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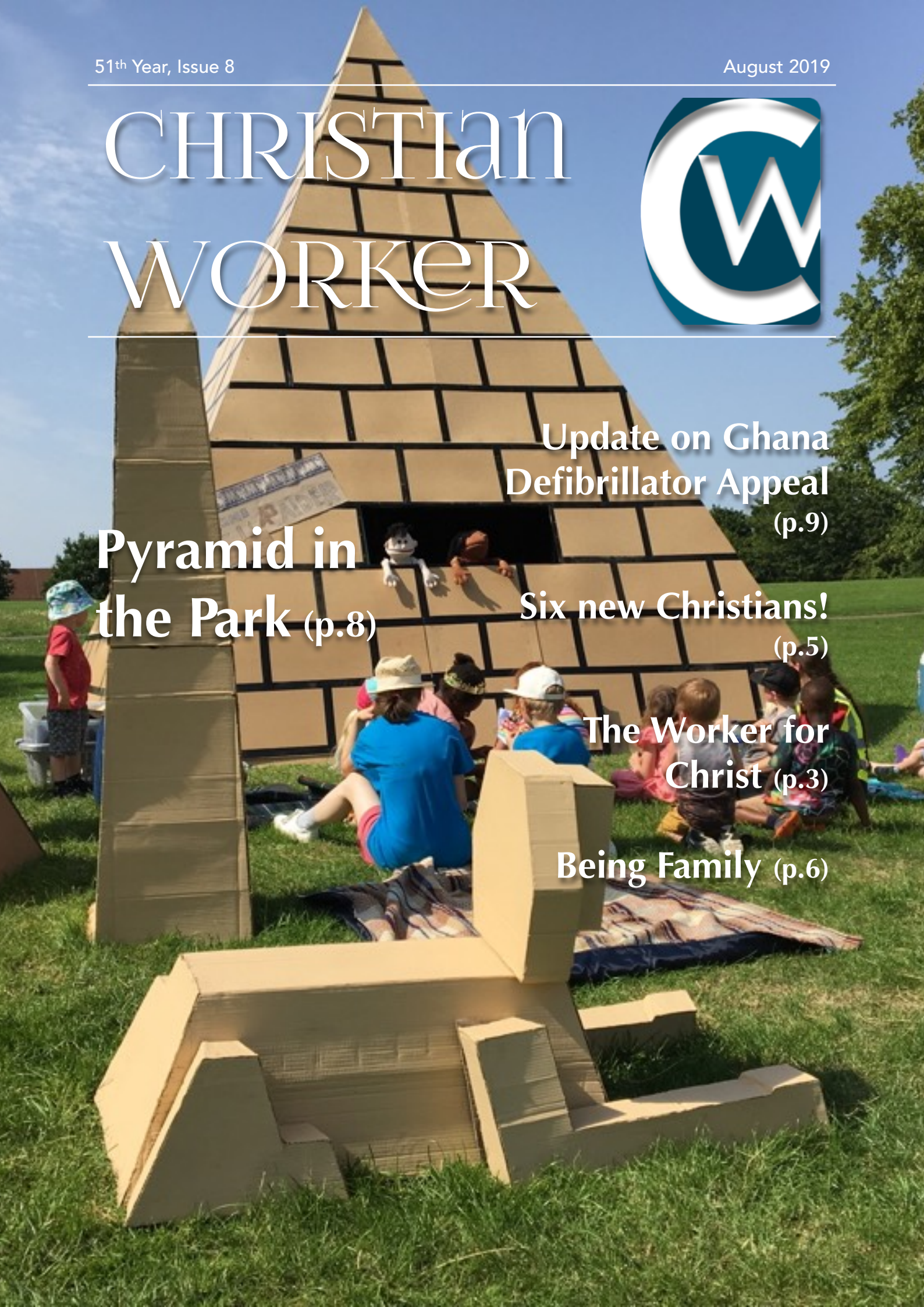
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As I was looking for an article from our *Christian Worker* archives, I ended up skimming through the issues from 1978, forty years ago. I was curious in particular about who were preaching and teaching in the UK congregations that year. The list of speakers at special events are a “Who’s Who” among the congregations then, many of whom have gone onto their reward.

