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The September issue is always a joy to put together as it is the Summer Camps issue. Having worked at several of the camps over the years, both Trevor and I can relate to the joy of working with children.

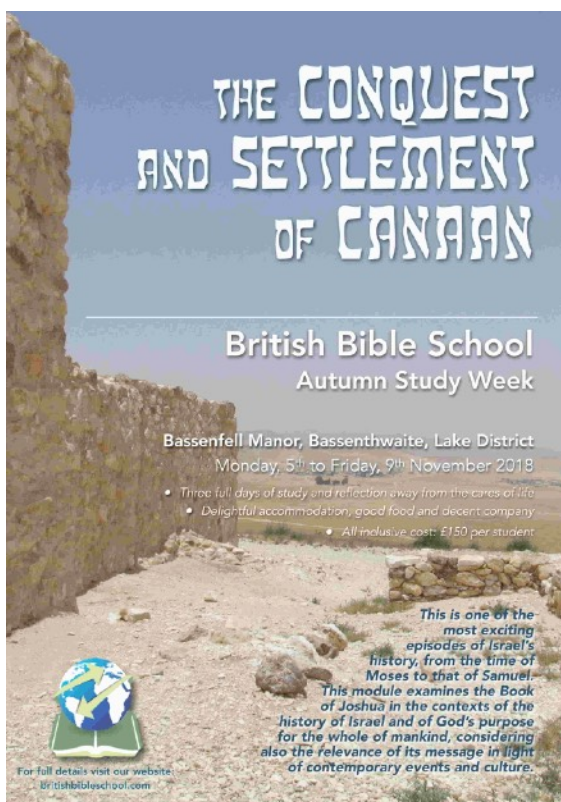
The September issue also marks the anniversary of when Trevor and I began editing and publishing the *Christian Worker*. We have now completed four years of working with this publication. We are thankful for the encouragement we continue to receive as well as all the information that is sent in each month.

With children and students returning to school and their studies, we also see congregational activities increasing. September and October are packed full of opportunities for fellowship and Bible study. Take advantage of as many of these as you can – you will be the one who benefits the most! We look forward to seeing many of you at these events.

As winter approaches there is the opportunity for a week of study with the British Bible School. The first week of November is the time and the venue is Bassenfell Manor Christian Centre in the Lake District. We will have the entire manor to ourselves, so there is plenty of room. The teachers this year will be Patrick Boyns, Mark Hill, and me. We are looking forward to lessons from the

Conquest and Settlement of Canaan. The cost covers room and board and all study materials. Consider taking a week to study God's word and enjoy fellowship with like-minded Christians!

Jon



Spotlight on Summer Camps

British Bible Camp

There were moments of hilarity, heartfelt emotions and hearty cheer this year at British Bible



Camp. From Sunday 19th to Friday 24th August, 142 campers and staff gathered at the Youlbury Scout Activity Centre in Oxfordshire. We were blessed with generally good weather, delicious food and fantastic fellowship.

Our theme for the week was **'Summit'** focusing on significant spiritual events on various Biblical mountains: Ararat, Moriah, Horeb, Nebo, Gerizim & Ebal, Carmel, and Zemaraim. It was interesting to study some less familiar accounts and at camp there's a larger scope to make these stories come alive than perhaps is possible on a Sunday morning. Another advantage of camp is that there is the time and space to provoke personal discussions.

The morning assembly featured a teacher training up a group of (inept) mountaineers, providing humour as well as illustrating lessons on trust, walking carefully, keeping focus, motivation and determination and using your companions to steady you. By the end of the week, with the right training and knowledge of using the equipment, they were all able to reach the summit.

After many years of attending it was encouraging to see the Senior Boys' burgeoning maturity coming into full force. Deeds such as choosing purposefully the

hardest cleanup kitchen duties, encouraging the campers to recite the memory verse with them and generally recognising their level of influence upon the younger ones cultivated a positive camp spirit. It was encouraging to see them mindfully being gracious, taking a portion of the lead in campfire and for those who were Christians, sharing their testimony of faith with their fellow campers. There was power in sharing their story with their peers.

Other highlights included the middle girl cabin who were inspired to remix their own medley of spiritual songs and perform them at the final assembly. Also what started out as a lesson of encouragement in one cabin quickly caught on and spread like wildfire throughout the whole camp: writing personal "warm fuzzies" on post-it notes and sticking them on the dining room window. It was uplifting to read the nice things addressed to others as well as ones others sent to you.

