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and Middle East**

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Front cover and above: Make a Joyful Noise singing and remembering Alan Dod - see page 5



Fellowship

When we read about the first Christians we discover that they were devoted to *fellowship*. Notice this description in the days following Pentecost.

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” (Acts 2:42 NIV)

But what exactly is ‘fellowship’? If you look up the English word ‘fellowship’ you would find a definition similar to this: “friendly association, especially with people who share one’s interests” (Oxford Dictionary of English). Although there are aspects of the English definition that fit what we read about in scripture, I’m not sure that goes far enough.

The Greek word is *koinonia*; Strong’s Concordance lists these as the meaning of this word: “fellowship, association, community, communion, joint participation, intercourse”. This gets closer to what we mean when we talk of our fellowship together.

The study notes with the NETBible comments on Acts 2:47 by saying this: “Fellowship refers here to close association involving mutual involvement and relationships.” This, I think, gets to the heart of what I mean when I talk about Christian fellowship.

During the past month I’ve been thinking more about fellowship because I’ve had the privilege of spending time with Christians in different settings – the Social Day in Kirkcaldy and a retreat organised at Balmule. In both of these I believe I experienced true fellowship. Both of these were study and worship

events and, although the lessons were very good, the feeling I went away with was that of having spent time in discussion with Christians.

I’ve heard Christians express that they really don’t need other Christians in their lives, that it is just them and God. The problem is that you don’t read about Christians surviving this way in the pages of Scripture. Christians spend time together. It is that time together that helps to recharge our lives as we face the problems that we encounter in the world. It is also a time that should encourage us.

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Perhaps when we meet with our local congregation we don’t feel this is happening. If it isn’t, it doesn’t stop you from doing what you need to be doing: encouraging others and spurring them on to doing more for Jesus. One thing I’ve noticed over the years is this: the more I encourage others the more encouragement I receive. Giving up doesn’t help anyone because then we won’t be giving or receiving the motivation we need.

Be devoted to fellowship!

Jon



BRITISH BIBLE SCHOOL NOTES

BBS Charity AGM

The main event at the Bible School over the next few weeks will be the Annual General Meeting of our Charity. This is open to anyone who would like to come along and learn more about the school and what it has been doing and plans to do over the next year.

If you are in the Northampton area, come along for 11.00 on Saturday, 9th May, to learn more about the school and even how you can become a part of what we are trying to do in “teaching others to teach others” so that we all grow together to become more like Jesus. If you cannot attend in person but would like to view and hear the

meeting, contact us for details of how to be part of an online audience.

Our online evening classes are off to a great start for the spring with John Griffiths leading a study of the book of James on Monday evening and on Thursday evening Steve Whitehead is telling us more about what Rome was like in the first century how impact this had on those in New Testament times. Both classes begin at 8.00 pm and last for one hour. You will be made most welcome.

Jon Galloway
britishbibleschool.com



British Bible School Charity AGM

Dear Friend of the Bible School,

You are invited to our British Bible School Charity AGM to be held on Saturday, 9th May 2026, at 11am in Northampton.

The venue is: Christian Fellowship Centre, Shadowfax Drive, Northampton, NN3 8DB.

Doors will be open from 10.30am, and light refreshments available. We anticipate the meeting lasting no more than one hour. It would be useful if you would please let us know if you are planning to be with us. Thank you.

We look forward to seeing you,
Jack Paton

Chairman of British Bible School Charity

P.S. If you are unable to attend but would like to view/listen to the meeting online, please let us know and we will send you details nearer the time.



FAMILY NEWS

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

The weekend of 11th April saw people from up and down the country from various congregations gather together in southeast London for a singing event called "Make a Joyful Noise". This was a day to praise God and to honour my late husband Alan Dod by singing all the wonderful songs he taught to many congregations. We were led by Nigel Best and Noel Frost, who both trained the same year at WLI (Worship Leader Institute) with Alan. We also had the incredible Matt Limeus from Northampton and worship-leaders-in-training Paul Amevorshie from Thamesmead, Isaac Ntim from Edmonton, and Douglas Atuah from Thamesmead. And not to forget to mention all the behind the scenes help from Godwin Kanton!



The day was filled with some of the most passionate singing I've witnessed in a long time. We cried, we laughed, and we held each other. We opened up by singing a 'Joy Medley' followed by more songs on this theme. The first session ended with the wonderful group 'London Melodies', conducted by Nigel Best, providing us with their beautiful harmonies.

