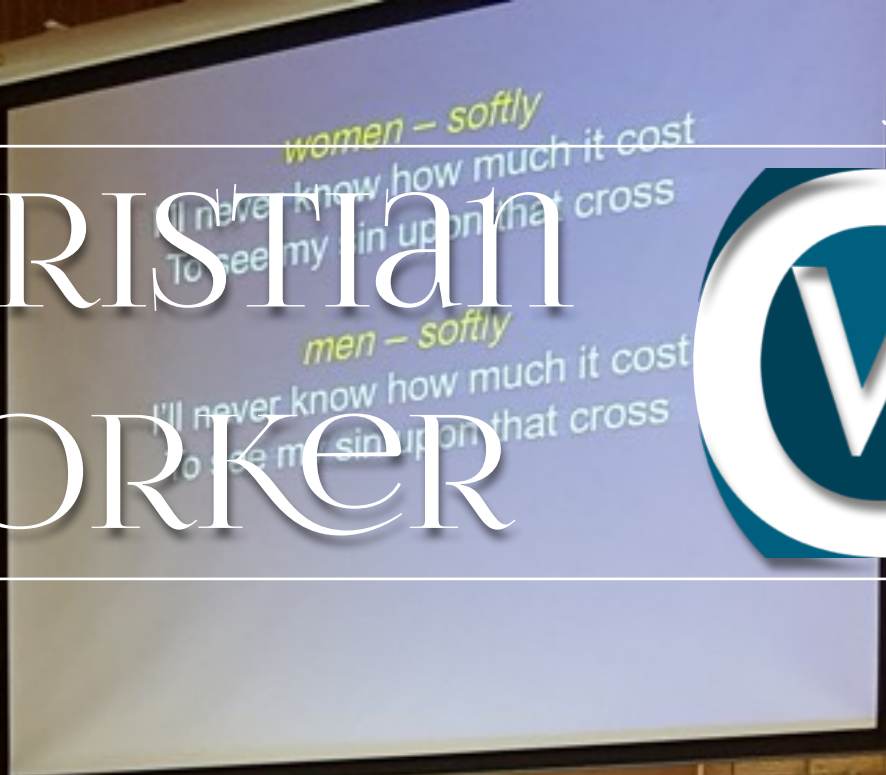


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I always experience feelings of relief and satisfaction when I come to the end of putting the *Christian Worker* magazine together each month. The last thing I do is to write this short column about what you can look forward to in the issue about to be published, or something else that strikes my mind.

This issue of the *Christian Worker* is, I believe, unique. I have not seen an issue of the magazine from the past or since Trevor and I have been putting it together that reports the number of those who have left this life than this one does.

It seems that many people don't know what to do with the loss of a loved one. And to have almost half of a Christian news magazine devoted to what we commonly refer to as 'obituaries' will undoubtedly be too much for some. But not, of course, for the families and friends of those who have tributes included about them.

I believe it is good (as well as right and proper) that we remember those who make it to eternity before we do. Isn't that what Hebrews 11 and 12 are at least partially about? Those who have lived their lives following God and have made it to their reward. If nothing else, the message is that we can do it too.

I think as you read the tributes to these Christians who left this life in recent months you will be encouraged as I was. I did not know all of them nor did I know those I knew particularly well. But to read of their lives, their struggles and their successes gives me encouragement as I continue my life for the Lord.

The only article that was left out this month was including one 'from the archives'. I have one in mind published quite a few years ago that I thought was ideal and will include it next month. And you will notice that the 'ads' are rather small and included with the diary. This was simply to enable me to fit them in.

So, I do hope you will read and *enjoy* the July *Christian Worker*. It is our prayer that you will be encouraged in your walk with God and will be an encouragement to others.

*Jon*

## S.O.S – Seeking Out Souls in Perth

From the beginning of 2019 the congregation in Perth has been using every first Tuesday of the month to host meetings we have called 'Seek Out Souls', or 'S.O.S.' for short.

The Christians here have gathered to discuss local evangelism and how we may support one another in reaching out to the community in Perth. The Christians have enjoyed these times together and they have been useful in helping to improve the effectiveness of our evangelism in the first half of this year.

In order to further encourage and equip ourselves for outreach we decided to host a number of unique workshops for the Christians here and also invite other congregations. On Monday and Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> May we hosted two workshops at East Nether Benchil, just outside of Perth.