Alan Ashurst, Don Barry, Elmer Bell, I. Carey, Len Channing, Tony Coffey, K. Daniell, L. Daniell, John Diggle, John H. Diggle, Bob Eckman, H.B. Frank, Alvin Gardiner, Andrew Gardiner, Michael Gaunt, Graham Gorton, Mark Hackney, Neil Hayes, Perry Jinkerson, Sidney Johnson, Bert Kerr, Gaylon Lamb, Ralph Limb, Jackie McKeown, John McLuckie, Ernest Makin, Lloyd Mansfield, Alf Marsdon, Jackie Martin, Dennis May, M. Mountford, Ken Mullan, Bill Murrell, Brian Nisbet, J.C. Nisbet, Joe Nisbet, John Partington, Philip Partington, Jerry Porter, John Sharp, Gordon Shields, Jim Sinclair, Brian Stevens, Jack Stevenson, Jack Stewart, Alex Strachan, Gene Vance, Trevor Williams, Albert Winstanley, and Frank Worgan; and visitors from the USA: *Dub Chism, Ted Cline, Leon Crouch, Everett Evans, Sewell Hall, Lee Hodges, Elvis Huffard, Jerry Humphries, Hugo McCord, Edward Myers, Warder Novak, Clayton Pepper, J.J. Turner, Fred Walker, and Jimmie Wood.*

As a point of comparison, I looked through the twelve issues from 2018 – forty years later. There were less than half the number of speakers and teachers at congregation events and fewer from the USA. This may largely reflect a change in our society as many no longer hold ‘gospel meetings’. It does show less reliance on the USA. Below is the list from last year.

Adam Barr, Patrick Boyns, David Chapman, Tony Coffey, Ian Davidson, Stephen Eusell, Jon Galloway, Mike Glover, John Griffiths, Mark Hill, Paul Hill, Pete Hodge, Adrian Limb, Graham McDonald, John Mooney, Graeme Morrison, Alan Moyes, Ken Mullan, David Murray, Jack Paton, Gary Smith, Jason Snethan, Ian Starrs, Scott Tominey, Steven Whitehead, and Trevor Williams; and visitors from the USA: *Kyle Campbell, Everett Chambers, Jeremy Tate, and Don Underwood.*

The more important question: what will this list look like in 2058? It is important that we be training those who can preach and teach now so that we are ready for the future.

Working for Christ calls for qualities which makes demand upon the worker. Paul's description of his work in Thessalonica (1 Thess. 2:1-2), highlights the ideals of the worker for Christ. Chapter one shows that his work there had been very successful. Hence he can say that his visit was not "in vain" (verse 1). With this he introduces:

The Conflict of the Christian Worker

He relates the experience at Philippi. For healing a demon-possessed girl, he and Silas had been stripped, beaten with rods, and thrown into the inner prison where their feet were fastened in the stocks (Acts 16). Such was the indignity suffered that Paul felt justified in asserting his Roman citizenship. He required the magistrates to come and take them out of the prison. The magistrates ushered them out of the gaol. And they went to Thessalonica (Acts 16).

The Courage of the Christian Worker

They were not deterred from preaching by this treatment. "We had the courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the face of great opposition." Paul defines the source of this courage, first from the negative point of view. He says that their appeal did not spring from (1) error: they were not trying to lead people astray. (Compare the attitude of wicked men defined in 2 Timothy 3:13.) (2) Uncleanness was not their motive. This emphasis was much needed – the appeal was not to self-indulgence. (3) Guile was not the reason. The word means "to catch with bait", and suggests subtlety in presentation and approach.

Paul is keenly sensitive about charges against the purity of his life and motives.

He is also very sensitive about any charges against the truth and correctness of his message.

Then he sets forth the positive side of his appeal. Against all that has been said above, he emphasises that God had tested him and that he had won God's approval – before the gospel was committed to him. Also, God had trusted him by committing to him the gospel to reveal and declare. Finally, he emphasised that in all his labours he was concerned not to please men but God. All his courage stemmed from this. His message was from God, and he was deeply conscious that his apostleship was from God.

The Conduct of the Christian Worker

In verses 5-12 Paul describes his and Silas' conduct in Thessalonica. He clearly vindicates their *words* – they did not resort to flattery. The word reflects the thought of "fawning upon people". One authority speaks of "the selfish conduct of many of the rhetoricians of that day". Such conduct was extremely repugnant to Paul.