The spirit of camaraderie was strong, extending even to the competitive games. Though the lines were drawn for Sock War, some campers extended handshakes of friendship and even created mini-truces between certain teams. The culmination of this spirit was summed up in what became

an unofficial anthem: “The More We Get Together, the Happier We Will Be.”

After last year’s camp, we were filled with joy hearing of the number of campers around the country who decided to give their lives to Jesus. We’re excited to see how camp has affected their lives this time and we hope that you join us in supporting and praying for our campers.

The dates for next year are Sunday 28th July to Friday 2nd August. If you want your youth to be impacted in a deeply spiritual way, send your forms and deposits in early to avoid disappointment. If you feel inspired to serve in a way that will change lives, send your form and deposit in early, which will help to place you in a role suited to your talents.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Jason Snethen

Camp Tayside

We were blessed again with another fantastic group of campers and dedicated staff to demonstrate God’s love for them.



The theme this year was **'RISK'**. Our focus was on the events and decisions throughout the life of Jesus – an amazing story, but one not absent of trouble. On the surface, the story of Christ may seem very risky, dangerous, and sometimes be uncomfortable – but those same reasons explain why this story, and a life following him, is rewarding, peace-giving, and joy-filled. The theme RISK was carried throughout the week with The Daily Risk (a humorous video analysis of the previous day’s sporting events), along with other ‘risky’ games and challenges.

While the weather prevented a campfire some nights, the attitude and willingness of all the campers and staff meant we had a superb week, full of excitement, surprises and most importantly, full of Christ. With some campers only hearing the name ‘Jesus’ a couple times a year and with no understanding of who he really is, it was a privilege to be able to share the Good News with them, some for the very first time.

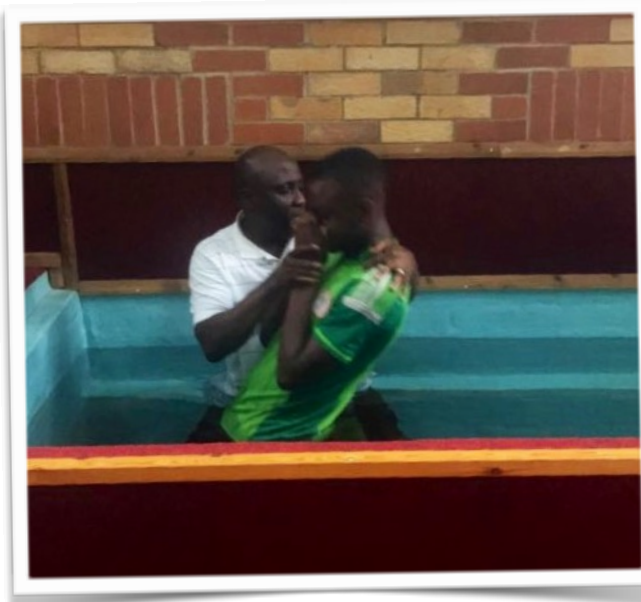
Our oldest campers deserve a special mention: this close group demonstrated so much love, humility and willingness to serve. As staff, we are excited to see where their walk with God will take them and look forward to serving alongside them in the years to come.

Aubrey Boyns

Congratulations!

Cumbernauld: On Monday, 30th July, **Mary Anderson** was baptised into Christ by Adam Barr. The Livingston congregation was kind enough to let us use their baptistery. Mary is the sister-in-law of one of the Christians here and we have known her for several years. She began attending regularly a few months ago. Mary is 93 years young.

Graham McDonald



Northampton: We rejoice and congratulate our dear son, **James Biyi**, for putting forward his faith publicly and not being ashamed of the gospel in the presence of men on 12th August. It will continue to be a remarkable day in his life and we know that the angels in heaven are also rejoicing. Our prayer is that God will continue to see him through this journey of faith in his life. Amen.

The Biyi family, at home and abroad

Gone Home

We received word that **Gail Hogue** has gone to be with her Lord. She was receiving palliative care for leukaemia and passed away at the end of August. Please keep her children Nathan and Kirsten and their families in your prayers.

Sperry and Gail worked with the Glenrothes congregation for six years in the 1980s. Sperry went 'home' in January 2013.