Kyle Rye and Todd & Pam Newman from the congregation in Buford, Georgia, came to help host the workshops. Pam took the ladies and focussed on how to get the most out of a life of faith. The feedback from those attending was extremely positive. The men studied how to better formulate and arrange studies and the development of lessons to instruct the local congregation.

It was our prayer that multiple congregations would be blessed by this workshop and seventeen men and women attended from four different congregations.

The lessons we gained from these two days together have already begun to influence how I study for and organise lessons and studies for the congregation and increased our focus on community engagement.

We followed this up on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> June, with S.O.S. University. We spent a full day at Tulloch Community Centre in Perth discussing evangelism and ways we can better equip ourselves to reach out to others with the gospel. Throughout the day we learned how to discover our style of personal evangelism. There were also small groups to learn from one another what may work in our own lives.

Spreading the good news of Jesus is a key part of our faith, demonstrating our love for God and those around us. It is our prayer that S.O.S. (and S.O.S. University specifically) will

continue in the future.

Much of what we learned throughout the week were things that we already knew as Christians. However, finding the confidence and motivation to continually share our hearts and words with others is often the challenging part. We continue to pray for the spreading of the gospel throughout this country and beyond and that every Christian can make known their confidence in the salvation offered by Jesus. We pray that S.O.S. can be a small part of this process.

*Scott Tominey*



## Deliverance in the Lake District



“Alice had never been in a court of justice before, but she had read about them in books... ‘That’s the judge,’ she said to herself, ‘because of his great wig.’” And so the trial of the stolen tarts begins in Alice’s Wonderland.

When we think of judges I suppose

we are generally inclined to think of great wigs, gavels and courtrooms. They are those whom we hope will pronounce fair judgements and ensure that justice is done. But these are not the judges of whom we read in the Biblical book of “Judges”.

These ‘judges’ appear during a crucial point in the history of Israel – following the conquest of the land of Canaan and before the establishment of the monarchy. Joshua and his generation had died, and “there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord or the work that he had done for Israel” (Judges 2:10). The people abandoned God and their ongoing rebellion led them to be oppressed by their neighbours. Eventually they would call out to God for help.

The ‘judges’ of Israel may at times have dispensed justice, but they were primarily deliverers of God’s people whom God raised up and “who saved them out of the hand of those who plundered them” (Judges 2:16). The book records the exploits of deliverers such as Othniel, Ehud, Deborah, and Gideon – not to mention Samson and Jephthah – who rescued Israel and set them free from their oppressors. But having been delivered from their trials it wasn’t long before they

turned their backs on God and the whole cycle began once again.

Though this is an action-packed book, with lots of memorable characters and some yucky bits thrown in for good measure, it is primarily a book recording the faithfulness of God and his power to save – despite the often self-inflicted nature of our troubles. Set against the backdrop of the turmoil of the Late Bronze Age, the book is full of vivid detail and richness of language and style.

We are delighted to offer you three full days of intensive teaching and presentations on the books of Judges and Ruth at our annual Study Week this autumn. From 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November we will be at Bassenfell Manor in the Lake District, and we would love to have you with us.

You can expect:

- Three full days of study and reflection away from the cares of everyday life
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- Beautiful surroundings
- Well developed syllabus
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Thank you for your continued support of our work, both financially and through prayer. May God bless each of us in his service.

*Patrick Boyns*

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**Northampton:** Over the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> of June youth from as far north as Scotland and as far south as Bristol congregated in Northampton for our “Maximise Your Strength” Youth Weekend.

We all understand that physical training is good for us and know how to do it, but what can we learn from that about our spiritual fitness and well-being?



One of Northampton’s elders, Kunle, spoke of the difference to our bodies that junk food and laziness can make and how much better we are when making better choices of food and taking exercise. The same applies spiritually: it takes work and good choices to grow to be like Christ. Hunter, who is working with the Leicester

congregation for the summer, brought a message about our motivation and keeping motivated to do the right things. Paul, who works with the Leicester congregation, gave a lesson on building up



our muscles by practising what we preach, putting our knowledge into action. Patrick, Principal of the British Bible School, taught about the need to rest and reflect along the way. Tunji, from Northampton, warned against getting distracted from the goal and guarding against it. Jason, who works with the congregation in Bristol, rounded it all up on the Sunday with a lesson about checking each other’s weights, helping and

encouraging one another, bearing each other’s burdens and spurring one another on.

