May was at St Giles Cathedral. With its famed crown spire and ethereal acoustics, the initial rehearsal drew the attention of visiting tourists who began to take their seats in anticipation. As the performance time drew near, the space began to fill with visitors and many from other congregations as well as Hyvots Bank.



Beginning their performance with “Christus factus est” by Bruckner, the notes drifted upwards, suspended in the vaulted ceiling. This was indeed an excellent venue and we had a most encouraging audience – both in size and appreciation. Following the performance, many of those who attended engaged in conversation and leaflets were handed out for that evening’s concert.

That evening the Chorus was at St Andrews and St George’s West Kirk. Several of those attending the lunchtime concert decided to stay on in Edinburgh to attend the evening performance. In fact as the doors were being opened at 6.45 pm people were already arriving, eager to find the best positioned seats. The cosmopolitan audience were taken by surprise as the Chorus members began their performance by entering from the rear of the auditorium, filling the space with “*As I went down to the river to pray*” and occupying the stage, one-by-one.

The first half of the evening comprised a rich repertoire of stirring pieces, sung by the full chorus and with some soloists.

After a short interval, the second half contained lighter pieces – in a variety of languages and animation, the audience in awe of the musicality and dexterity of the vocals. The top notes soared and were reached effortlessly.

The evening came to a close with “*the Lord bless you and keep you.*” Visitors and fellow Christians shared the rest of the evening until it was time to depart.

On Thursday evening the Chorus again sang to a packed house at Faith Mission Bible College on Gilmerton Drive. Another wonderfully uplifting evening.

*Helen Kerr*

**Peterhead:** The last stop of the Harding Chorus was here in Peterhead. It had been eleven years since their last visit, and we were anticipating their return with joy. We were not disappointed. We had advertised their visit and we had a full house for their presentation.

Under the leadership of Dr Ganus the chorus excelled themselves, and we enjoyed hymns and songs from an variety of backgrounds. After the chorus concluded, we shared a time of fellowship before we had to say goodbye. The singing and deportment of the chorus, was of the highest standard, and we look forward to that great reunion, when we meet around the throne of heaven, and in united praise we join in praising Him who is worthy of all our praise and adoration.

*Michael Gaunt*

# British Bible School Notes

When studying that ancient document known as “Hebrews” we have to keep asking for explanations. I almost called it the “Letter” to the Hebrews, but is it?

While there are some personal comments at the end of chapter thirteen that are just what we would expect in a letter, the opening chapter cuts straight to the chase with no greeting and no indication that it is intended to be read as a letter. Rightly it has been said that Hebrews starts like a lecture and ends like a letter. Even “Hebrews” means different things to different readers. In the context of this book it is most likely designating Christians from a Hebrew background and certainly the content of the book bears this out with its numerous references to Jewish history and faith.

We find Hebrews in with the New Testament letters in the canon although this

arrangement is not inspired. The twenty-seven books are grouped with narrative first (Gospels and Acts) followed by letters from Paul to congregations (Romans to Thessalonians) and then to people (Timothy to Philemon). Hebrews comes next followed by letters from James, Peter, John, and Jude. Hebrews is *to* the Hebrews and not from them so we can see why it is grouped with the letters to, although this has led some to conclude that Hebrews, like Romans to Philemon, must be from Paul. If it is by Paul then it is unlike all of his other letters in not bearing his name

very early in the text and also the content is unlike anything Paul ever wrote. This can, of course, be explained by the nature of the book. The author is writing to a specific congregation with its own peculiar problems so it is only natural that the content sounds different but, whether we favour Paul as author or not, we have to admit that the book is anonymous and whenever an author opts for anonymity we have to respect the fact that we cannot