Jan Duncan



You have been warned

The way of Jesus is a way of learning. We were called by him to be his disciples, not to be members of a church or followers of a religion, but to be students of a teacher. The call of Christ is a call to discipleship. It is a call to a way of life in which learning is never an optional extra, but an essential part of the journey.

Of course, learning can take many forms. It doesn't have to take place in a classroom or lecture theatre, but it does need to happen. And it needs to happen constantly. We are not thinking about the kind of learning that simply happens as we travel through life, though in a proper context that is all part of the process when we experience life within the framework of his teaching.

Being a student of Jesus means that we learn from him and we follow him. And the more we learn from him and the more we follow him, the more like him we become. As he once said, "A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher." And then it is consistent with patterns of discipleship that we should teach others what we have first learned.

The New Testament book of Hebrews is something of an enigma, but its central message of encouragement to keep

following Jesus, no matter what the cost might be, is emphatic. Though the message of Hebrews is generally positive and most encouraging, there are a number of passages which convey words of rather severe warning and admonition. One of those concerns learning and teaching and the difficulty the writer is having to explain things beyond the simple ABCs.

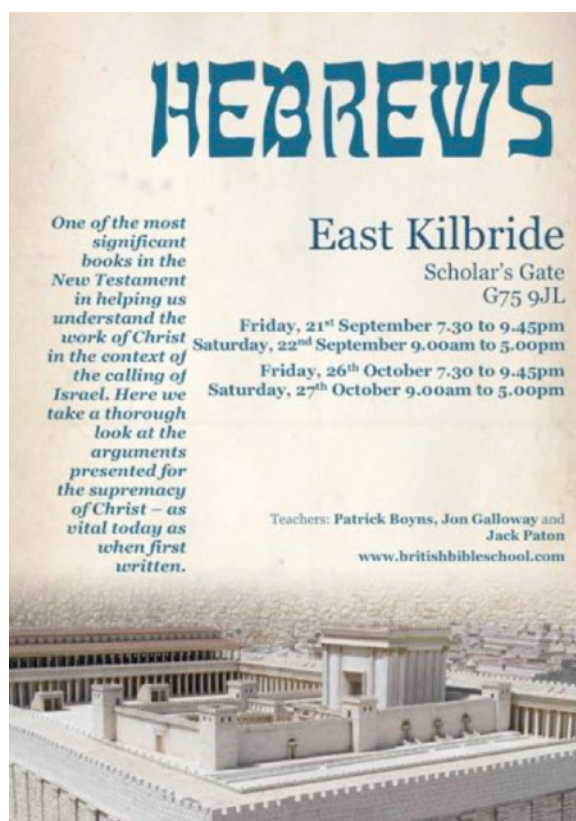
"There has been enough time for you to be teachers" the writer explains, "yet you still need someone to teach you the first lessons of God's message. Instead of eating solid food, you still have to drink milk." Maybe there are occasions when 'it's good to be reminded of the basics', but that is not the message of Hebrews! Instead the writer encourages us to "progress beyond the elementary instructions about Christ and move on to maturity, not laying this foundation again ..."

If we do not soon progress to solid food, then we are in real danger of no longer truly being disciples of Jesus but mere 'members' or 'attendees' – and that is not the Way of Jesus.

Let us take to heart the call to discipleship, deny ourselves the pleasures of this world, take up the cross we have chosen to bear, and learn from the Teacher each step of the way.

Patrick Boyns

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Another look at 'outreach meetings'

After focusing last month on Livingston's monthly outreach meetings at the beginning of 2018, we focus on the very successful quarterly outreach meetings that they have in Eastwood.

EASTWOOD QUARTERLY SATURDAY EVENING MEETINGS

This is a programme we have been running for several years. Each November we have a planning meeting to select a theme for the following year along with four subjects within the theme. We also set the dates and have the agreed information posted in the *Christian Worker*.

Each meeting then has a lead up of events including notifications, emails, leaflet planning and printing along with posters. We send out email and written invitations to our known contacts, some 40 letters and around 90 emails. On the Sunday afternoon preceding the event, after our morning worship the congregation distributes 1,000 leaflets in the local area, covering a different area each quarter.

We are always blessed with a good number of visitors from all different walks of life with most coming from alternative 'church' backgrounds. Our endeavour has been to create an environment where people of any denomination, persuasion, background and religious origin can come together to hear the Word of God in a friendly and inviting atmosphere where open discussion is encouraged during our social element.