Activities included a real-life Mario Kart race, forcing lots of marshmallows into your

mouth and various other competitions. We had a ‘camp fire’, enjoying silly songs and then spiritual ones. The talk around the fire was about running the race together, a race that has already

been won; all we need do is finish.

The singing was uplifting, the food delicious and friendships were strengthened. It was noticeable that some new folks were now embarking on attending youth weekends and then others who have grown up attending such weekends are moving into a

new phase in life. It was mentioned that plans are being made to address the needs of those sixteen years old and up with a weekend for that age group – what a great idea!

Our thanks to all those locally who pulled together to make the weekend happen. It was a joy to see so many in our congregation working together in this way. Our young people face many challenges at school, college and university and we pray times like this help them to keep their focus on God and their faith stable.

Mark Hill



I have also added a 'Bible overview' on YouTube as well as PDF and PPT documents. This is based on and adapted from the UK version of the Jule Miller filmstrips with Frank Worgan doing the narrating.

**Corby:** I have updated my website again: (<https://www.graemebibleresources.com/>). I have completed the Genesis study and also completed the Philippians study.

I hope you can find something useful to look at or listen to.

Graeme Morrison

<https://www.graemebibleresources.com/>

## Congratulations!

**Edmonton, London:** We give God the glory for adding **Rachael Asiamah** to his body after being baptised. May we all pray for our new sister as she begins her new life as Christian.

*Charles Barin*

## Called Home

### **Ciss Downie (Kirkcaldy)**

**1930-2019**

Ciss was born 89 years ago in Kirkcaldy and went to her reward on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April. After leaving school she started to work with Allen Lithographers as a bookbinder, where she met Sheila Moyes and Betty Lowrie, who were to remain lifelong friends.



She was also a very good traditional cook, making homemade soups and the best clottie dumpling that always had a lucky sixpence in it. She was very thoughtful and took the time to write letters and to send nice cards for special occasions. She also enjoyed doing anything crafty like tapestry and crochet.

It was while on holiday in Forfar that Ciss met Bill. They were married on the 26<sup>th</sup> August 1950. Sadly Bill passed away very suddenly in 1986, at just 56 years old. Ciss later moved in with Liz and her husband Ben and they lived together from then on. Her life revolved around her family and they were her life.

As part of the Kirkcaldy congregation she enjoyed singing in the choir and the Sunday School trips and the Ladies' Day bus trips. Scripture declares, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord..." which was so true of our sister. She was a remarkable woman who suffered greatly over many years but maintained a faithful life throughout.

A very good knitter, Ciss knitted baby clothes for the babies, and as they grew up.

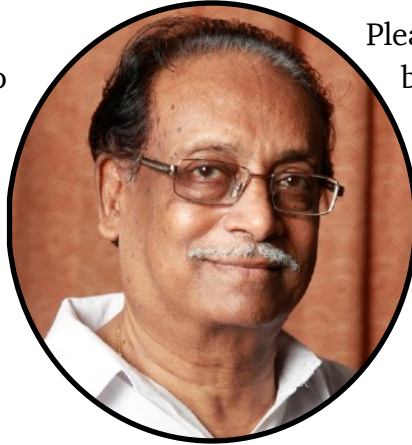
*Alan Moyes*



## John Thyaga Raju (India)

My father, John Thyaga Raju (Bethsaida, India) was called to glory on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

We are thankful for his faithful life and all the work he did for the Lord and for his people in India, especially with the Bethsaida Children Home.



Please remember the family he left behind in your prayers.

*Joel Madiki*

## Betty Lowrie (Kirkcaldy)

1934-2019

We met at Kirkcaldy Crematorium on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April, for a celebration of Betty's life. It was a service that reflected Betty's faith in God and the many years she was part of the congregation at Kirkcaldy, and one with a healthy recognition of her sense of humour. It was a time to look back with hearts full of gratitude for the difference Betty had made to our lives.

She was a great family woman and a real friend to so many people within her extended family. She was forever taking people here and there or getting shopping for them. She lived out her faith in a concrete and real way. She will always be admired for her care for other people.

One of the life lessons that Betty taught her family was that of making your family the main priority in life. They have wonderfully happy memories of their mum baking and singing as she baked. She was a skilled baker (cake decorating) and very talented with sugar craft, taking part in sugar art



competitions. She also loved floral art work and was a lovely singer – she sang at the Assembly Rooms in Edinburgh.