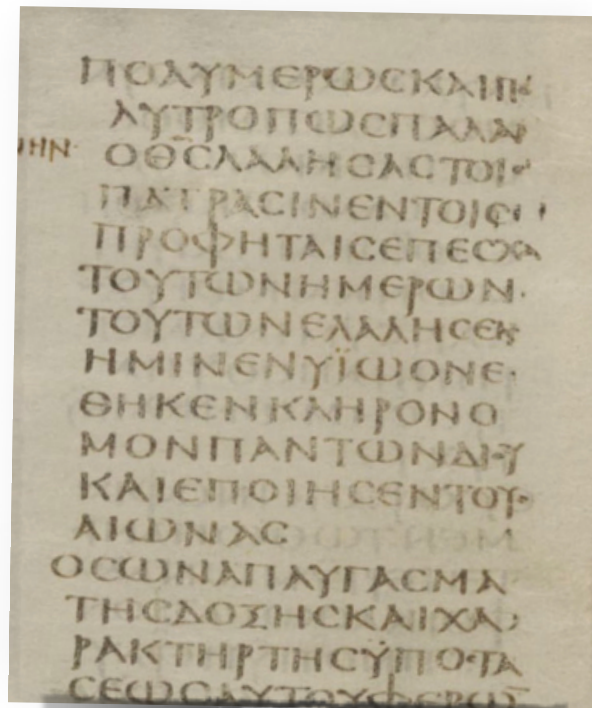
know with any certainty who wrote it. Not that this has stopped people trying.

Teachers distinguish between Need to Know and Nice to Know. The Need to Know material is that which has to be taught and understood if the learner is to make sense of the subject; Nice to Know is just that – nice but not necessary. So while it would be nice to know who wrote Hebrews the plain fact is that we cannot and never

will know as the information is not there. However what we need to know most certainly is. If we start at verse one and read through to the end of chapter thirteen we will see how Jesus is superior to the entire Old Testament from Patriarchs to Prophets and indeed how He is superior even to the angels. Now that is something worth knowing.

*Steven Whitehead*

(Taken from the British Bible School module Hebrews (NEW15). Visit [www.britishbibleschool.com](http://www.britishbibleschool.com) for further information.)



Hebrews 1 from the Codex Sinaiticus





**Education is the key to end poverty and unfortunately it is still not in the reach of many families in India.** Over the years our government is striving to increase literacy rate India, but sheer number of population limits government efforts to reach all, In order to help the community, especially children, the 'School Bag Project' aims at providing a school bag with necessary note books and other educational resources at the beginning of the academic year to the children from poor families to help them to go to school. If not in the school most of the children belonging to such families end up as child labor.

**The School Bag Project helps such kind of children to attend the school and fulfill their dream.**

Many deserving children are waiting for someone to help them to fulfill their dream of going to school. *What means very little to many means a lot to them.* If you want to make a child's education dream come true, please help us to buy a new school bag and books to them.

Since 2010, 'Jesus Loves You – School Bag Project' has helped many under privileged children to continue their education by helping them with a complete school bag kit that lasts for one academic year. **This year's School Bag Project will begin in June 2017 and will go till the end of August 2017.** With just **Rs. 600/- per year which is approx. \$10 or £8 only.** You can provide one child with a new school bag, a set of 6 to 15 note books, a slate, pens, pencils, color pencils, erasers, sharpener, slate pencil box and a pencil box and gently whisper to them **Jesus Loves You.** **Please join your hands with us to help these under privileged children.** If you would like to help or know more details please contact us at **Joel Madiki** at [joelmadiki@gmail.com](mailto:joelmadiki@gmail.com) or **Tony Tyson** at [tonytyson66@hotmail.com](mailto:tonytyson66@hotmail.com) (Funds can be sent to Tony at 152 Ormskirk Road, Up Holland, Skelmersdale WN8 0AF)

**Pakistan:** Many thanks to those who have contributed to the fund to buy bicycles for the graduating class of the Sahiwal Bible College in Pakistan. They need 16 bicycles to allow the graduate preachers to travel to congregations. We have collected so far £450, but need another £670 to pay for the bicycles that cost about £70 each.

If anyone can help, Naeem and the brethren in Sahiwal would be extremely grateful. If you would kindly send donations to: BARBARA FISHER (PAKISTAN ACCOUNT) (for cheques), 5 Portway, North Marston, Bucks. MK18 3PL. Thank you.