This is achieved with a welcome and refreshments time one hour preceding the meeting, where a good range of food is available from chilli and soup to sandwiches, quiche, cakes and trifle. This is a great time for people to relax and get to know one another, mixing and mingling with people from other religious groups and social backgrounds. There is additional time for discussion and socialising at the end.

The meeting is planned with a mixture of singing, Bible readings, prayers and a lesson of around 45 minutes. Our Saturday sessions start at 6:00 pm and usually end around 9:00 to 9:30 pm. Many people look

forward to these sessions and return each time we hold one.

Over the years we have seen many new faces and talked about a wide range of Bible subjects, but our efforts are

always based around proclaiming the name of Christ. Prayer and planning to achieve God's will in spreading the good news is an essential part of our preparation. One-to-one contact and a good relationship with the community is essential in the work of the congregation – after all the years of being located on Seymour Road we still have a long way to go in this regard.

Please pray for our continued efforts in spreading the Gospel and our thanks go out to all that continue to support us, especially all the speakers – without their help and support these events would not be possible.

Adrian Limb

Review of the European Christian Workshop

“Digging Deeper” was the theme of this year’s European Christian Workshop. This was the first one I was able to attend. I didn’t know what to expect as a ‘newbie’. Days prior to the workshop I was told to expect an in-depth study of God’s word: I was not disappointed.

The number of subjects required lectures to be delivered simultaneously in different rooms.

Fortunately, a digital copy of all the lessons is available.

The accommodation was superb. As a chef, I was impressed with the quality of

the food and the portion size. Each day ended with a keynote session and the singing was excellent.

Overall, it was good to have fellowship with the brethren from across the UK. It was good to learn how to ‘dig deeper’ and to realise what a wonderful blessing it is to have God’s Word that provides all we need to live godly lives. I would recommend for others to attend next year’s workshop.

Paulo Budlong



Directory Updates

NEW CONGREGATION:

BIRMINGHAM (Erdington)

Christians: 31 Children: 11

Meeting place: St Edmund Campion Catholic School, 1 Holly Lane, Erdington, Birmingham B24 9JS

Send post to: erdingtonchurchofchrist@gmail.com

Sunday meeting: Worship 10.15 am

Contacts:

Ernest Addo-Boateng. 📞 (07737) 528259

Nana Frimpong. 📞 (07438) 893947

DIRECTORY CORRECTION AND UPDATE:

Under ‘Overseas Missions’, Pakistan: Change Barbara Fisher’s phone number to **(01296) 534774.**

Jersey: Add home telephone number for the Bruntons – **(01534) 722682.** Their new address is: **16 Chateau Royale, La Rue de Vardon, Grouville, Jersey JE3 9HT.**

Appeal: Floods in India

Kerala Flood Appeal: Two ways to send funds to help them

Kerala, one of the four Southern States of India, known for its greenery and back waters, often called God's own country, has been devastated by massive flooding. Kerala is one the most educated and wealthy states in India but has now been utterly shattered by these massive floods.



It has been almost ten days and waters have not receded, rain is still pouring day and night, making all rivers overflow, which is causing dangerous landslides. So far 400 people have died and hundreds of thousands have been displaced and lost their homes.

The State Government is becoming helpless as they run out of resources. Yesterday, the Chief Minister urged the nation to respond generously to assist the people in Kerala.

I also received a call from Christian friends urging us to help our brothers and sisters as well as all the people in whatever way we can, as there literally thousands of people in need. We are ready and want to send our teams to Kerala and work with the local population.



Would you please help us to go? Would you please take a minute to pray for the people of Kerala?

Joel Madiki

Funds can be sent % Tony Tyson, 152

Ormskirk Road, Up Holland, Skelmersdale WN8 0AF. Make cheques payable to: church of Christ India Fund.

A personal appeal from Tony Coffey

The unusual high rainfall during the monsoon season has resulted in the worst flooding in Kerala in over 100 years. Reports says that over 200,000 people have been displaced and over 300 hundred have lost their lives. I have been in contact with the church in Kochi and I am glad to report that no one was injured, however, several families lost their homes, their furniture and other possessions.

I am now appealing to you for help on their behalf. You can make your donation to 'The Living Word Publications' (that's the account I use for India). My address is 36 The Heights, Woodpark, Ballinteer, Dublin. D16 XP29, Ireland. I will give a full report to the CW when all donations have been made.

May God bless us to be generous to His people.