She did not join the world of biscuit making, though, but worked in the local printers in Kirkcaldy (Allen Litho's).

Friendships were formed at that time with Ciss Downie and Sheila Moyes. We know there was sadness in Betty's life when her husband Alec passed away when she was only 57 years old – she was to be a widow for 28 years. She maintained her faith in God, helped by brothers and sisters in the congregation.

Betty lived a life that many would describe as very kind and generous. She would help her family with anything and accompany them anywhere. She was patient, and knowledgeable, especially about the stars. She was in attendance at all the meetings of the congregation until her health failed. She has now gone home to be with her Lord and free from her suffering and pain.

*Alan Moyes*

## **Norman John Hill (Loughborough)**

**31<sup>st</sup> March 1936 – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

It was a great comfort to us as a family to see so many people attend Dad's funeral service. We were also truly overwhelmed by everyone's thoughtfulness and compassion in sending cards, messages and making visits during Dad's illness.

Born into a Christian family, Dad made the decision as a teenager to surrender his life to Christ. As far as I know there was never a time when he wavered from that decision. Supporting every meeting locally and nearby at Saturday meetings, Holiday Fellowships, you name it, he was there. No wonder so many from many congregations were present to celebrate his life. Add to that the friends he kept in contact with from schooldays and each place he worked – and all without the need for social media!

Early on Dad was involved in preaching but he stepped back from that eventually, saying he only had one sermon and he had preached it everywhere. He taught Sunday School usually alongside David Sharp, helped run the youth club when we were children, and generally got involved in everything happening. He was part of the 'church police' at Bangor Fellowship enforcing the curfew – who chose Dad for that job? When singers went to France from Loughborough, Dad was chaperone. Our home was always open, especially after evening meetings, not only for food and fun but allowing Bible discussions to continue that began at the meetings.



Along with supporting meetings, Dad also did repairs to the building and looked after the grounds. On one occasion Albert Winstanley asked dad to do something at the building and he said, "Why are you always asking me, you know I'm busy". Albert said, "I know you will do it". Which he did. Thinking about it, Dad usually complained but went and did it anyway – there could be parable in there somewhere.

A long time ago Dad told Ken Mullan he wanted him to be the one to take the funeral service. Ken replied, "As soon as you like." We are so thankful to Ken for granting that wish. He summed Dad up by emphasising he was a good man. And he was: a good son, brother, husband, father, grandad, in-law, friend and disciple of Christ. As much as we tell ourselves he is in a better place we are still devastated to lose him.

Mum (Brenda), his daughters Gina and Sandra, myself, and our families were blessed to have him in our life. On behalf of mum, I want to thank you all for your cards, messages and visits. Dad requested instead of flowers donations be made to the Loughborough Gateway Club; the amount came to £600. If people know we are Christians by our love then you have proved your discipleship to us by your love towards us and we are truly blessed to be in God's family.

*Mark Hill*



## Cynthia Alice Samwell (Northampton)

16<sup>th</sup> August 1949 – 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019

In life Cynthia had challenges and struggles to cope with. This makes the words of the hymn she had chosen for her funeral service so much more meaningful – “Be Still My Soul”.

If ever words could be put together to tell us about Cynthia, they are the words of this hymn.

*“Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain... Thy hope thy confidence let nothing shake... All now mysterious shall be bright at last.”*

And the last verse: *“Be still my soul, the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord; when disappointment, grief and fear are gone; sorrow forgot, loves purest joys restored. Be still my soul, when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last”.*

Cynthia’s faith means there was more to her existence than this life can give. She now has the realisation of what she could only hope for.

Cynthia was a Northampton girl, living here all her life. Being a carer for her mother left very little time for herself, but she never complained though it meant not going out and doing the usual things girls were doing as they grew up.

She was 19 years old when her mum passed away and would have liked to have furthered her own education. She was bright and had the ability, but her dad



thought otherwise, so she began work in a print room, in charge of the press.

Cynthia leaves her husband Bob and two surviving children, Robert and Robyn. Cynthia and Bob’s son Andrew tragically died when he was fourteen years of age, an event that defined Cynthia’s life from then on.