*Barbara Fisher*

# Family News

**Kirkcaldy:** Our Annual Social was held on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> April. It was again a time of praising our Lord, fellowship with Christians and an excellent lesson from God's word.

John Mooney was our speaker this year. There were 137 in attendance at what could be the last social to be held in our current location (our building is under offer). Many have said that the day had a family atmosphere and all seemed to enjoy our time together.

We would like to thank everyone who attended for making it such a special time. To God be the glory.

*Tony Clark*

## **Northampton: Dave and Annie**

**Carscadden** have been worshipping in Northampton for a number of years. Dave was appointed an elder of the congregation in June 2010.

Dave and Annie have served the congregation here in many ways. For many years Annie has worked tirelessly within the Sunday School programme and many of the young

children in our congregation know her as 'Granny Annie'. They have been a great source of experience and enthusiasm.

A month ago, Dave informed our other elders of his intention to step down as an

elder. He and Annie plan to be part of the congregation in Corby. They lived in Wellingborough for a number of years and have moved several times, each move being closer to Corby. They are now living in Corby and believe they will be more effective concentrating their efforts there. They

found this a very difficult decision to make, as they have enjoyed so much their fellowship and work in Northampton.

We commend Dave and Annie to the congregation in Corby. We will miss them but fully support their decision to be with the congregation close to their home. Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> May was their last Sunday with us.

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May, we had the honour of hosting a group of forty from Oklahoma

Christian University. They were on the final leg of their UK Hymnal Tour led by Jerry Rushford of Pepperdine University.

The group had traveled for twelve days throughout the

UK, visiting places here where various





hymn writers wrote the tunes that we sing in worship. I had the pleasure of being with them for the last part of their tour.



### **Great Barr:**

Please note the change in date of our September fellowship. The new date is 16th September 2017. This is due to the

Community Centre's hall not being available on the date we had planned.

*Sola Adeosun*

We visited Brixworth, which has Europe's best preserved Saxon chapel, built in 680. We continued to Castle Hill chapel in Northampton, where Philip Doddridge was the preacher. He wrote many of the hymns we sing, including "O Happy Day."

After a lunch we went to the St Peter's & St Paul's church in Olney, where John Newton was the preacher many years ago. Newton along with William Cowper (also of Olney) penned so many hymns that the *Olney Hymnal* was published, which included many of these including "Amazing Grace." The group sang in every place they visited.

*Richard Sharpe*

**Bristol:** We are happy to have another blessed addition to our family. Zibiah Abigail Mercy Snethen was born on 3<sup>rd</sup> April weighing 6 lbs 12 1/2 oz.

*Jason, Heidi, Zipporah  
and Zerubbabel  
Snethan*



**East Kilbride:** The first weekend of May we held our first outreach meeting of the year.

David Chapman brought three interesting and informative lessons on "Introducing Jesus." On Saturday evening we began with light

refreshments at 6.00 pm followed by singing and the lesson at 7.00 pm.

There were 28 in attendance, providing a great atmosphere of encouraging fellowship.

On Sunday David taught the Bible class and also spoke during our worship. We ended our time together with a pot-luck meal. It was a very encouraging weekend for the congregation.



*Jon Galloway*



# Directory Update

Delete: TRANENT (East Lothian)

Amend:

NEWTONGRANGE (Midlothian)

Christians: 15

## Notices

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### *Eye-Opener Studies*



This new Studies' course can now be fully accessed on:

<http://www.graemebibleresources.co.uk>

It is there to be used as you think appropriate but, if necessary, reference can be made to the author on: [gafisher888@aol.com](mailto:gafisher888@aol.com)

*Our grateful thanks to Graeme Morrison (Corby) for allowing the use of his facility in this fashion.*

*Graham Fisher*

**Ladies Day  
5th August 10 > 3  
Leicester**

Mirror Mirror

**Speakers: Jean Eckman  
Pauline Williams**

**Newfound Pool Centre, Pool Road,  
Leicester, LE3 9GH**

**Contact: Janet Hill : 0780 4685597**

**Hope you can join us.**

The Glenrothes and Perth congregations are hosting the presentation of a short series of addresses on topics concerning the Christian faith with the Senior Adventures in Ministry of the Sunset International Bible Institute.