Tony Coffey

Family News

Perth: The saints in Perth were blessed to welcome friends from Buford, Georgia, during July. Our brethren from the US came to encourage the congregation here and aid us in our efforts to spread the gospel. We hosted a Summer Connection Club (our regular Wednesday evening youth club is called 'Connection Club') and gospel meetings in the evenings from 2nd to 5th July. To this end we began a leaflet campaign to advertise our events and visited all of our contacts.

Our Summer Connection Club was attended by a little over twenty children over the course of the week and they all enjoyed learning about different aspects of 'Confidence'. It was great to see our youth club kids having a chance to interact with more Christians as they learned new songs, played games and learned stories they had perhaps never heard before. It is my hope that through events like these we have a chance to plant the seed of the Word.

Jeremy Pate from Buford, GA, was our speaker for the evening Gospel meetings. Together we explored the subject of 'Confidence' and over four nights we were encouraged to have confidence in the Scriptures, prayer, salvation, and evangelism. We had over thirty attend from sister congregations.

This is now our fifth campaign here in Perth and if I have learned anything over the last five years I would say the biggest



lesson is that there is no quick fix or gimmick to spreading the Gospel. Instead, spreading His message is simply about telling others about Him, working hard to serve the community and church, and relying on the support of others.

Scott Tominey

Peterborough: The congregation held a Gospel Meeting on 14th July. The theme was "What is the Church of Christ?" The speakers were to have been **Don Underwood** and **Pete Hodge**, but unfortunately, Pete Hodge's mother died the week before and wasn't able to speak. **Bob Eckman** was asked to speak in his place. Each speaker spoke on three subjects.

"Where Can You Find the Church of Christ in the Bible?", "Who is Responsible for the Church of Christ?", and "What Part Did Jesus Play in the Creation of the Church of Christ in the New Testament?" were Don Underwood's subjects. "What is the Problem We Find in the World Today as was the Same When the Church was Established?", "What is the Remedy to Understanding What is the Church of Christ?", and "What Role Does the Church of Christ Have in the World Today?" were Bob Eckman's subjects.

The congregation appreciated the support given on the day.

Bob Eckman

Birmingham (Summer Lane): We held a fellowship meeting on Saturday 4th August. There were three lessons given by: Paul Hill, Mike Glover and Graeme Morrison. The whole day together was a time of uplifting experience with the lessons, the singing and the fellowship. There were around 55 Christians who travelled from various parts, and everyone was encouraged by the time together.



Trevor Ralph

Malawi Mission Trip: 21 Christians from the congregations in Loughborough, Stapleford, Leicester, and Loughborough left on the 11th August to spend two weeks working with several congregations in Malawi. They helped with children's "Holiday Bible School" classes, involving lessons, puppets, games, and crafts. Special meetings were planned in each congregation for the Friday and Saturday evenings, an all-day lectureship was held in two places on the Saturdays, and the group met with one of the congregations on Sunday to break bread. Paul Hill, Calum Hill, Ken Mullan, and Bob Eckman were the speakers at these meetings.



This mission trip is a continuation of the two mission trips that the Stapleford and Loughborough congregations organised in Honduras in 2013 and 2015. Because of the Loughborough congregation's long-term involvement in Malawi, it was decided to shift the focus this year to that country.

As the group has not yet returned from Malawi, we will send a fuller report with photos upon our return.

Bob Eckman

Tom Blackmore Fund: Thirty years ago our late brother Tom Blackmore set up a fund to help congregations purchase tracts, Bible School material, Bibles, hymn books or anything else that would help provide the written word to spread the gospel of Jesus. Over the years thousands of pounds have been spent and the money sent all over the world.

The fund is now nearing its natural end and the trustees are offering an opportunity particularly for British brethren to receive a grant from the fund. Geoff Daniell has acted as treasurer along with Graham Fisher and myself as trustees. If your congregation would like to be considered for a grant please contact Geoff with your needs on 01275 891763 or

by post: 24, The Witheys, Whitchurch Village, BS14 0QB.

Trevor Williams

Take Refuge in God (and in your Sisters!)

– October approaches and with it comes two fabulous and very different opportunities for the women of the body of Christ.

Friday 12th October sees the start of the “Field of Refuge” retreat at Tulliallan Castle (Kincardine, Scotland) and, later in the month, the Peterborough Ladies Retreat begins on Friday 26th October (an hour’s travel north of London).