After lunch we had a short video on the WLI programme showcasing many aspects of what students learn while attending. Noel Frost and Nigel Best both gave testimonies on what it meant for them to be part of the programme. They encouraged brethren who wanted to attend and we officially launched The Alan Dod Memorial Scholarship.

The scholarship is for those based in the UK who want to go and get the same kind of training Alan had and be able to encourage our UK congregations. Our goal is to raise £3000 to provide this blessing to others. We also had a donor say he and his wife would match up to £1000! Blessings keep coming!

We finished up the afternoon by singing the last song Alan was teaching to congregations: "The Goodness of God". Many tears were shed not only of the memory of Alan but because how powerful these words are. We plan on holding another event next year and would love to see you all there!

If anyone would like to contribute to the scholarship you can do so at: [https://](https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/LEEGKRE6X7WZ6)

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or scan the QR code. (£10 is roughly \$13.)



Sarah Dod

"One Body in Christ"

Marking 60 years since the opening of our building and 65 years since the congregation began to meet in Wembley, we invite you to join us for a day of fellowship, worship, and encouragement on

Saturday 6th June

10am – 4pm

Wembley Church of Christ
92 Barnhill Road
Wembley
Middlesex
HA9 9BS

Please let us know if you can come
Contact: John Griffiths
Mobile: 07733702038
Email: griffiths.jhg01@gmail.com



AROUND THE WORLD

VISIT TO INDIA

We are thankful to share an update from our recent visit to India – we spent two weeks with the teams serving in different parts of South India.

Many already know about the work that is being carried out by Joel Madiki, along with his wife Ruth and their family, and also by his cousin Vijay Madiki and his family. This visit gave us the opportunity to see first hand how these efforts are impacting local communities.

After a short stay in Delhi, we travelled to Andhra Pradesh, where Joel and Ruth warmly welcomed us and took great care of us throughout our stay. During this time we were able to visit several locations and see the different activities they are involved in.

We witnessed the ongoing support being extended to children, women, and widows in the community. These efforts are both practical and encouraging in nature, helping people in their day-to-day lives. It was humbling to see how much these small, consistent efforts mean to those who depend on them.

We had the privilege of sharing messages in a number of small gatherings, with the

help of local language interpretation. Funmi Glover was also able to speak in women’s meetings and spend time with groups involved in skill-based activities such as tailoring.

In the past there was a children’s home, known locally as “Bethsaida.” Due to changes in regulations in recent years this model has had to be adapted. The team now focuses on supporting children through community-based programmes that are in line with current requirements. It was encouraging to meet a few who had benefited earlier and are now doing well in their professions.

We then spent a few days with Vijay and his wife Sonia, who are based a short distance away. Once again we experienced their warm hospitality and were able to observe their work closely.

Vijay is involved in mentoring and teaching a number of grassroots workers, who in turn serve in different regions. Sonia is actively engaged with women in the community, helping run small skill-training initiatives that enable them to earn a livelihood.

We also saw simple but meaningful community efforts, including access to clean drinking water and local food

support initiatives, which are a great help to many families in the area.

There is much more that could be shared, but we hope this gives you a clearer picture of the work being carried out by these Christian families in South India. The dedication of both families is evident, and their commitment continues to make a quiet but real difference.



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restored because directly or indirectly it does affect us all economically.

Our first quarter has mainly focused on visits to individual congregations apart from the routine work at Ekwendeni. The congregation continues to grow in faith and numbers. The average attendance on Sunday for the English worship is 35 while in our local language it is 163.

After morning worship we also have afternoon prayers which are usually take place in various locations – currently we have three, namely Chikopulazi, Kamuzuzeni & Feranja, Trade & Zambia line.

We sincerely thank Joel and Vijay, as well as their families for their care, hospitality, and for allowing us to be part of what they are doing. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

If you would like to know more, please reach out to us. We would be happy to share further details or provide a fuller report of our trip to India. Contact us by email at tonytyson66@yahoo.co.uk or Mike97glover@gmail.com. Any support is most welcome – even a small monthly amount is helpful

Mike Glover and Tony Tyson



Baptisms in Ekwendeni

MALAWI – EKWENDENI UPDATE

Days are flying as we have now already finished the first quarter of the year which has globally been affected by the American/Iran war. We pray to the Lord so that it may end soon and peace gets



Christians outside Ekwendeni

You may be aware that this is the time when most Christians spend more time in farming. On the other hand this period is the most difficult as most do not have enough food in their homes hence they spend time on piece work so that they may get meals for a day or a week. This affects our Sunday attendance so afternoon prayers do help those who were unable to attend the main service. Often, after the afternoon prayers, we also visit those who are sick at the hospitals or homes.