#### **9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> June – The Holy Spirit**

(Fri & Sat at 7.00 pm; Sun at 10.00 am) speaker: Brian Garnett

#### **16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> June – Christian Evidences**

(Fri & Sat at 7.00 pm; Sun at 10.00 am) speaker: Stuart Jones

**Venue:** Church of Christ, Glamis Centre, Pitteuchar, Glenrothes KY7 4RH

**For further details contact: Allen Phillips (07599) 253333 or Scott Tominey (07454) 972691**

## Stockwell Ladies' Fellowship Day 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017 12.30 to 5.30 pm

Guest Speaker: Louise 'Weezie'  
Burger will speak on Ephesians  
5:16 "Evangelism Make it Count"

Venue: St Mary's Church & Community  
Centre, 17 St Mary's Road, London SW15 2EA

Contact: Bernie Wells (07904 303347)

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Email: fieldofrefuge@hotmail.com

Contact: 07450 296 427 (Yvonne Cass)



KEYNOTE SPEAKER – Mark Adams (USA)

SONG LEADER – Alan Dod (Thamesmead)

### SPEAKERS

Truitt Adair (USA)

Iain Cameron (East Kilbride)

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# Diary

## June

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Reading:** RISE (Reading in Song event) – Praise and Harmony Workshop with Anthony Lancaster, William Gooch and Durant, at Lodden Valley Leisure Centre: 3.00-5.00 pm. Also at 6.30 pm a singing programme by Durant. Contact: Craig Benjamin (csbjlb@gmail.com).

**9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> – Perth & Glenrothes:** Lessons on the Holy Spirit, Friday & Saturday 7.00 pm, Sunday, 10.00 am, at Glamis Centre, Pitteuchar, Glenrothes KY7 4RH. Speaker: Brian Garnett. Contact Allen Phillips (07599 253333), Scott Tominey (07454 972691) or Maurice Chatlton (07517 285420).

**10<sup>th</sup> – Stockwell:** Ladies' Fellowship Day: "Evangelism – Make it Count", 12.30 am-5.30 pm, at St. Mary's Church & Community Centre, 17 St. Mary's Road, London SE15 2EA; speaker: Louise 'Weezie' Burger. Contact: Bernie Wells (07904 303347 or bern.wells@hotmail.co.uk).

**16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> – Perth & Glenrothes:** Lessons on Christian Evidences, Friday & Saturday 7.00 pm, Sunday, 10.00 am, at Glamis Centre, Pitteuchar, Glenrothes KY7 4RH. Speaker: Stuart Jones. Contact Allen Phillips (07599 253333), Scott Tominey (07454 972691) or Maurice Chatlton (07517 285420).

**17<sup>th</sup> – Liverpool:** All Day Fellowship: "Go Ye Means Go Me", 10.00 am-4.00 pm, speaker: Jason Snethen. Contact: Charles Yankiah (07891 262910 or cyankiah@hotmail.com).

**24<sup>th</sup> – Northampton:** Men's Day. Theme: "All with one accord" (ways of promoting unity and togetherness as Christians). Speakers: John Griffiths and Patrick Boyns. Contact: Mark Hill (northamptonchurchofchrist@gmail.com).

## July

**1<sup>st</sup> – London:** Ladies' Lectureship – "Feminism and the church" at Pastures Youth Centre, Davies Lane, Leystone, London E11 3DR, 10.00 am-4.00 pm. Contact: Louisa (07985 353407), Winifred (07403 919188), Adelaide (07984 425726).

**7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> – Liverpool:** Youth Weekend. Contact Mike Glover (07879 444267 or mike97@talktalk.net) or Lawrence Okorafor (07456 483374 or lawrence.okorafor@yahoo.com).