The “Field of Refuge” provides a perfect opportunity to escape and relax with other sisters. Set in beautiful grounds there are opportunities for a stroll in the woods, finding a garden bench for a chat with new or old friends, and to engage in some quality lessons and activities.

The whole weekend is carefully crafted to renew the spirit and give fresh perspective on the understanding and application of scripture in our daily lives. Love is at the heart of this retreat so if you are looking for a deep immersion into the love of God, this is the place to be.

At Peterborough the vibe is very different: energetic, social, and jam packed with lessons on scriptural strategies for the pressures and problems of daily life. This is the retreat for those with high energy!

There seem to be so few opportunities for sisters to get together and share their faith so I encourage all women throughout the congregations to attend these retreats and the Ladies’ Days scattered throughout the year – to encourage each other, share experiences and to support those women who give their time and efforts to provide us with these uplifting opportunities. Thank you to all those who plan, deliver and attend these events because it is you, guided by the Spirit, that make these retreats so fantastic!

For details on how to book your place, see the CW Diary.

Petra Morrison

Greece: Greetings in Jesus from Athens and the saints at the Omonia congregation. The theme for this year’s retreat was: “HARVEST” - *From every Nation and Language (Rev. 7:9)*. Ten different countries were represented: Egypt, Syria, U.S.A, Scotland, Iraq, Iran, Nigeria, Greece,

Ukraine and China. There were 105 participants who attended seven lectures in Greek, Arabic, Kurdish and English presented by four different teachers.

Twelve souls were baptised and accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior during the retreat, three souls during the week before and three more during the week after – eighteen in all. Praise God!

Alexander & Eleni Melirryto





Autumn Family Weekend Retreat

Friday, 14th to Sunday, 16th September 2018
at Letton Hall in Norfolk

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... learning to know Jesus, not just about him



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**BRIGHTON Church of Christ
Gospel Meeting
29-30 September 2018**

9.30 am-5.00 pm

We would like to invite you to our 2-Day Gospel Meeting
Theme: "FELLOWSHIP IN SPREADING THE GOSPEL"
ACTS 2:42

Speaker: KYLE CAMPBELL

287 LOOP CHURCH OF CHRIST, LUFKIN, TEXAS (US)

Venue: 11 Oxford Street, Brighton, BN1 4LA

Please make your plans to attend; you will be encouraged by God's word.

Invitation To The Annual Sheffield Church of Christ Seminar

The Unity Of The Church

Date: Saturday 29th September, 10 am-4 pm
Venue: Shiregreen Community Centre, Westnall Road, Sheffield. S5 0AA

Sunday 30th September, 10:30-2:30pm
Venue: The Clock Tower, Firth Park, Sheffield. S5 6WS

For further information, please phone any of the numbers below.
07508033534
07809719855
07577938049

Please we would appreciate letting us know your desire to attend so that we can prepare towards you.
Come and let's share the word of God together.

**Thamesmead Ladies bring back to you
"An Afternoon of Songs"**



Please join us as we speak to one another with Psalms, hymns & songs from the Spirit, making music from our hearts to the Lord (Ephesians 5:19)

DATE: 15th September 2018

TIME: 11.30 am - 4.00 pm

VENUE: Slade Community Hall, Plumstead, Erindale Road, London SE18 2PJ

RSVP: Esther - 07799 535 557; Ama - 07956 509 540; Tina - 07773 786 411

Acappella Jam 2018
22nd September 2018
10am - 4pm
In Christ Alone

Bristol Church of Christ
298 St John's Lane, Bristol BS3 5AY
Contact Craig on: 07949 399 828

"For such a time as this ..."

"Field of Refuge"
Women's Renewal Weekend
12th-14th October 2018
Tulliallan Castle
Kingairline FK10 4BE
Cost: £120
Contact:
fieldofrefuge@hotmail.com

Diary

September

1st-2nd – East Kilbride: Outreach meetings with Niall Scobbie. Saturday: refreshments at 6.00 pm and lesson at 7.00 pm; Sunday: 10.00 and 11.00 am. Contact: Jon Galloway (ek.klesia@icloud.com).

8th – Great Barr: Fellowship Day – “Bearing One Another’s Burdens”, speakers: Jon Galloway and Patrick Boyns; registration from 10.00 am at Collingwood Community Centre, Great Barr, Birmingham B43 7NF. Contact: Sola (sola.adeosun@gmail.com).