Cynthia loved history and at our coffee morning would often be correcting a TV programme that had been on the night before. She enjoyed writing children’s stories, having some published, and would read to us excerpts of one she was working on.

Her attendance at the Christian Fellowship Centre was an example to us all. Only now are we fully realising all the things Cynthia used to do in the background. She enjoyed for many years producing our weekly order of service and newsletter, letting us all know what was happening when and where. We have a lovely display of plants that Cynthia cared for and revived when needed. She would make posters and brighten up our notice board. We truly miss her presence.

Having had challenges in life we rejoice that in her heavenly home there won't be the sorrow, the tears, and the pain that we have here, and certainly, there is no death there (Revelation 21:4).

*Mark Hill*

## **Olivia Hendrickson (Northampton)**

1927-2019

In 1994 Olivia Hendrickson decided she had better make her funeral plans as she might not have much longer on this earth. On 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019 we finally fulfilled those plans. She passed away aged 92.



didn't have to do anything there: no cooking, cleaning, nothing.

In the early 1980's a group came from the USA on a campaign to teach people in Northampton the good news of Jesus. Olivia was immersed in the Grand Hotel in a chest freezer.

Born in Antigua in the village of All Saints, Olivia would also live on St. Kitts and then Monsarrat. In 1961 she came to Bedford and then moved to Northampton, working at various jobs in order to get a house and a settled place for her family to live. Life was hard but her great love for her children was the motivation to keep going.

The new congregation met at Barry Road School then Ecton Brook community centre until purchasing land and building a place for the congregation to meet permanently. Olivia working hard and played her part in helping get things established.

Raising nine children, who in turn gave her 36 grandchildren, then great-grandchildren, Olivia was blessed to also see great-great-grandchildren.

Because of Olivia residents came from her care home to our coffee mornings and we as a group would go there to sing hymns and play games. It was always a joy to see Olivia at our Sunday worship service when she was well enough. We are so thankful to Olivia and others of her generation who answered the call of the gospel all those years ago. Their legacy is all those who have come to know Christ because of their faithfulness throughout the years.

For almost seven years she lived very happily at Ashurst Mews, a care home where she was well looked after and very happy. She liked Ashurst Mews so much she told Melda her daughter and Harold her son-in-law they should rent their house out and move in, the reason being you

*Mark Hill*

## **Tina Doran (Sheffield)**

Tina Doran passed from this life on 4<sup>th</sup> June at the age of 55. The Christians in Sheffield met her at the beginning of the congregation and she gave herself to the Lord.

that the only way to eternal life was through Jesus Christ her Saviour.

Tina had her own ups and downs as we all do as mortal beings, but she always realised

She was a gentle soul who had a hard upbringing. She was much loved by the congregation.

*Trevor Williams*



## Nettie Wardrop (Kirkcaldy)

1924-2019

Our sister went to her reward on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> February. She was born 95 years ago in a croft on Scotland's 'Black Isle' with no electricity or running water. Growing up her family kept cows for milk and butter – she said it made her 'hardy'. School was a tin-walled construction with a wood burning stove for heat.



knitting and each year would knit hats for the shoebox appeal, mainly for Eastern Europe.

She loved Jesus and would be at every meeting of the congregation regardless of how she felt. When asked, "How are you?" the answer was always, "Fine". She served as a 'president' at the women's meeting

Later Nettie moved to Fort William to help with the war effort where for part of the time, at least, she worked a crane. She was billeted in the same hostel as a young man called Bill – it was here they met, fell in love and married before moving to Armadale. They later settled in Kirkcaldy.

and was involved in the annual church social events, working away in the background. She coordinated the collection of money for India orphans at the Bethsaida Children's Home.

Nettie was a hard worker, working at various occupations throughout her life: an office worker, a 'lollipop lady', and a cleaner. She was an independent lady who just liked to get things done. She loved

We went to the funeral on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, to pay, not our last respects, but lasting respects to her. Nettie was well-travelled – from The Black Isle, to Fort William, to Armadale, to Kirkcaldy, and to Glenrothes. Now her travels are over, and she is home with the Lord.

*Alan Moyes*



We hope you are making plans to attend the 2019 European Vision Workshop. This year our location will again be in beautiful

Bratislava, Slovakia. The Park Inn by Radisson will host our event. Here is what we are planning:

30<sup>th</sup> September 2019

- Our scheduled activities begin at 18:00 Wednesday evening. Plan to arrive earlier in the day if possible – rooms are available from 15:00.
- Our opening evening is devoted to Harmony and Praise with Keith Lancaster.

