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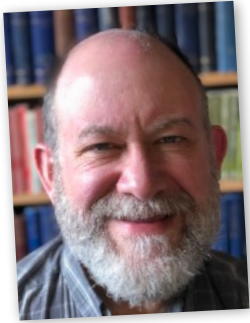
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Front cover and  
above: Graham Fisher  
with his wife Barbara



# MY PERSPECTIVE



## My memories of Graham Fisher

When a Christian you know has gone to their reward many memories of their life begin to enter your mind. You want to remember the person and the good they did for the Kingdom, but there is also a tinge of sadness – not for them but for a relationship that must be put on hold until we can be reunited.

I met Graham in the summer of 1989. Our family (four of us plus one on the way) were on holiday in North Wales and drove to Liverpool for worship on Sunday. The congregation was meeting in the Fisher home and we were warmly welcomed. If my memory serves me correctly we were fed that day following worship, with food being sent back with us to eat that evening at our campsite.

Our paths intersected many times over the next few years. Graham presented lessons based on his books at Castlemilk and Hyvots Bank, which I travelled to hear. The new hymnbook was launched with a tour to encourage congregations to use it. To this day I have a copy of it sitting on my desk which I consult when I am needing additional verses to a hymn or to find some that I do not know. I was so happy that the music was included in the book – as an American who did not grow up singing many hymns in use in this country, it was always a struggle to learn hymns from a words-only book.

Graham published my first article in the *Christian Worker* in the early 1990s. I still remember writing that article. I wrote it because of the criticism I was

hearing about Graham and the magazine. After all, when he became editor he stamped his own personality on the pages and it was different from what Albert Winstanley had been doing. I wrote a 'Book Review' of the previous year's magazine and emphasised the good that it was doing.

We were both governors of the British Bible School so we saw each other three or four times a year. It was at one of those meetings that he told us that at some point he would need to step down as editor of the *Christian Worker*. He believed the magazine was needed and wanted to ensure that it would continue, so he asked if any of us would be willing to make sure it continued in case something happened to him. Trevor and I met with him at lunch and our signatures were added to the CW's accounts (although we remained very much in the background).

It was in July 2014 that Graham phoned both of us to tell us that he needed to step down. Trevor and I were to find a new editor. In discussions over the phone it seemed apparent to me that Trevor should be the next editor but he insisted that I work with him, so our collaboration began and still continues.

I'm not sure Graham appreciated all the changes we made but he always supported what we were doing. He would send notes of appreciation as well as suggestions and sometimes sympathy.

I will miss Graham Fisher.

Jon



# Graham A. Fisher

21<sup>st</sup> October 1941 - 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Graham Arthur Fisher was born in Huddersfield, Yorkshire, on 21<sup>st</sup> October 1941 to Millie and Arthur Fisher. Arthur was part of the management at Liverpool docks which were being bombed throughout 1941 so the expectant Millie was evacuated to Huddersfield, making this proud Lancastrian technically a Yorkist – something he would grumble about throughout his life. It was a difficult birth and Graham, while much-loved, remained an only child. Arthur died in 1971, Millie in 2009, meaning she was a widow longer than she had been a wife and explaining the close and loving relationship between her and Graham.

## Home and church family

Graham was part of the post-war generation that was able to go from grammar school on to university and then into a profession. He received his degree in Geography and American Studies from Keele University and was later awarded an MEd in the Philosophy of Religion and Religious Education from Liverpool University. He taught in schools in Merseyside for twenty-one years, first as a Geographer and later as Head of Religious Knowledge



Graham and Barbara were married on 9<sup>th</sup> April 1983 in California. Sarah and Arthur followed in that

order, were educated in Aylesbury and then used their dual nationality to study and now live in the States. Sarah is a counsellor in Nashville, Tennessee, and Arthur and his wife Kalyn, who married in 2011, are in Louisville, Kentucky; they have two children, grandad Graham's pride and joy: Declan and Adeline.



Growing up in Liverpool, Graham met first with the Thirlmere Road congregation and later at Smithdown Road, and contributed a chapter on the church in Liverpool for the history project edited by Joe Nisbet and Geoff Daniell. While a student at Keele from 1961 to 1965 he met with the congregation at Burslem in Stoke-on-Trent. The family moved to Aylesbury in 1992 with financial help from A.L. Jones in Texas with Millie joining them in 1995. Their home at Grenville Road was always an 'open house'. In 1999 Graham was part of a new congregation in Elmhurst, Aylesbury, which later re-located to the even newer Buckingham Park estate, also in Aylesbury. Graham continued to serve as one of the leaders of the congregation after moving to North Marston in 2006.