**8<sup>th</sup> – Edmonton:** Men's Workshop – "Breaking the Barriers of Congregation Collaboration" at Northumberland Park Community School, Trulock Road, London N17 0PG, speaker: Garry Smith. Contact: Charles Banin (charlesbanino@aol.com).

**15<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> – Camp Heatherbell:** "AU CH:50". Cost: £135. Contact: Adam Barr (15 Roseburn Court, Whitelees, Cumbernauld G67 3PS).

**23<sup>rd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> – Camp Maplewell:** "Faith Builders" (age 7-13). Contact: Simon Hardy (07435 091041 or simonthehitman@hotmail.co.uk) or Mark Hill (07434 956692).

**23<sup>rd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> – Camp Tayside:** Contact: Paddy Sullivan.

**30<sup>th</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> August – Camp Maplewell:** "Fruition" (age 13+). Contact Guy Sandison (07791 101397 or guysandison@hotmail.co.uk) or Mark Hill (07434 956692).

## August

**5<sup>th</sup> – Leicester:** Ladies' Day – "Mirror, Mirror", 10.00 am-3.00 pm, at Newfound Pool Centre, Pool Road, Leicester LE3 9GH; speakers: Jean Eckman and Pauline Williams. Contact: Janet Hill (07804 685597).

**7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> – Sheffield:** Vacation Bible Study for children. Contact 07454 884119 and 07508 033534.

**12<sup>th</sup> – Mitcham:** Ladies' Day – "Let the beauty of Christ be seen in you"; venue: South Mitcham Community Centre, SMCA Cobham Court, Haslemere Avenue, Mitcham CR4 3PR. Contact: mitchamcoc@yahoo.com.

**12<sup>th</sup> – Eastwood:** Quarterly Outreach meeting: "Jesus, the Messiah" (1–Propheisied, 2–Fulfilled); light refreshments at 6.00 pm and lesson at 7.00 pm; speaker: Jon Galloway. Contact: Adrian Limb (cofceastwood@aol.com).

**13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> – British Bible Camp.**

**24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> – European Christian Workshop** at Lancaster: *Shalom*.



### September

15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> – **Gemünden, Germany**: European Singles Retreat. Information: <http://www.singlesretreat.net>.

16<sup>th</sup> – **Great Barr**: Annual Fellowship Day.

23<sup>rd</sup> – **Peterhead**: Annual Social Day.

29<sup>th</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> October – **Field of Refuge**: Women's renewal at Tulliallan Castle, Kincardine. Cost: £95.00. Information: [fieldofrefuge@hotmail.com](mailto:fieldofrefuge@hotmail.com) or Yvonne Cass (07450 296427).

### October

6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> – **East Kilbride**: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: "Galatians" (part 1) presented by Jack Paton and Mitch Vick. Friday: 7.30-9.45 pm; Saturday: 9.30 am-5.30 pm.

7<sup>th</sup> – **Manchester (Stretford)**: Special meeting, beginning with lunch at 1.00 pm. Contact: Pilomon ([dr\\_mpraja@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dr_mpraja@yahoo.co.uk)).

13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> – **Wembley**: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: "The Letters of John" (part 1) presented by Steve Whitehead and John Griffiths.

27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> – **Livingston**: Youth Weekend.

27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> – **Sheffield**: Gospel meetings – "Is the Gospel Really Good News?" Contact: 07982 906618 or 07508 033534 for further information.

### November

3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> – **East Kilbride**: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: "Galatians" (part 2) presented by Jack Paton and Mitch Vick. Friday: 7.30-9.45 pm; Saturday: 9.30 am-5.30 pm.

3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> – **Great Barr**: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: "The Letters of John" (part 1) presented by Steve Whitehead and John Griffiths.

4<sup>th</sup> – **Leicester**: Fellowship Day, 10.00 am-4.00 pm; speakers: Truit Adair, Gary Walker, Tim Burrow. Contact Paul Hill ([paulh41@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:paulh41@hotmail.co.uk)).

6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> – **British Bible School**: Residential Study Week at Bassenfell Manor, near Keswick. Module: "Walking with God" presented by Patrick Boyns and Ian Starrs. Cost for the week (room and board): £150. To register, go to [britishbibleschool.com](http://britishbibleschool.com).