October 1-2

- Each day will begin with a buffet breakfast. Our first session will beginning at 8:30 with singing and a devotional.

- One session each day is planned with separate speakers of special interest to men or women.
- We encourage audience participation with questions and discussion.
- We have included special times for everyone to update us on their works and share their challenges and victories.
- Breaks and meals will be served buffet style.

October 3

- We invite you to enjoy breakfast and check out from the hotel.

You should receive more information and detailed scheduling soon.

*Douglas Reeves*

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# Tema Christian Centre Appeal

I just returned from a 'bucket list' visit to Ghana, 24 years since I was last there. Many will remember, among other events, the Morley to Corby Walk in 1986 and associated appeals (1983 to early 1990s). Working with John Tamakloe to build a primary and vocational school, and the Tema Christian Centre (TCC) which opened in 1989, British congregations raised an amazing £35,000 (equivalent to over £100,000 today).

John is one of the leading figures among the congregations in Ghana. Well into his 60s now, he works tirelessly for his local congregation as well as those throughout Ghana. In Tema and the surrounding metropolitan district alone (population around 1 million) there are 42 congregations with a total of almost 10,000 Christians! The Community 2 congregation has 400 Christians.



Graduates of Tema Christian Centre with Geoff Partington.

The Tema Christian Centre has doubled in size since my last visit in 1995, with 6 extra classrooms, a well-equipped computer suite and an office on the upper floor. All this has been funded from internal income, fulfilling the original aim that once built it should be self-financing. "Give a man a fish, feed him for a day. Teach him to fish, feed him for life."

I was fortunate to talk with a number of former pupils who met to plan a 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Patsy, around 30 years old, is a nurse with responsibility for

training nurses at the local hospital. Judith did the 3 year sewing course organised by Martha Tamakloe and now runs a successful dressmaking business nearby. Others include a computer technician, a lawyer, an architect, a doctor, a pharmacist, bank and local government employees, etc. All were keen to stress to me how much they valued the education they had at TCC.

I talked to Kofi, the Administrator, about future aims. It emerged that a lack of funds limits the speed of development. Of just under 300 students, 10 (3%) do not pay fees or have sponsors. The school is aware

that these parents can't afford approximately £200-£250 a year, and get along with the consequent shortfall of over £2500 a year.

If you can afford £10 a month, why not pair up with someone in your congregation to

jointly sponsor a

student? Or for £20 a month, sponsor one student. If we receive one-off donations, we will pool them to provide sponsorship. Eileen Wickenden and I will work together on this and all funds will be sent through Eileen after claiming gift aid wherever possible. Contact me for further details.

Stephen Akadjah also sends his greetings to UK congregations.

*Geoff Partington*

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# The School Bag Project



**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 children to go school to and fulfill their dream.**

Many deserving children are waiting for someone to help them to fulfill their dream of going to school. [Your small help can make a big difference in the lives of these children.](#) Please help us to send the child to School - a small step towards a better future.

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 July 2019 and will go till the end of August 2019.** With just **Rs. 700/- (apprx. \$10 or £8 only)** You can help a child to get a new school bag, a set of 10 to 15 note books, a slate, pens, pencils, color pencils, erasers, sharpener, slate pencil box and a pencil box. **Please join your hands to help these under privileged children.** If you would like to help or know more details please contact us at [Joel Madiki](mailto:JoelMadiki@gmail.com) at [joelmadiki@gmail.com](mailto:JoelMadiki@gmail.com) or [Tony Tyson](mailto:tonytyson66@hotmail.com) at [tonytyson66@hotmail.com](mailto:tonytyson66@hotmail.com)

**HELP  
A CHILD  
To Break  
the chain of Poverty**

**Jesus Loves You - School Bag Project** was started in the year 2010 with the inspiration of Sis. Judy Ong. So far this project has helped nearly 2455 children, with the kind donations from good people around the world. This project operates under the over sight of church of Christ Gollaprolu and STREAMS, India and coordinated by Joel Madiki.



## July

**6th – Edmonton (London):** Men's workshop – "Conflict in the Local Church", 9.30 am -4.30 pm. Venue: 1 Foxglove Close, Edmonton, London N9 8LW Contact: Charles Banin ([charlesbanino@aol.com](mailto:charlesbanino@aol.com)).