Graham was interested in LaGard Smith's ideas for a 'Radical Restoration' (book published in 2001). As a congregation we tried to work through the implications, including making a point of eating together at least once a month. Graham loved these fellowship lunches – and any opportunity to eat a sausage roll or two (or three) and had a strange partiality for hot pork pie. Our next church meal and first without Graham will be a poignant occasion. He was never a Sunday-only Christian, being a reliable supporter of midweek meetings and an enthusiastic attendee of social activities. Graham very much understood church to mean family

and loved spending time with his sisters and brothers in Christ.

## Writings

Graham was more at ease as a writer than as a pulpit preacher and over the years contributed much to the church nationwide. So far as I can tell, Graham's first contribution to a national magazine was his article "The Fire of God" in Volume Three, Number One of *Truth for Today*, edited and published by Len Channing in Aylesbury. *TfT* was deliberately undated with the idea that back issues should still be readable long after publication. My guess is that Volume Three was early seventies. Graham was a regular contributor throughout Len's editorship and when John Diggie took over following Len's unexpected death, Graham became a Staff Writer.

While contributing articles to *Tf'* Graham had the idea of producing something lighter. This resulted in his *Eye-Opener* magazine that he published from Liverpool with help from Adrian Hill, Willie Maddeaux, and no doubt others. While *The Eye-Opener* contained many useful teaching articles it also had a lighter side, including what was clearly an autobiographical series of stories along with quizzes and cartoons. It was a breath of fresh air and I was thrilled to win a one-pound book token in one of the quizzes back in the day. Graham revived *The Eye-Opener* for a time following his move to Aylesbury but eventually moved on to other projects.

One issue of *The Eye-Opener* was devoted entirely to the subject of "Catastrophes That Fashioned the Bible". With help and encouragement from Len Channing and Albert Winstanley and typing courtesy of Maureen Hill, this was expanded to become *Speak Through the Earthquake Wind & Fire* published in Birkenhead by Countrywise in 1982. Now is not the time to offer an evaluation of the book but it is clear to me that even if you disagree with Graham's premise it is hard to claim that it is a dull book or poorly written.

The follow-up book was self-published in 1990. This is *Why Believe in Adam?* and contains more theology than *Earthquake, Wind & Fire*'. Many modern Bible readers dismiss much of the Genesis account as myth – without ever clearly defining

what the word means – thus reducing the importance of the first book in the Bible. But Genesis is foundational and we all know what happens if the foundations are weakened. It is a short book and, again, even if we are not convinced by the arguments, it is readable and clearly stated. In it, Graham thanks the Liverpool church and particularly Adrian Hill and Peter Anti.

Two years later, in 1992, Graham was invited to read a paper at the fifth European Creationist Conference. This was *A Possible Flood, Ice-Age and Earth Division Mechanism*, later published as Pamphlet 288 by the Creation Science Movement (May 1993). This is more of a technical read but, again, is clearly stated and easy to follow.

Since 1987 Graham had been editing *The Christian Worker*, taking the reins from founding editor Albert Winstanley. Albert and Jean had moved to Ulverston by this time and with Graham then in Liverpool I do not know much about the practicalities. I think Graham would write the copy, post it to Jean who would type the stencils which went to Trevor Ralph at Birmingham who duplicated it on a Gestetner. Something like that anyway. And I believe that throughout Graham's editorship the CW treasurer was Tony Styles at Corby.

When Graham relocated to Aylesbury in 1992 he brought the CW with him. Technology was changing and the way the CW was produced changed too. After Trevor and Irene's horrific car accident Graham had the CW copy-printer brought to Aylesbury so he could oversee production. There was no automatic collation or stapling on this model so these jobs had to be done manually. Graham assembled a team — bribed with the promise of a fish and chip lunch — and once a month they would assemble in one of the classrooms at the Mandeville Road building and put it all together. I only helped out on odd occasions in the school holidays (I was teaching by then) so do not remember the details but the regulars were, I believe, Anna Arki, Joan Brown, Marie Plater, and Sue Whitehead and these senior sisters, all long gone now, served faithfully in getting the job done each month. Later the copy printer was moved to the Fisher home in Grenville Road and the collating was done on my parents' dining room





the life and work of the British churches is to be praised. Which is not why he did it.