14th-16th – Letton Hall Family Retreat in Norfolk (IP25 7SA). Theme: “I Want to Know Jesus.” Cost: £70 per person (children ages 4-12 are half price). Organised by the British Bible School. To book, visit the BBS website: <http://britishbibleschool.com/upcoming-events/letton-hall-family-retreat-2018>

15th – Thamesmead (London): Ladies’ event – “An Afternoon of Songs,” 11.30 am-4.00 pm at Slade Community Hall, Plumstead, Erindale Road, London SE18 2PJ. Contact: Esther (07799 535557), Ama (07956 509540), or Tina (07773 786411).

21st-22nd – East Kilbride: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: “Hebrews” (part 1), teachers: Patrick Boyns, Jon Galloway, and Jack Paton. Friday: 7.30-9.45 pm; Saturday: 9.30 am-5.00 pm.

22nd – Loughborough: Anniversary meeting, speaker: Mark Hill; refreshments: 6.00 pm, lesson 7.00 pm. Contact: Jason Hill (j.hill147@hotmail.co.uk).

22nd – Bristol: “Acappella Jam 2018: In Christ Alone,” 10.00 am-4.00 pm. Contact: Craig (07949 399828).

29th – Peterhead: Social Day. Speaker: Adam Barr.

29th-30th – Sheffield: Seminar – “The Unity of the Church,” speaker: Trevor Williams; Saturday – 10.00 am-4.00 pm at Shiregreen Community Centre, Westnall Road, Sheffield S5 0AA; Sunday – 10.30 am-2.30 pm at The Clock Tower, Firth Park, Sheffield S5 6WS. Contact: 07508 033534, 07809 719855 or 07577 938049.

29th-30th – Tottenham, London: Annual Bible Lectureship – “Growing a Healthy and Strong Church”; Saturday – 10.00 am-4.00 pm, Sunday – 12.00-5.00 pm, venue: Duke’s Aldridge Academy, Tottenham, London N17 0PG (behind Tottenham Spurs Stadium). Contact: Nyarko (07932 979748), Isaac (07525 777146), Ben (07424 075300), Osei (07535 035357) or tottenhamchurchofchrist@yahoo.co.uk .

29th-30th – Brighton: “Fellowship in Spreading the Gospel,” speaker: Kyle Campbell; Saturday and Sunday – 9.30 am-5.00 pm at 11 Oxford Street, Brighton BN1 4LA. Contact: Ken Peters (07440 607435 or 01323 460945).

October

3rd-5th – Bratislava, Slovakia: European Vision Workshop; venue: The Park Inn Danube. Contact: Doug Reeves (dreeves@sibi.cc).

6th – Newtongrange: Annual Social Day, 1.00 pm.

12th-14th – Kincardine: Field of Refuge Women’s Renewal: “For Such a Time as This” at Tulliallan Castle, Kincardine FK10 4BE. Cost: £120 (£8 saving if you pay deposit before 1st June). Contact: fieldofrefuge@hotmail.com.

13th-14th – Stapleford: Weekend meetings with Ken Mullan. Saturday: 7.00 pm; Sunday: 11.00 am and 6.00 pm. Contact: Bob Eckman (bbbeckman@aol.com or 07714 207279).

21st-22nd – East Kilbride: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: “Hebrews” (part 1), teachers: Patrick Boyns, Jon Galloway, and Jack Paton. Friday: 7.30-9.45 pm; Saturday: 9.30 am-5.00 pm.

26th-28th – Peterborough: Women’s retreat – “What is your worth?” at Holiday Inn West Peterborough. Cost (for twin room): £140.00. Contact: Marsha Erysthee (01733 351192 or 07541 333908 or merysthee1@aol.com).

26th-28th – Bristol: PrimeTime – A weekend of fellowship, praise, and Bible teaching. Contact: Martin Nelson (martin.p.nelson4@gmail.com).

27th – Ilkeston: An evening of praise and worship. 6.00 – evening meal; 7.00 – Praising the Lord. Contact: Andy Wheatley (07944 653691).

November

2nd-3rd – London (Wembley): British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: “Isaiah” (part 1), teachers: Patrick Boyns and John Griffiths.

2nd-4th – Glasgow area: Joint gospel meetings – “Have Faith.” Friday at Clarkston, Saturday at East Kilbride (both at 7.30 pm). Joint worship at Clarkston on Sunday morning. Contact: Jack Paton (jgp@britishbibleschool.com or 07766 047160) or Jon Galloway (jdgalloway@mac.com or 07906 060618).