**19th-21st – Liverpool:** Youth Weekend, arrival on Friday from 6.00 pm. Venue: Corner or Picton Road and Wellington Street, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 8QH. Contact: Lawrence Okorafor (07456 483374 or [lawrence.okorafor@yahoo.com](mailto:lawrence.okorafor@yahoo.com)).

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

**28th-3rd August – Camp Tayside.** Contact: Aubrey Boyns ([a.boyns@gmail.com](mailto:a.boyns@gmail.com)).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:simonthehitman@hotmail.co.uk)) or Debbie Hill (07940 160634 or [j.hill147@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:j.hill147@hotmail.co.uk)).

**18th-23rd August – Camp Charnwood:** Ages 13-18 – "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: Guy Sandison (07791 101397 or [guyandison@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:guyandison@hotmail.co.uk)) or Debbie Hill (07940 160634 or [j.hill147@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:j.hill147@hotmail.co.uk)).

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

**31st August-1st September – East Kilbride:** Outreach meetings with Mike Heinemeier; Saturday: 6.00 – Light refreshments and 7.00 – lesson; Sunday: class – 10.00 am and worship – 11.00. Contact: Jon Galloway (07906 060618 or [jdgalloway@mac.com](mailto:jdgalloway@mac.com)).

## September

**13th-15th – BBS Family Retreat:** "Stories of Jesus"; venue: Letton Hall, Norfolk. Contact: [britishbibleschool.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:wstrachan007@gmail.com).

**28th-29th – Brighton:** Gospel meeting, speaker: Ron Halbrook. Venue: 11 Oxford Street, Brighton BN1 4LA. Contact: Constant Coulibaly ([constantcoulibaly@hotmail.com](mailto:constantcoulibaly@hotmail.com) or 07984 589904).

**Men's Workshop 2019**  
**Conflict in the Local Church**

**Date:** Saturday 6th July 2019  
**Time:** 9:30am – 4:30pm

**Venue:** Edmonton (London) Church of Christ

**Address:** 1 Foxglove Close, Edmonton, London N9 8LW  
**Contact:** Charles Banin ([charlesbanino@aol.com](mailto:charlesbanino@aol.com))

**Speaker:** John Griffiths (Wembley CoC)



**Liverpool Youth Weekend**  
Friday 19th Sunday 21st July, 2019  
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SHOW ME!**

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And for older week: Guy Sandison on 07791101397 or [guyandison@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:guyandison@hotmail.co.uk)  
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**THE JOURNEY**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
**TONY COFFEY**


**22nd – 24th August 2019**



**Autumn Family Weekend Retreat**  
Friday, 13th to Sunday, 15th September 2019  
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**Stories of JESUS**

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**October**

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> – **Glasgow area**: Joint gospel meetings between **East Kilbride** and **Clarkston** with 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](mailto:jdgalloway@mac.com)).

11<sup>th</sup> – **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 (£135 if booking confirmed before 1st June); £35 non-refundable deposit required to confirm booking (remaining balance due by 1st October). Contact: [fieldofrefuge@hotmail.com](mailto:fieldofrefuge@hotmail.com).

19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> – **Hylvots Bank, Edinburgh**: Outreach meetings – “Is God Relevant?”; speaker: Jon Galloway. Contact: Nick Wilson ([hnlwilson@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:hnlwilson@blueyonder.co.uk) or 01506 493290).

25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> – **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, Jon Galloway, Jack Paton. [www.britishbibleschool.com](http://www.britishbibleschool.com)

**November**

1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> – **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. [www.britishbibleschool.com](http://www.britishbibleschool.com)

4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> – **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](mailto:study@britishbibleschool.com).

8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> – **Morley**: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: “Ephesians” (part 1). Teachers: Patrick Boyns and Mark Hill. [www.britishbibleschool.com](http://www.britishbibleschool.com)

9<sup>th</sup> – **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](mailto:cofceastwood@aol.com)).

15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> – **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, Jon Galloway, Jack Paton. [www.britishbibleschool.com](http://www.britishbibleschool.com)

29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> – **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. [www.britishbibleschool.com](http://www.britishbibleschool.com)

**December**

6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> – **Morley**: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: “Ephesians” (part 2). Teachers: Patrick Boyns and Jon Galloway. [www.britishbibleschool.com](http://www.britishbibleschool.com)

**April 2020**

11<sup>th</sup> – **Kirkcaldy**: Annual Social Day, 1.30 pm. Speaker: Adam Barr. Contact: Alan Moyes ([alan.J.Moyes@gmail.com](mailto:alan.J.Moyes@gmail.com)).