Having retired from the CW Graham revived *Genesis Accepted* but allowed himself a broader remit, covering the sort of material he used to present as CW editorials. This quickly became *The Voice* which ran from 2014 until this year and indeed I believe there are several more issues on file waiting for Barbara or Roel to distribute. *The Voice* was distributed as a pdf file so no more worrying about the cost of paper and ink and particularly postage and, as ever, once Graham put his mind to something it got done, with help from Barbara as proof-reader.

table, at which point my father, Derek, started to lend a hand along with his brother Gordon who lived with them. Graham eventually started to use desktop publishing with technical support from Roel de Gruyter in the Netherlands. Roel had visited Aylesbury while studying at the British Bible School in Corby and after graduating set up as an IT consultant. He continued to maintain Graham and Barbara's computers for many years.

And that brings us to the biggest printing project with which Graham was involved: *Favourite Hymns of the Church* (Eye-Opener, 1995) edited with Albert E. Winstanley.

In 2004 Graham started to self-publish a colourful A4 magazine called *Genesis Accepted*. This ran articles that were too long for the CW, concentrating on the book of Genesis with the presupposition that as part of the word of God Genesis was inspired and therefore should be read at face value. An unusual idea for many but, as Graham pointed out, Jesus took Genesis seriously so perhaps we should too.

It was Hilaire Belloc who wrote his own epitaph:

*Lord, when I am gone, please let it be said,  
Though his sins were scarlet his books were read.*

This ran for ten years at which point Graham's problems with his health in general and eyesight in particular made him realise that he would be wise to step down as editor of the *Christian Worker* before anything happened to him. The new editor was Trevor Williams with technical help from Jon Galloway. Almost immediately they took the decision to go digital and the CW continues to flourish as a pdf file and online monthly magazine. Graham's twenty-seven years in the editor's chair far exceeds Albert's eleven and Bob Eckman's seven combined and his contribution to

Of all Graham's written works, the hymnbook is probably the one that will be read more and longer. Many of us will have read *Earthquake, Wind, & Fire* and *Adam* but perhaps only the once but those of us that use *Favourite Hymns* do so on a regular basis. With the move to digital hymnals this may be the last British hymnbook to be printed, beyond local updates of existing chorus books.

Graham used the *Christian Worker* to enlist help from anyone who wanted to be involved in compiling a list of hymns that were actually sung in the congregations, making it unusual in reflecting what the people sang rather than what the compiler thought they should sing. All this was done pre-internet with covering letters and lists being duplicated and posted in carefully addressed envelopes. A true labour of love. The details are in the Preface to the hymnbook and if you have never read it then take the time to do so.

Graham took responsibility for the words with Albert and Jean Winstanley (and I think Beryl Nisbet) looking after the music. It is not without flaws – has there ever been a hymnbook that has not had some failings? But many of the criticisms raised against it are unfair in being impractical. In an ideal world there would be a large-print edition and perhaps a words-only edition for those who do not want or need the music. No doubt a commercial publisher could do this but *Favourite Hymns* was essentially the work of one man – Graham – with some help from Albert. Of course, any mistakes were inevitably down to Albert although I suspect when critics pointed out the same mistakes to Albert, he would have passed them off as Graham's. With a twinkle. (If you never met Albert, he was a great twinkler.)

Readers who would like to know about Graham's contribution to the **British Bible School** please read the next article.

## Conclusion

There is much more that could be said about Graham. He was a devoted son, husband, father, and grandfather. A family man. And a loving man, whose love extended to his church family too. He was always so pleased to meet with his brethren and served them – us, for I am one too – he served us patiently and lovingly over many years, often while bearing physical problems that we struggle even to imagine. And yet, when we



list all his achievements – the books and articles written, the magazines edited, the classes taught and sermons preached, the hours spent visiting the sick and housebound or welcoming guests into his home, all this counts for nothing.

Graham knew and loved his Bible and he knew that Christians are not saved because of how they use whatever talents God has given us. No. Christians are given salvation as a free gift. The technical term is that we are saved by the grace of God. Having been saved by Jesus and His death, burial, and resurrection it is only right and proper that we give back what has been given to us. If we can do something, anything, for the glory of God then that is what we must do. And Graham lived his life for the glory of God. Some of his achievements will be remembered for many years to come; some are known only to God. But those of us who share Graham's faith in a loving heavenly father can look forward in confidence when we too hear the words that Graham has already heard: 'Well done, good and faithful servant. Come and enter into your reward'.

The **funeral** took place on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April with a burial at North Marston but due to the current restrictions had to be by invitation only. An open celebration is planned for later in the year when we can all meet together, sing so as to raise the roof, and shake as many hands as we want. Details will follow in due course.