He also vindicates their *wishes* – they did not seek or desire self-gain. Paul speaks of a "cloak for greed". Their gospel was not just a "cover-up" for a money-making concern. Note that he calls God for a witness here. Only God can be witness to our motives. By calling God to witness the apostle proves his complete integrity at this point. Not only were they not seeking self-gain, but also they were not seeking the self-glory of man. There was no worry ambition mixed up in their motives. This applied to the esteem of the members of the church or non-christians; and it applied both in Thessalonica and elsewhere.

Paul also wished to vindicate their *ways*. He makes a beautiful statement about the ways of the Christian worker (verses 7-12). He uses two figures. First, he likens himself and Silas to “nursing mothers”. He means a nurse dealing with her own natural children; a combination of the nurse’s skill and the mother’s love. So he saw himself “taking care” of the Christians. The words mean “keeping warm”, as a mother bird protects her young. This illustrates beautifully the activity of the Christian worker with the new Christian. The second figure is that of a father with his children (verse 11). The father teaches, but he does a great deal more in the discipline exerted.

Secondly, the apostle shows a depth of commitment (verse 8). He was willing to go down even to death for them, to communicate the new life of the gospel to them. How near he came to doing that is seen in Acts 17:1-10.

Thirdly, Paul shows a greatness of endeavour (verse 9). Three different words are used. The verb is the usual word for “work”, and from it we derive our word for “energy”. Then he speaks of “labour”, which is the sort that results in real weariness. The third word used suggests the idea of working until real *physical pain* is experienced. Thus the apostle had worked very hard, not only to preach to them, but also to support himself so that he could preach to them without charge.

Finally, Paul shows a comprehensiveness of method. He did not content himself with one method in making known his message. He used four. He spoke as the *herald*, announcing the gospel. Like an *advocate*, he stood alongside them to exhort them. Like a *father* he encouraged them. Like a *witness* he testified to them.

In all this, Paul and Silas were holy: they showed by their lives that they were different from the false teachers. In all their work they were just – above question in their dealings with the brethren. Their only objective was that the Thessalonians should live “worthy of God who calls” both them and all men “into his own kingdom and glory”.

Surely in these words we have a timely message for the “worker of Christ” today.

Andrew Gardiner

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Congratulations!

Sheffield: Emmanuel Oppong was immersed into Jesus on 23rd June.

Let us continue praying, and encouraging him for this journey he has taken, especially as Emmanuel is such a young boy of 11 years.

Patrick Oppong

Brighton: We thank God for the series of baptisms that we have been able to witness during 2018 and 2019.

Following the Summer campaign of August 2018, three members of the Ripley family, **George Snr, George Jnr** and **Emily** were immersed into Jesus on 28th October 2018.

Additionally, after a series of midweek Bible studies and Sunday morning classes, **Michael Hooper** made his decision to be immersed on 21st April 2019.

Theresa Nimoh

Northampton: We are delighted to report the baptism of our new sister in Christ, **Comfort Boadi**.

Comfort's sister who lives in America came into contact with a Christian over there. Having discovered Christ she told her sister to find a church of Christ near her and that happened to be the congregation in Northampton. She rang and asked for help to come to worship which was provided and straightaway Comfort wanted to study the Bible. So within weeks of first making contact she decided to give her life to Christ.

Truly God works in mysterious ways.

Mark Hill



Emmanuel Oppong's baptism

Moses Masih from the Bristol congregation and **Heather Winstanley** from the Newport congregation were married in South Wales on 20th July. Congratulations to them both.

Trevor Williams



There's nothing quite like family

Whichever way one looks at us, there's something rather special about the people of God. Our specialness, of course, has little to do with ourselves but everything to do with the One to whom we belong. Whether we are the community of believers, the body of Christ, or the temple of the living God – we are unique among creation.

I suspect, however, that it may be the attribution of family which is cherished more than others. We are brothers and sisters in Christ – children of our loving Father in heaven. There is truly no family on earth quite like us. We might find ourselves thousands of miles from home and yet still find a warm welcome among strangers – strangers who happen also to be family.

Thankfully we don't generally need to travel thousands of miles from home to find spiritual family. Most of us are blessed with local assemblies of believers – brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus who will be there for us, no matter what. There may occasionally be upsets, sometimes dysfunctionality, but still we are family. For all our imperfections we recognise that our ties are deeper than anything known in this world, and will endure long after it is passed.