10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> – **East Kilbride & Clarkston**: Annual Joint Glasgow-area Gospel Meetings – Friday at East Kilbride, 7.30 pm, Saturday at Clarkston, 7.30 pm, combined Sunday worship at East Kilbride, 10.00 & 11.00 am; speaker: Patrick Boyns. Contact: Jon Galloway ([jdgalloway@mac.com](mailto:jdgalloway@mac.com)) or Jack Paton ([jgpaton@glasgowalumni.net](mailto:jgpaton@glasgowalumni.net)).

11<sup>th</sup> – **Eastwood**: Quarterly Outreach meeting: "Jesus: Prophet, Priest and King" (1-Prophet, 2- Priest & King); light refreshments at 6.00 pm and lesson at 7.00 pm; speaker: Bob Eckman. Contact: Adrian Limb ([cofceastwood@aol.com](mailto:cofceastwood@aol.com)).

17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> – **Wembley**: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: "The Letters of John" (part 2) presented by Steve Whitehead, John Griffiths and Patrick Boyns.

24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> – **Great Barr**: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: "The Letters of John" (part 2) presented by Steve Whitehead, John Griffiths and Patrick Boyns.

### January 2018

19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> – **Bassenthwaite Family Retreat** at Bassenfell Manor (Lake District). Organised by the British Bible School.

### February

3<sup>rd</sup> – **Cumbernauld**: Men's Day.

19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> – **Gemünden, Germany**: Advanced Bible Study Series. ABSS I Monday-Friday, ABSS II Friday-Sunday. For further information or to book your place, contact: Paul Brazle ([brazle.paul@gmail.com](mailto:brazle.paul@gmail.com)) or +32 488 481 082). (Follow group on Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/697781630273815/>)

### March

10<sup>th</sup> – **Great Barr**: Bible Seminar.

### July

21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> – **Commonwealth of Dominica**: 8<sup>th</sup> International Women's Lectureship – "Wise Woman, Hold On, the Best is Yet to Come." Contact: [eighthiwl2018@gmail.com](mailto:eighthiwl2018@gmail.com)

### September

8<sup>th</sup> – **Great Barr**: Fellowship Day.

# The Last Word: "Bombs, computer hackers and politics"



So it happened again and once more our nation is hurting because of the extremes of wicked people. We grieve with those who have lost loved ones in the Manchester Arena attack. At a prayer meeting I attended the following day all I could hear in my mind was the anguished cries of mothers, the sobs of fathers and the disbelief of friends. A week or so before that event, computer hackers tried to destroy the workings of the National Health Service bringing hospitals to crisis point and we wonder why. Why do people do such things?

Now we, as a country, face another general election and many wonder about the future. No doubt there will be angry words and promises given that will not be realised. Bombs, computer hackers and aggressive politics are a way of life, but I am not convinced that this is how life is meant to be lived.

2 Peter 1:3-4 reminds us that we have everything we need for life and godliness so that we may escape the corruption of the world caused by evil desires. This leads on to an encouragement to develop our faith by adding to it; goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness and love. Faith to love is an eight step goal but it does take effort, time and putting ourselves out to gain those attributes. The development of these qualities leads us to be effective and productive in our knowledge of Jesus.

Those who stand against society must again be reminded of the love that Jesus offers each one. This is the call and power of the gospel. Many who were against Christ have been called to his side by learning of his death for them. With all I have, let me encourage all Christians to be bold in the places where they live. Be involved in schools, social action or community projects. Jesus teaches us to go and if we do, the people we meet may surprise us and come. We have something special – salvation. We have someone even more special – Jesus. Please share Him.

*Trevor*

## Prayer

*Father God, take from us all longing for vengeance.*

*Fill us with compassion for victims of violence throughout the world.*

*Give us love that is not withheld even from our enemies.*

*Grant that our leaders may act justly.*

*Pull us from the grasp of violence.*

*Guide our steps in YOUR way of peace.*

*Amen*