Steven Whitehead





# Remembering Graham Fisher from India

I first met Graham Fisher in 2003, but I knew him many years before that through his editorials in CW. As a teenager the three names I used to hear in connection with our work in India were Albert Winstanley, Tony Tyson and Graham Fisher.

Graham Fisher always had a good place in his heart for the work in the Indian Subcontinent. He always used to accommodate our appeals and add his comments to encourage the readers to support the work in India. My father John used to admire his scholarship and they would exchange emails about his articles. His magazines *Answers in Genesis* and *The Voice* are examples of his insight knowledge and scholarship.

My first personal meeting with Graham was at the British Bible School, when he came as a visiting teacher and taught the book of Jonah, 'Is Jonah Real'? That was first time, I heard a very different view point of Jonah in the belly of the fish. I remember engaging in a good discussion with him in the classroom and afterwards. Later I visited him in Aylesbury and had the opportunity to spend some time with him. In 2004, he was the Keynote Speaker at my graduation from the British Bible School – I received my Diploma of Graduation from him.

Since my graduation he has supported me personally for the past 16 years. Ruth and I are ever thankful to Graham and Barbara Fisher.



It was always a joy to read his articles and emails – there was always a touch of humour here and there in his writings. The last email I received from him was about the delay in sending *The Voice* magazine. In spite of the ill health, he was always ahead of schedule in publishing his magazine. I often wondered how he managed it – it required a lot of passion and commitment.

I wish I could get a text copy of his latest work "Other sons and daughters"! Maybe I will have to wait for my turn to discuss with him about it on 'the Other Side'!

Our prayers go to our Father for Barbara, Arthur and Sarah.

Joel and Ruth Madiki







# BRITISH BIBLE SCHOOL NOTES

## Memories of Graham Fisher

**Graham Fisher**, who died on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021 aged 79, was a long-standing friend and supporter of the work of the British Bible School and, more recently, a governor.

As editor of the *Christian Worker* from 1987 to 2014, Graham was always ready to make space for news from the British Bible School and over the years was able to help many graduates by publicising their appeals. We can think of those in Ghana, India, Malawi, Pakistan, Philippines, and no doubt elsewhere who are grateful for the funds they have received thanks to the *Christian Worker*. Graham was also a faithful personal financial supporter of the School as he shared our desire to make the word of God better known both among believers and to those who have yet to meet Jesus.

Wearing one of his other hats, as a trustee of the Tom Blackmore Literature Fund, he was always ready to support appeals for new books for the BBS Library. When we were trying to raise the money to buy a facsimile of the *Codex Sinaiticus* for use as a teaching aid, he donated the residue of money in his Eye-Opener Publishing account, which was mainly the surplus raised from sales of the hymnbook he co-edited with Albert Winstanley, *Favourite Hymns of the Church* (1995).

Graham was a regular visiting teacher at Corby, coming in to lead a one-day workshop on Jonah as part of the Old Testament curriculum. Inevitably, students would be given a gift of one or both of his books: *Speak Through the Earthquake, Wind and Fire* (1982) and *Why Believe in Adam?* (1990). He was guest speaker at the 2004 graduation ceremony.

After the residential programme at Corby was suspended in 2009, Graham willingly accepted the invitation to serve as a governor of the British Bible School, attending meetings at Corby and, later, Northampton and even on occasion hosting them – with help from his wife Barbara – at their home in North Marston. Although his declining health made it impossible for Graham to contribute as a teacher, he was always a positive presence at meetings whether in person, or more recently, on-line.

While we will miss his meticulous attention to detail and his willingness to think outside the box, we know his contribution to the work of the British Bible School and to the people of God, both nationally and internationally, will not soon be forgotten.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his widow Barbara and their children Sarah and Arthur.

Steven Whitehead  
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# CONGRATULATIONS!

## More new Christians in Leicester

We are delighted to announce that on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, five souls were immersed into Christ.

After much study and prayer Anthony, Lorraine, Michael, Jennifer, and Michelle made the important decision to give their lives to Christ in baptism. These two families have all been on an incredible journey and conquered many obstacles to find the truth. They have come from a strong Catholic faith so the change is significant.

We love them all dearly and are overjoyed with the new additions to our Leicester family. We give God all the glory as he continues to impact people with the good news of Jesus here in Leicester.

Paul Hill

## Appointment of Deacons in Great Barr (Birmingham)

We would like to invite you to the Great Barr congregation's Appointment of Deacons and One Year Eldership Anniversary.