Recognising the importance and the blessings of family, a number of years ago we began holding an annual Family Retreat in the Lake District. Unlike the various and intensive Study Events we hold in various places throughout the year, the Family Retreat is a time for reflection and renewal among fellow believers in a quiet and relaxing setting.

Ever since the second year this event has consistently been fully booked, so last September we held a similar event near Dereham in Norfolk. The venue is a Georgian mansion, set in the midst of the Norfolk countryside, and is ideal for such a large family gathering.

Whether you have been to one of our events before or not, we would love to have you with us in September – but you'll need to book soon as places are allocated on a first come, first served basis. It matters not if you are booking alone or planning to bring your whole family – families need all sorts and all ages are welcome. Further details are available on our website.

For your continued help and support, we are most thankful.

Patrick Boyns
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May McCallum (Motherwell/Livingston)

1917-2019

We chronicle the death of our sister, May McCallum, who passed away on the 23rd June 2019 at the age of 102 in Peacock Nursing Home, Livingston. She was associated with the above congregations for a long number of years.

May was baptised sometime in the early 1940's, following her marriage to our late brother John McCallum. They were to play an important role in the history of the Blackridge congregation, sadly, no longer with us.

Both were stalwarts in the Lord's service. May continued to be so even without John in the last twenty-eight years of her life. She proved to be firm, strong and unwavering in her Christian faith, right to



the end. She will not be forgotten by any who knew her.

The funeral at the Livingston congregation's meeting place was conducted by Ian Davidson of Motherwell and the service of internment at Whitburn by John Mooney of Livingston. We thank all the nephews, nieces, fellow saints, friends and carers who were in attendance.

May's constant hope was that one day she would see Jesus "Face to Face" – the title of one of her favourite hymns. That hope is now realised.

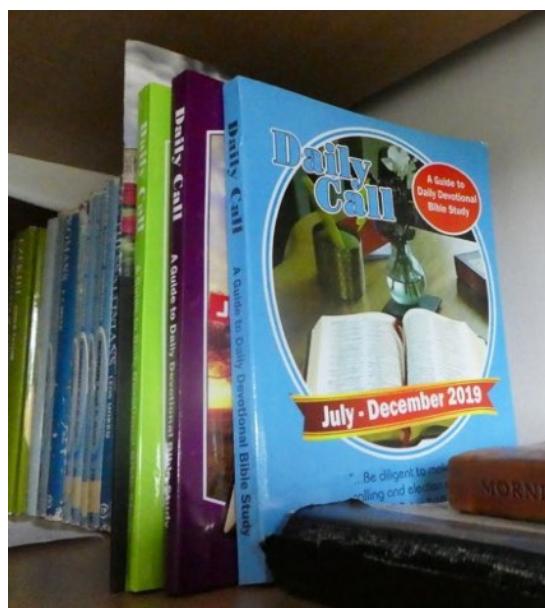
We thank God for her long, humble and honourable life.

Ian Davidson

Family News

Northampton: For some time under the guidance of Kunle Orekoya, an elder in the Northampton congregation, a daily devotional book has been produced. Written by brethren near and far it may now be purchased by UK brethren.

The cost will be around £4.00 for a six month devotional study



guide. Contact Kunle Orekoya, 4 Conegree Court, Northampton NN3 9BN; phone (07958) 668121 or email him at kunleorekoya@yahoo.co.uk.

Trevor Williams

Kirkcaldy: It was our pleasure to welcome Jan Duncan and Carol Duncan-Farrell into our fellowship on Sunday, 14th July. We pray that we can encourage each other in our faith.

Tony Clark

Bristol: Although Glastonbury had the likes of The Killers, Carrie Underwood and Liam Gallagher playing on its Pyramid stage on Saturday, 29th June, we had the ‘Grand Pyramid at Giza’ stage, complete with its own sphynxes.

We constructed a 25-foot Pyramid in a local park to tell the story of Joseph. The weather was perfect and felt like we were in Egypt, it was so hot.



Our annual ‘Park Day’ drew in visitors from around the area who enjoyed games and dress up. The Pyramid was not just where we had our puppet show to tell the story of Joseph, but when the show was not on it doubled as a tomb treasure hunt. We had return visitors from previous years, as well as new ones who were very keen, asking what themes had been held before.