**European Events Calendar**

**September**

20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> – **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>.

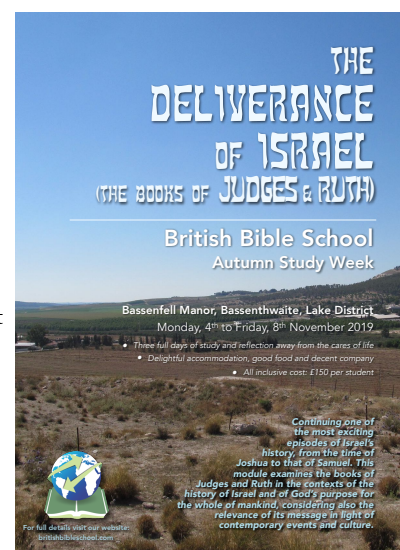
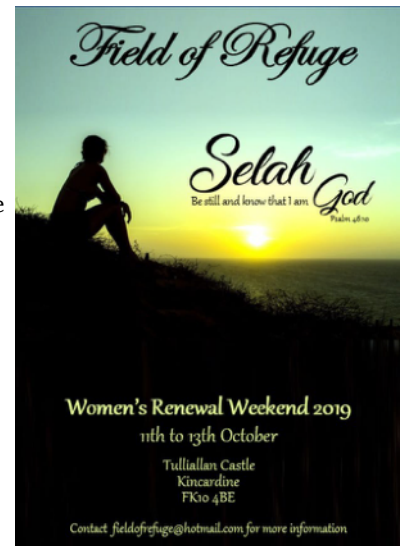
28<sup>th</sup> – **Gemünden, Germany**: 50th Anniversary of Gemünden Bible Camp.

29<sup>th</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> October – **Gemünden, Germany**: Work week for Gemünden Camp site.

30<sup>th</sup> September-3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:twilliams195@hotmail.co.uk)).

**February 2020**

27<sup>th</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:elrorganizers@gmail.com). Website: <http://elr.yolasite.com>.



## The Final Word



Blessed are the agnostics. Blessed are they who doubt. Blessed are those who have nothing to offer. Blessed are the preschoolers who push to get communion bread. Blessed are the poor in spirit. You are of Heaven and Jesus blesses you.

Blessed are those whom no one else notices. The kids who sit alone at primary school lunch tables. The laundry staff at the hospital. The sex workers and the night shift street sweepers. The closeted. The teens who have to figure out ways to hide new cuts on their arms. Blessed are the meek. You are of Heaven and Jesus blesses you.

Blessed are those who have loved enough to know what loss feels like. Blessed are those who can't fall apart because they have to keep it together for everyone else. Blessed are those who 'aren't over it yet'. Blessed are those who mourn. You are of Heaven and Jesus blesses you.

Jesus blesses us because that is our Lord's nature. This Jesus cried at his friend's tomb, turned the other cheek and forgave those who hung him on a cross. He was God's Beatitude – God's blessing to the weak of the world that admires only the strong. May we and the churches we represent carry that blessing into our communities.

Jesus invites us into a story bigger than ourselves and our imaginations, yet we all get to tell the story with the scandalous particularity of this moment in this place. We are story-telling creatures because we are fashioned in the image of a story-telling God. May we never reject that gift. May we never lose our love for telling the story. Amen

*(Read at a funeral service and written by Nadine Bolz-Weber)*

It is easy to delude ourselves to believe that we have everything right in our churches. We may point to Holy Scripture to prove our point of view but if our lives are not centred around Jesus and if they do not reflect his beauty we have not yet learned the gospel message nor are we a part of it. Christianity goes out, gives out and loves out until there is no more to give.

*Trevor*

### *The Beatitudes*

<sup>2</sup> And <sup>9</sup>he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are <sup>8</sup>the poor in spirit, for <sup>14</sup>theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> "Blessed are <sup>11</sup>those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the <sup>12</sup>meek, for they <sup>13</sup>shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and <sup>15</sup>thirst <sup>16</sup>for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.