Date: Sunday, 30 May 2021

Time: 1.00 pm

Deacons to be appointed: Martin Huburn & David Edwin

Zoom ID: 8799 050 1513

Password: 484833

Sola Adeosun & John Onyebuchi



*Encouraging One Another*  
 Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May  
 10.00-11.30 am on Zoom  
 Thoughts from Mark Hill  
 & Tony Coffey  
 plus breakout discussions

Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89189363084?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89189363084?pwd=cW5vMGNOcUx3REJuRkpwQm9haFFUQT09)  
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Meeting ID: 891 8936 3084  
 Passcode: Encourage

## LIVERPOOL & SKELMERSDALE LADIES DAY SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2021 (via ZOOM)

### “OVERCOMING WITH GOD”

Zoom Open 1PM. Meeting starts 1.30pm prompt. ZOOM id : 9702136444

#### Speakers:

- DENISE STONE (Redbank church): OVERCOMING WITH GOD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT
- YEMI PETERS (Bilston church): OVERCOMING WITH GOD IN THE NEW TESTAMENT







# AROUND THE WORLD

## MALAWI

Firstly, I thank you for your prayers and support – please be assured that I do greatly appreciate them. I don't know how things would have been without you as just weeks after I received the support, my dear wife Lincy was hospitalised and two weeks later she closed her eyes for good, leaving me alone with the children. I wished that I could be the one going first so that the children might still have their mother's love but God's plan and wishes are not always what we may wish or pray for. It pleased him to take her first who was my greatest-ever friend and companion.

I have not been much in the field yet because of the above reasons but this is the farming period when most of the brethren are busy in their fields. Our government has also imposed some Covid-19 restrictions which have had an impact on gathering for worship and study.

However, on 20<sup>th</sup> February I managed to organise a one day meeting for local preachers and church leaders at Ekwendeni. I'm pleased to report that 45 brothers from 39 local village congregations came. In the meeting we

discussed a number of issues affecting the church like how we can assist one another despite

each congregation being independent. The issue of the Lord's supper came up as most congregations just pray on Sunday without partaking.

The brothers also highlighted the rising cost of local Bibles and the need to have our one week annual Bible school again in August. They said that this is more of a benefit for them than the Sunday Bible class in their respective congregations. Lastly the issue of push bicycles for the village preachers also took centre stage and I told them my present situation as regards of support and that without you I would have been in my home village just farming like them.

I also took an advantage of thanking them for their helping during the illness and demise of my wife. I told them not to bother themselves to be coming to my house for condolences as we do in our culture. It has been a burden to entertain them as Lincy is no longer alive.

At Ekwendeni, my home congregation, the work started on a high note in the year with our youth having a get together on New Year's Day. Lincy and I were invited as I was asked to give a career talk on being a preacher. Many of our youth don't have interest in being a preacher as most of the Church of Christ Bibles Colleges or schools are not accredited by the government. As few local congregations can manage to support a preacher it is hard for them to find job opportunities.

On Sundays, we have an English worship service from 8.30-9.45 and then our local Tumbuka worship from 10:00-11.30 am. The average attendance has been 50 and 90 respectively as many have not come out due to Covid-19.



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During the week there is a ladies' class every Friday from 2.00-3.00 pm and afterwards they sometimes visit the sick or those who are blessed with new babies in their families.



So far we have had six baptisms and five restorations at Ekwendeni this year, while in the outreach programme we have had two baptisms.

During this time of the year, food is also problem in most of the households and by the grace of God through your support, over 60 households in the Mphimbi congregation and those in the surrounding area received maize out of the supply that the congregation received.

Our youth at Ekwendeni have made a donation of maize and assorted groceries to a widow at the Embombeni congregation and last month they were at Ekwaiweni. They try to do this monthly though funds are limited.



I thank you all for the support and prayers. I'm passing through the most difficult and tempting times since I was born. I'm still in the mourning period of my dear wife, brother and mum which has also greatly affected my work as well.

It is my hope that Lord willing you may in future try to visit me here in Malawi and see the work on your own.

May the Lord continue to bless you all!

Davison Ndhlovu

### PHILIPPINES

It has been thirteen months since this pandemic lockdown started. With many businesses shut down, many people lost their only means of livelihood. Add to that the devastation that the Taal Volcano eruption caused. Somehow the people here in Cavite have not had enough breaks from such misfortunes.

We reverted back to a stricter lockdown three weeks ago in this area. Those who are only just recovering their losses are again without a steady source of income. The Philippine government is no longer able to provide enough assistance. People are starving.

And then came this bright idea about a Community Pantry which began with a cartload of sweet potatoes from local farmers in the north. "Give what you can. Take only what you need." So instead of me going out to families with food packs as in the past. Why not set up a table (with food items from my own pantry) outside my home? We started with some rice, eggs, noodles, sugar and cookies three days ago. There were 15 families who came and got what they thought they needed.