On the Sunday, we enjoyed a ‘family’ picnic in the same park and many of the congregation enjoyed fellowship and games. This was also in preparation for our Praise in the Park where we set up a tent and held our evening worship service in the open. We sang hymns and heard an appropriate message. There were 65 worshipping in the open, including many visitors.

Check out our Facebook and Instagram pages for photos. Please keep the visitors in

your prayers, that they may come to know us, and more importantly, the love of God.

Robert Daniell

Edmonton (London): The elders and the leadership would like to thank everyone who contributed in diverse ways to make the fourth edition of the Men’s Workshop a success. The theme for this year’s workshop was ‘Conflict in the Local Church.’ The workshop took place on 6th July. Our speaker was John Griffiths from Wembley. The workshop was attended by fifty-one Christian men from thirteen congregations in and around London.

Three main case studies were presented by the speaker to address conflicts in local congregations. The texts that were looked at were all from the book of Acts:

6:1-7, 15:1-35, and 15:36-41. We learned that the main source of conflict in local congregations today is ‘Personal Differences.’ The inability of most of congregations to resolved their personal differences among Christians is causing

division in the group, sometimes leading to the congregation splitting.

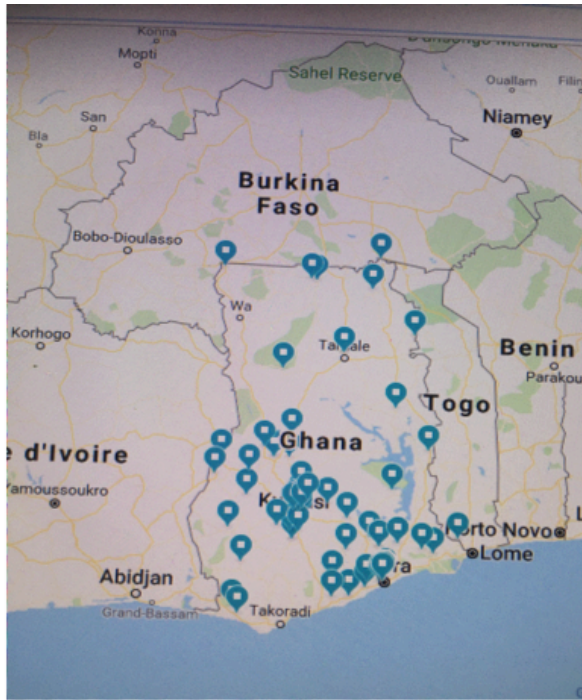
On the whole, this year’s workshop was a great success. Those attending were edified and thanked the leadership at Edmonton for coming up with such an important topic. We hope that those who attended will go back and implement the lessons learned so that unity will prevail.

Adu-yeboah Maxwell

Appeal Update: Ghana Defibrillator Project

I would like to thank all the congregations and individuals for their generous donations to support this project. External defibrillators are an essential part of basic life support in cardiac arrest situations, and the most effective means of bringing back normal rhythm.

My recent trip to Ghana to distribute defibrillators and train healthcare personnel on the use of the equipment was a huge success. Because of your generous contributions, over 90 hospitals in Ghana now have defibrillators when previously only a few hospitals had them. See the map above to see the spread of hospitals across Ghana now with defibrillators.



Such is the success of the project that I'm planning to return to Ghana in September to do follow up training on ECG interpretation. We're also planning to send a team from Aberdeen Royal Infirmary next summer to Ghana to help with treating heart disease.

A special thank you to John Tamakloe, Dr Peasah and Godfred Essoun (my assistant), who were very helpful during my time in Ghana.

I would be grateful for donations to help further the progress of this project. Please send cheques payable to "Aberdeen Church of Christ" to: David Murray, 11 Hunters Rise, Pitmedden, AB41 7QD. Write on the back "Ghana Medical Fund".

Bank transfers to: Aberdeen Church of Christ; account no.: 00100607; sort code: 80-05-11.

Julius Donkor

I have received letters from CHAG (Christian Health Association of Ghana) and many hospitals thanking the churches of Christ UK for making all this possible.

This project has attracted a lot of interest including a few newspaper articles that have commented on the church's contribution so God's name is being glorified.



Donating five defibrillators at Komfo Anokye teaching hospital, Kumasi, Julius shaking hands with Dr Maxwell Osei-Ampofo.