5th-9th – British Bible School: Residential Study Week at Bassenfell Manor, near Keswick. Module: “The Conquest and Settlement of Canaan – a study of the book of Joshua”. Contact: study@britishbibleschool.com or visit: <http://britishbibleschool.com/upcoming-events/autumn-study-week-2018-the-conquest-and-settlement-of-canaan-joshua>

10th – Eastwood (Nottinghamshire): Quarterly Outreach meeting: “Jesus – the New Beginning”; light refreshments at 6.00 pm and lesson at 7.00 pm. Contact: Adrian Limb (cofceastwood@aol.com).

10th – East Kilbride: An afternoon of praise, 1.00-4.30 pm (doors open at 12.30 pm).

17th – Northampton: Ladies’ Day.

30th-1st December – London (Wembley): British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: “Isaiah” (part 2), teachers: Patrick Boyns and John Griffiths.

January 2019

18th-20th – Bassenthwaite Family Retreat at Bassenfell Manor, near Keswick. Theme: “Good News is Jesus...” Cost: £60 per person (children ages 5-16 sharing a room with parents are half price, 0-4 are free). Organised by the British Bible School.

February

18th-24th – 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 or +32 488 481 082). (Follow group on Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/697781630273815/>)

March

1st-2nd – Scotland East Coast: Joint gospel meetings. Friday at Hyvots Bank, Saturday at Kirkcaldy; speaker: David Chapman.

24th – Edinburgh: Solus singing at ‘St. Giles at Six’ – St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, 6.00 pm.

April

27th – Kirkcaldy: Annual Social Day, 1.30 pm.

July

28th-2nd August – British Bible Camp. Contact: Jason Snethen (jsnethen@hotmail.com).

PRIME TIME 26th-28th October

“Out of this World”

Bedminster Church of Christ’s popular biannual weekend for those in the prime of their lives (40 and over)
Come along for a weekend of Fellowship, Praise and Biblical based discussion about our World

Starts Friday 26th October, evening meal available from 1800
Fellowship meal after service on Sunday

Please could you indicate if you are a National Trust Member

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Accommodation is available

The Final Word: "Happy New Year!"



Oh I know that the Christmas cards are only just appearing in the supermarkets alongside giant boxes of chocolates, but it really is New Year for a whole segment of Christians. For those starting school in what ever way, nursery and upwards to University, enjoy your new year of studies. For the very young it will be more frightening for parents who are leaving their little people to the trust of someone else. Parents cannot believe their children are growing up so fast and for a few hours at least can manage their own young lives without Mum; that is hard for

Mum! Then after years of growing up and developing independence, children start taking exams and the training of life skills develops. Our young people take their part in the community and begin their journey alone into further education or some other pathway that leads to total independence. The work of parents is done – almost. The Bank of Dad will still be needed, the tender words of both parents will still be sought and Mum still needs to be Mum, able to do almost everything and have everything available in her handbag. Life goes on and that is the nature of the most precious gift we have: life.

Sadly many of our fine young people not only leave home when they go to university they leave their faith. They are free to do whatever they want, and they do. Everything is available educationally, socially, morally. God can so easily be rejected and so often is when the fields look greener elsewhere. There are huge choices to be made. The message to our teens is keep going against what most young people want to do and stand for Jesus. It is hard for young Christians to think of older Christians going through the same emotions as they are going through; it can be embarrassing, so it is easier not to think that way. For those leaving home, local congregations and familiar ground let me encourage you not to stray too far away. It is better to find a home congregation nearby and be involved with those who love Jesus. Keep the faith and have a wonderful time with those who love you because they love Jesus.

We also have a huge responsibility for those at university. Sunday dinner should always be provided for every one of them every week and open houses should always be available in between. Enjoy having the students around – they may eat a lot, they may be a little crazy, but love them as your own children and give them the chance to respond.

To everyone who is starting a New Year we wish you God's richest blessing as you open up your mind to new ideas, new learning and new growing in mind and body.

And for those who are teachers, we encourage you to shine for Jesus in your schools.

Trevor

Dear God, we bring before you our young people who are in education,

Keep them safe and protect them from evil

Let them know your love and in so doing will learn to love you

Anoint them with the blessings of Heaven and raise them up to be faithful followers of Jesus.

Amen