Yesterday Rodel, a local Christian, came in the early morning with a bag of garlic, onions and salt. He saw our pictures on Facebook and decided he wanted to share. Rodel and his wife Joy sell vegetables in the market. They are not wealthy people but they have a heart for others.



## AROUND THE WORLD



That same morning, Christine, an old schoolmate who is the younger sister of my high school classmate messaged me. She also wanted to help and sent \$50. So then we had some cash to buy more rice, eggs, noodles, bread, cheese, and cookies. In the afternoon, Imelda, a sister from another town, also gave me \$50. With her money, we bought a sack of rice.

We were able to bless another 30 families yesterday. There were more people lined up but we had already ran out of food items.

Last night (28<sup>th</sup> April) President Duterte announced the extension of our strict lockdown until 14<sup>th</sup> May. That means people still cannot go back to regular work. People are already starving as it is.

We will appreciate any more help that we can receive from our brothers and sisters near and far. Aside from the ongoing food pantry, we wish to be able to help these people with something more sustainable that can encourage them to grow their own vegetables and poultry. Please help.

Meanwhile, please pray for good health for all our volunteers who go out with us everyday serving all these many townfolk.

May God be glorified through our efforts to bless my town. Please give.

Gigie Carranza

### INDIA COVID APPEAL

The Christians at Gollaprolu are looking for ways to purchase these portable machines and make them available to the community on a free or rent basis to meet the growing need for oxygen. Once the situation is resolved, we will donate them to a Christian Hospital or Old Age Home.

Each machine costs around £450. It will take 3-4 days to deliver once we place the order.

I would like to appeal our brothers and sisters to help us purchase these machines. Any immediate help towards this is very much appreciated – it is melting to see people die for the lack of oxygen.

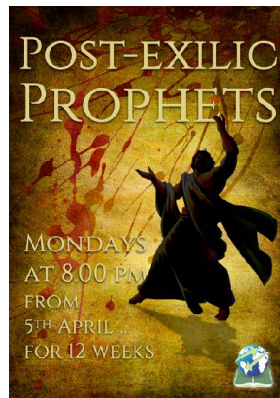
Funds can be sent to Tony Tyson at 152 Ormskirk Road, Up Holland, Skelmersdale, Lancashire WN8 0AF. You can contact Tony at [tonytyson66@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tonytyson66@yahoo.co.uk)

# NOTICES

## Online Bible Classes with the British Bible School

For twelve weeks commencing  
5<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Mondays at 8.00 pm**

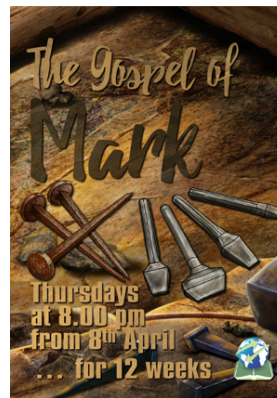


When the Lord looks upon his people, he must be broken hearted after everything he had done for them as a nation. Israel's lack of respect for the Lord, is seen in many ways.

But it's not all doom & gloom, there's hope for the future. ...

Presenters: Mike Glover & Jon Galloway

**Thursdays at 8.00 pm**



"The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God." The thrust of Mark's gospel is to move people to faith in the Son of God. As we study this gospel together may we also come to the same conclusion. ...

Presenter: Mark Hill

**Fridays at 8.00 pm**



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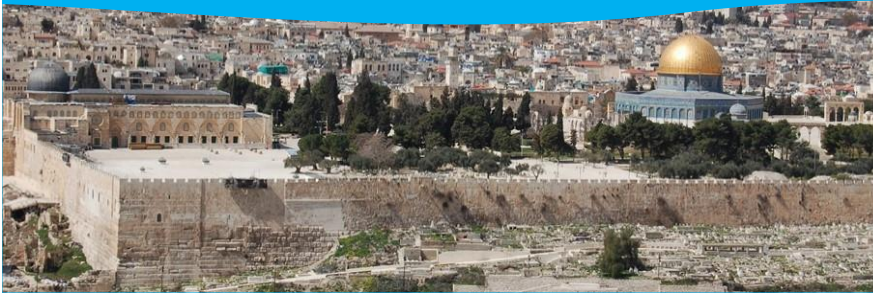
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## A TRIP OF A LIFETIME TO THE BIBLE LANDS OF ISRAEL & JORDAN

**2022**  
January 22<sup>nd</sup> – February 3<sup>rd</sup>



If you are interested in joining us please contact Ian Stairs for further details

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In February 1981 when we were at the Aylesbury congregation, a trip was organised to go to the Bible Lands for ten days. Many from Aylesbury went on this trip as well as a number from other congregations in the UK. Barry Allen organised this trip.