Appeal for Ishaby Tinarwo

19 years ago we met a young man, Ishaby Tinarwo, who was attending the British Bible School. Ishaby is a Zimbabwean who, after graduation, returned to Zimbabwe to spread the gospel amongst his fellow citizens. He has worked continually as an evangelist and due to his diligence many have come to know Jesus as their Saviour.

Annie and I were able to support Ishaby financially for many years and when we retired, the Northampton congregation continued to support him in many and various ways. Sadly, at the age of 46, Ishaby has been given some very bad news from a Consultant in Zimbabwe. This consultant, a Cardiologist, has informed him that his heart is failing. This is due to the main valves in the heart leaking: the mitral and the aortic valves. The immediate results are shortness of breath, swollen legs (due to fluid retention) and a general debilitation. The heart is 'floating' in water because the circulation is very poor.

At present, Ishaby is trying to lose at least 22 kgs in weight due to the extra water gathering in his body. He has informed us that the long-term prognosis is bad as basically his heart is failing. The cost of an operation is estimated at £3500 including after care.

We, as his representatives in Britain, are now appealing to every congregation in the Christian Worker directory. At present we are once again worshipping with the congregation in Corby who fully back our appeal. Please look into your hearts brothers and sisters. We would welcome any amount, be it large or small, as 'every little' will most certainly help this young man to live a longer life.

Please note that we also have a good friend, Augustine Nyamatore (a former elder at



Ishaby and Happiness Tinarwo

Northampton) on board, who has visited Ishaby when he was in Zimbabwe recently and who will also ask for some help from the Zimbabwean churches.

Any donation made by cheque should be made out to 'Corby church of Christ' and sent to David Harland our treasurer at: 19

Norway Close, Corby, Northants NN18 9EG. Bank transfer can be made into Corby's current account – Sort code 60-06-11; Account No: 29043239; Account name: Church of Christ.

Please contact us if you would like additional information – Dave Carscadden (07761) 647130, Email: davidcarscadden1@sky.com or Augustine Nyamatore – (07926) 976575, Email: anyamatore@gmail.com

Dave and Annie Carscadden

Appeal for the Gyan family

The 7th of May marked the date that our late brother Maxwell Gyan was called to glory 2018. In accordance with the Ghanaian customs, the widow is set free from any marital rites from the deceased and could re-marry after one year

By the Lord's grace the family are doing well. After the funeral was completed we disclosed the amount left to the widow and it has been prudently spent on their needs as below.

1. The larger share of the money was spent on their Home Office documentation for the remaining five members of the family. Only one has a British passport and the rest are on annual renewable visas. This will require further funds to be spent until all attain British citizenship.

2. Housing is not an issue for the family and personal wares and things to do with their school were taken care of with whatever was left from the remaining contributions. As it is, the widow cannot do any meaningful work due to the ages of the children and the distance they must cover to school and back.

Therefore, we are using this to appeal to all concerned congregations to set aside one Sunday that the brethren will consider this needy family and raise funds to help them at this point of their need.

The Lord took our brother from us with the hope that we will be able to take care of the family. This family relies on us, their fellow Christians. Please let us continue to show them our love by donating to the account below.

Bright Gyan, Sort code: 07-04-36, Account no: 41224729.

We will also use this mail to request your daily prayer and support for the upbringing of the children, that the Lord should direct their hearts to him, so that our efforts will not be in vain.

Clive Campbell and Robert Armah

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Autumn Study Week 2019

Our Autumn Residential Study Weeks have proved to be particularly useful, so we're conducting another one from **4th to 8th November 2019**. This year we will be working through one of our Old Testament modules: *The Deliverance of Israel* (OLD04b) involving a study of the books of Judges and Ruth.

The cost for the week is only £150 per person for full board and accommodation. You can find further details of this event along with a Registration Form on our website [here](#).

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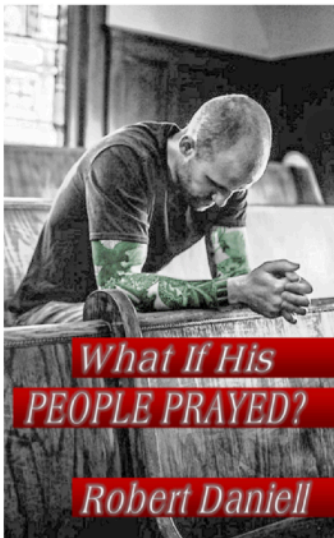
For more information for younger week:

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Or Debbie Hill on 07940 160634 or
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This book can be bought from Waterstones and Amazon in paperback, and also in Kindle.