The trip was recorded on VHS video and everyone paid £5.00 for their copy. We did not receive our copy before we left England in January 1986. We had forgotten about it and we would like to reach out to any in the UK to see if any had a VHS or DVD of the video. We would like to get a copy of the video on DVD if possible. We would be willing to reimburse for copying and postage.

If you have this video, please contact us:

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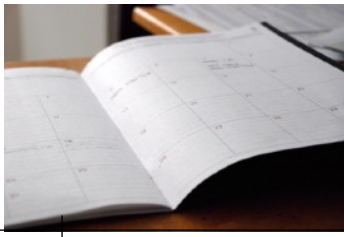
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# DIARY

## May

**3<sup>rd</sup> May-14<sup>th</sup> June – British Bible School:** Evening Online Class – “Post-Exilic Prophets” (taught by Mike Glover & Jon Galloway), each Monday at 8.00 pm. Please see British Bible School website for details (<http://britishbibleschool.com/news-and-events/online-events>).

**6<sup>th</sup> May-17<sup>th</sup> June – British Bible School:** Evening Online Class – “Mark” (taught by Mark Hill), each Thursday at 8.00 pm. Please see British Bible School website for details (<http://britishbibleschool.com/news-and-events/online-events>).

**18<sup>th</sup> – ‘Encouraging One Another’** – a time to encourage each other around God’s word and prayer, 10.00-11.30 am; presenters: Mark Hill & Tony Coffey, plus breakout discussions. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89189363084?pwd=cW5vMGNOcUx3REJURkgwQm9haFFYQT09>, Zoom Meeting ID: 891 8936 3084, Passcode: Encourage. For more details contact: Tony Coffey ([tonycoffey@gmail.com](mailto:tonycoffey@gmail.com)) or Jon Galloway ([jdgalloway@mac.com](mailto:jdgalloway@mac.com)).

**22<sup>nd</sup> – British Bible School:** Evening Lectures Online. Please see British Bible School website for details (<http://britishbibleschool.com/news-and-events/online-events/evening-lectures-online>).

**22<sup>nd</sup> – Liverpool & Skelmersdale:** Ladies’ Day on Zoom – “Overcoming With God”, 1.30-5.00 pm; speakers: Denise Stone and Yemi Peters. Contact: Maria Appiah-Anane ([mgvaa5@googlemail.com](mailto:mgvaa5@googlemail.com)).

**29<sup>th</sup> – Liverpool:** Gospel Meeting – “Finding God” (Matthew 11:28-30), speaker: Graeme Morrison, 7.00 pm. Zoom Meeting ID: 970 213 6444. Contact: Charles Yankiah (07891 262910 or [cyankiah@hotmail.com](mailto:cyankiah@hotmail.com)).

**30<sup>th</sup> – Great Barr (Birmingham):** Appointment of Deacons and One-Year Elder Anniversary, 1.00 pm. Zoom Meeting ID: 8799 050 1513, Password: 484833. Contact: Sola Adeosun ([sola.adeosun@gmail.com](mailto:sola.adeosun@gmail.com)).

## June

**11<sup>th</sup> – Liverpool:** Evening of Songs – “Psalm 34:1”, 7.00 pm. Zoom Meeting ID: 970 213 6444. Contact: Charles Yankiah (07891 262910 or [cyankiah@hotmail.com](mailto:cyankiah@hotmail.com)).

**19<sup>th</sup> – Liverpool:** Gospel Meeting – “Finding God” (Matthew 11:28-30), speaker: Graham MacDonald, 7.00 pm. Zoom Meeting ID: 970 213 6444. Contact: Charles Yankiah (07891 262910 or [cyankiah@hotmail.com](mailto:cyankiah@hotmail.com)).

**26<sup>th</sup> – Liverpool:** All Day Fellowship – “Make Your Calling and Election Sure” (2 Peter 1:10), 10.00 am - 4.00 pm. Three lessons, songs, quiz, congregation updates. Zoom Meeting ID: 970 213 6444. Contact: Charles Yankiah (07891 262910 or [cyankiah@hotmail.com](mailto:cyankiah@hotmail.com)).