EUROPEAN CHRISTIAN WORKSHOP




KEYNOTE
SPEAKER

TONY COFFEY

22nd – 24th August 2019




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Psalms 46:10

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 G75 9JL

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 Sunday, 27th October 11.00am to 1.15pm
 Saturday, 16th November 9.00am to 5.30pm
 Sunday, 17th November 11.00am to 1.15pm

Teachers: Patrick Boyns and Jon Galloway
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August

10th – Eastwood (Nottinghamshire): Quarterly Outreach meeting – “Jesus – in the Church”; speaker: Jon Galloway. Light refreshments at 6.00 pm and lesson at 7.00 pm. Contact: Adrian Limb (cofceastwood@aol.com).

12th-16th August – Camp Charnwood: Ages 7-13 – “Problem? Solved †”. Cost: £95 (£90 if pay £20 deposit before 30th April). Venue: John’s Lee Wood Scout Campsite, Markfield Lane, Markfield, Leicestershire LE67 9PS. Contact: Simon Hardy (07728 028636 or simonthehitman@hotmail.co.uk) or Debbie Hill (07940 160634 or j.hill147@hotmail.co.uk).

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22nd-24th August – European Christian Workshop: “The Journey,” at Lancaster University. Cost: £150 (if register before 31st May, £160 after). www.europeanchristianworkshop.com
Contact: Stephen Woodcock (01509 768789) or registration@europeanchristianworkshop.com.

September

7th-8th September – East Kilbride: Outreach meetings with Mike Heinemeier; Saturday: 6.00 – Light refreshments and 7.00 – lesson; Sunday at worship & Bible study times. Contact: Jon Galloway (07906 060618 or jdgalloway@mac.com).

13th-15th – BBS Family Retreat: “Stories of Jesus”; venue: Letton Hall, Norfolk. Contact: britishbibleschool.com

21st – Stretford (Manchester): Special meeting – “Why Jesus is – the Way”. Lunch at 1.00 pm and lesson at 2.00 pm. Contact: Pilomon Raja (dr_mpraja@yahoo.co.uk).

28th – Peterhead: Annual Social Day, 1.00 pm. Speakers: Ian Davidson and Mark Hill. It would be appreciated if an indication of numbers coming two weeks in advance, to help with catering. Contact: William Strachan wstrachan007@gmail.com.

28th-29th – Brighton: Gospel meeting – “What Does It Mean To Be A Christian?”, speaker: Ron Halbrook. Venue: 11 Oxford Street, Brighton BN1 4LA. Contact: Constant Coulibaly (constantcoulibaly@hotmail.com or 07984 589904).

October

4th-6th – Glasgow area: Joint gospel meetings between **East Kilbride** and **Clarkston**, speaker: Bob Eckman; Friday & Saturday, 7.30 pm; Sunday at East Kilbride – class: 10.00 am and worship: 11.00. Contact: Jon Galloway (07906 060618 or jdgalloway@mac.com).

11th – Field of Refuge: Women’s renewal – “Selah”. Venue: Tulliallan Castle, Kincardine FK10 4BE. Cost: Shared Room £120 (£112 if booking confirmed before 1st June), Single Occupancy £145; £35 non-refundable deposit required to confirm booking (remaining balance due by 1st October). Contact: fieldofrefuge@hotmail.com.

19th-20th – Hyvots Bank, Edinburgh: Outreach meetings at Faith Mission, Gilmerton Road, Edinburgh, 7.30 pm – “Is God Relevant?”; speaker: Jon Galloway. Contact: Nick Wilson (hniwilson@blueyonder.co.uk or 01506 493290).

25th-26th – East Kilbride: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: “Ezekiel” (part 1). Friday – 7.30-9.45 pm; Saturday – 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. Teachers: Patrick Boyns and Jon Galloway.
www.britishbibleschool.com

November

1st-2nd – Wembley (London): British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: “Galatians” (part 1). Friday – 7.15-9.30 pm; Saturday – 9.00 am to 5.15 pm. Teachers: Jack Paton and John Griffiths.
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4th-8th – British Bible School: Residential Study Week at Bassenfell Manor, near Keswick. Teachers: Patrick Boyns, John Griffiths, Jack Paton and Steve Whitehead. Contact:
study@britishbibleschool.com.

8th-9th – Morley: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: “Ephesians” (part 1). Teachers: Patrick Boyns and Mark Hill. www.britishbibleschool.com

9th – Eastwood (Nottinghamshire): Quarterly Outreach meeting – “Jesus – and His Return”. Light refreshments at 6.00 pm and lesson at 7.00 pm. Contact: Adrian Limb (cofceastwood@aol.com).

15th-16th – East Kilbride: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: “Ezekiel” (part 2). Friday – 7.30-9.45 pm; Saturday – 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. Teachers: Patrick Boyns and Jon Galloway.
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29th-30th – Wembley (London): British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: “Galatians” (part 2). Friday – 7.15-9.30 pm; Saturday – 9.00 am to 5.15 pm. Teachers: Jack Paton and Bob Eckman.
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December

6th-7th – Morley: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: “Ephesians” (part 2). Teachers: Patrick Boyns and Mark Hill. www.britishbibleschool.com

April 2020

11th – Kirkcaldy: Annual Social Day, 1.30 pm. Speaker: Adam Barr. Contact: Alan Moyes (alan.J.Moyes@gmail.com).

European Events Calendar

September

20th-22nd – Gemünden, Germany: European Singles’ Retreat. This is a Christian weekend retreat held twice a year, in April and September, at Gemünden, Germany. This event is for EVERYONE who is 18 or older, and not married, who wants to be spiritually encouraged / have fun in a Christian environment. Cost: €65 (€10 reduction if pay before deadline). For more information: <https://www.singlesretreat.net/about.html>.

28th – Gemünden, Germany: 50th Anniversary of Gemünden Bible Camp.

29th-4th October – Gemünden, Germany: Work week for Gemünden Camp site.

30th September-3rd October – European Vision Workshop: A time for meeting Christians from congregations all over Europe, hearing about the blessings and problems of their work for Christ. This past year 140 gathered to celebrate, encourage, learn and share. Contact Trevor for more information (twilliams195@hotmail.co.uk).

February 2020

27th-1st March – European Ladies’ Retreat in Burg Lichtenberg, Thallichtenberg, Germany. Theme: “A Royal Priesthood” (1 Peter 2:9). Organised by Christian women in the UK. Contact: elrorganizers@gmail.com. Website: <http://elr.yolasite.com>.

The Final Word: Long Term Marriage



Marriage is the natural result of two people falling in love and wanting to spend the rest of their lives together. It was arranged by our gracious God during the earliest of days and churches do well to encourage their young people to attend marriage preparation classes as this should get the couple to get off to a flying start. As time goes by it may well be useful for married couples also to attend some sort of seminar to help them along the way.

As everyone knows the desire to have children is natural but to watch our children grow is hard work. For years the fun-loving couple can be burdened with little money and a great deal of worry. As far as I am concerned every mother and father deserves a medal at the very least.

Marriage according to scripture should continue for as long as the two people involved should live. Sadly not everyone is blessed with a long life; others may have sixty or seventy years of marriage together. But with long term marriage there is a problem. The person you marry is not necessarily the same person in old age. We look different physically and we will have gone through years of emotional roller-coasters. Our experiences in life will have given us mountain top joys and valleys of heartbreaks. The friends and loved ones of our youth will have passed away or themselves grown old. Other people come along and take their place in family, friends and new brethren in Christ.

Sadly the dreams we had when we first married may have been dashed to the ground or forgotten about. The idea of living with grief and disappointment can totally change who we thought we would be. Strength gives way to weakness, beauty gives way to wrinkles. Suddenly the decades that lay in front are now only years, months or even weeks. Just before we married my Mom said, 'Marriage is all about give and take with far more giving than taking.'

Age can bring so many blessings and long term marriage is an example of keeping the other person in the highest place in our physical lives. Our number one relationship as Christians should be with Jesus. He is there to help us in our marriages, but the rest is up to the couple. Christianity is no guarantee of a successful marriage but it is an amazing foundation stone.

When I look in the mirror I see a chunky, old man with grey hair. Yet it seems like yesterday my waist was slim, my shoulders strong, my hair was thick and black. The time grows short. I



still have a God to serve and a wife to care for. We all have to work at our marriages. No one can take their other half for granted. Make every day special for each other.

Lord, bless our marriages.

Trevor