## July

**10<sup>th</sup> – Edmonton (London):** Men’s Workshop – “A Healthy Church” (Ephesians 4:15-16), 10.00 am-4.00 pm; speaker: Patrick Boyns. Venue: Zoom – Meeting ID 821 8670 6523, Password: workshop. Contact: Maxwell (07983 435054), Charles (07506 689396), or Anthony (07847 321141).

**31<sup>st</sup> – Edmonton (London):** Singles’ Enrichment Programme, 3.00-10.00 pm, ages 18 and over. Theme: “Crossing Over From Single Life to Married Life – Get it Right”. Venue: Zoom. Registration is required – contact: [churchofchristedmset@gmail.com](mailto:churchofchristedmset@gmail.com), Lloyd Agyemang (07833 296396), John ‘Nana Akswasi’ Asiamah (07908 725427), or Yaw Duodu (07462 080692).

**31<sup>st</sup> – Liverpool:** Gospel Meeting – “Finding God” (Matthew 11:28-30), speaker: Tommy Stone, 7.00 pm. Zoom Meeting ID: 970 213 6444. Contact: Charles Yankiah (07891 262910 or [cyankiah@hotmail.com](mailto:cyankiah@hotmail.com)).

## August

**28<sup>th</sup> – Liverpool:** Gospel Meeting – “Finding God” (Matthew 11:28-30), speaker: Diego Rojas, 7.00 pm. Zoom Meeting ID: 970 213 6444. Contact: Charles Yankiah (07891 262910 or [cyankiah@hotmail.com](mailto:cyankiah@hotmail.com)).

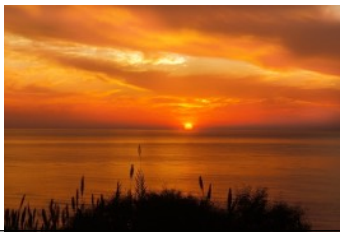
## September

**17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> – British Bible School Family Retreat** at Letton Hall.

**25<sup>th</sup> – Liverpool:** Gospel Meeting – “Finding God” (Matthew 11:28-30), speaker: Wayne Pascall, 7.00 pm. Zoom Meeting ID: 970 213 6444. Contact: Charles Yankiah (07891 262910 or [cyankiah@hotmail.com](mailto:cyankiah@hotmail.com)).

## October

**29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> – Peterborough:** Ladies’ Day on Zoom. Contact: Marsha Erysthee ([merystheel@aol.com](mailto:merystheel@aol.com)).



# THE FINAL WORD



Getting  
Ready

**O**n 9<sup>th</sup> April I was sitting in the waiting room of our local crematorium waiting to take the funeral service of a local lady I had never met. I always like to be early to give myself time to think and greet those who are attending the service.

One of the pall bearers arrived and told me that he had just heard on the news that Prince Philip had passed away. We spoke for a moment then changed the subject to discussions about his allotment and potatoes. The service started and knowing the family was not very religious (whatever that may mean), I started to talk about life and death and that we all, believers in Christ or not have to depart from this life.

It was then that I told the congregation that Prince Philip had passed away. The gasp of shock rings in my ears even now. Everyone had the same reaction. Was it a surprise that a man within days of his one hundredth birthday had passed? Or was it the fact that he was married to probably the most famous woman in the world, our Queen, and was by default one of the most famous men in the world? We all know it was the latter.

The funeral of Prince Philip had its grand side with music, military honours, etc., but it was touching that our Royal Family kept strictly to the code that everyone else is expected to keep – that only 30 people could attend the funeral. Yesterday we attended the funeral of our brother Graham Fisher and, like Prince Philip, only 30 people

could attend his funeral. There were no hymns sung, no hugging, we were all masked, yet there was a difference. Those of us who were members of Christ could rejoice that Graham had left us only to go home to be with Jesus.

Graham may not have been as famous as Prince Philip but his love for the King of kings was evident in his life. Graham loved the Lord and tried his best to use his talents as a writer to show the value and truth of the Scriptures that we hold so dear. Graham was a Wordsmith, I am not; that is not my talent, it was his.

Graham's cousin read a poem written by Raymond Carter which said, 'And did you get what you wanted from this life, even so? I did. And what did you want? To call myself beloved, and to feel myself beloved on the earth.'

As Christians we live each day for Jesus. None of us can be sure of the length of life but it is up to us to use every day to make someone else's day special. We have a love in our hearts given to us by the Holy Spirit to live victoriously for Jesus and valiantly for our fellow mankind. We have the time today to share our love to someone to say we care. We have the words today to tell someone that they are loved. We have the ability today to stand shoulder to shoulder with someone who is in need. We have today but only today. What will others say about your today?

*'When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside.  
Bear me through the swelling current;  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee.'*

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