Evangelism and Outreach Programmes

The visits to most of our sister congregations or those who have working relationship with us has not been as effective as expected because of financial constraints – we now buy petrol at almost \$4.00 per litre and then most of the roads are not

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passable. This has been a set back as we cannot visit other congregations to assist them.

I did manage to visit Ekwaiweni, Baula and Libwelitali and then called preachers and church leaders for seminar at Ng'ongo on 14th March. After an opening prayer, each congregation was given time to outline how they have progressed in terms of Sunday worship, availability of the Lord's supper, baptisms and restorations, and the condition of the church buildings. Congregations who want a preaching campaign and gospel meetings came forward to announce the dates and asked those in other congregations to come and support them materially, financially or to participate in the campaign.



Ng'ongo meeting

Benevolence and Church Buildings

One of the local Christians has been blessed with support and this has targeted all Christian households in the country to have a Bible. The first phase was here in the northern region and over 95% families can now breathe a sigh of relief as they have a Bible in our own local language. We thank God for this, as each Bible costs almost \$15 and to have it for free is really a blessing.

The challenge we have now is fruit of the vine which were given free in early 80s and 90s by our American missionaries. Most congregations especially in the rural villages do struggle to have it during Sunday worship and we do try to teach the church leaders to make sure that they should find

means to have it if the Sunday collection is not enough. This has also been the case for the dilapidated church buildings and supporting the orphans and widows – we need to share.

Conclusion

It's my appeal to you to keep us in prayers as we also pray for you. Your support is really making a difference in the spiritual and physical life of the Christians here, hence the congregations continue to grow. If God may give a chance to visit, please visit us as your presence will be a blessing to us all.

Davison Z. Ndhlovu

MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA

As you know, the Middle East continues to struggle and lives under the shadow of fear and uncertainty because of the Israel–Iran war. This situation has also affected the UAE. The UAE government has taken strict precautions, and we are carefully following their rules. As of now, we are doing well and continuing our work with caution and prayer.

Preaching School Near the Saudi Border

Our primary mission work with the preaching school near the Saudi border continues, though we have faced some challenges. We are thankful to report:

- 16 baptisms from January until now
- Students from seven different countries
- About 90% from Islamic backgrounds
- Many students from Nigeria and northern Somalia

We are very encouraged by their dedication and commitment to learning and sharing the Gospel

Dubai School of Preaching

The Dubai School of Preaching is also doing very well. We currently have students from: Bangladesh, Northeast India and Pakistan They are working diligently in their studies and spiritual training. Both preaching schools are excited about their upcoming graduation in July.

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Dubai church of Christ

The Dubai congregation continues to grow steadily. Both the English and Telugu worship services are doing well, and we are thankful for the growth we are seeing in attendance and spiritual development.

Congregations Established in 8 Countries

Through the work of our Dubai and Saudi border schools, eleven new congregations were started in eight nations (Iran, Kuwait, Al-Ain (UAE), Kurdistan (Iraq), Nigeria, Uganda, Kenya, Sudan). A total of 21 graduate students are now actively sharing the Gospel across East and West African nations. Of these 21 graduates:

- 15 students came from Muslim faith backgrounds
- 556 people were baptised into Christ during 2025

Unfortunately, several of our workers were persecuted and injured by various anti-Christian groups last year. We continue to pray for their safety and strength as they faithfully serve.

These significant results represent the genuine sacrificial efforts of our graduates from the schools along the Dubai and Saudi border. You can envision the groundwork we are laying in the hearts of these courageous young men who came from eight different countries around the world to be trained and sent back to serve.

Please continue to pray for:

Safety for students and teachers, protection for workers serving in dangerous areas, upcoming July graduation, continued growth of new congregations and healing for those injured during persecution.

middeastasiamissions@usa.net



The Livingston Church Of Christ Ladies invite you to our

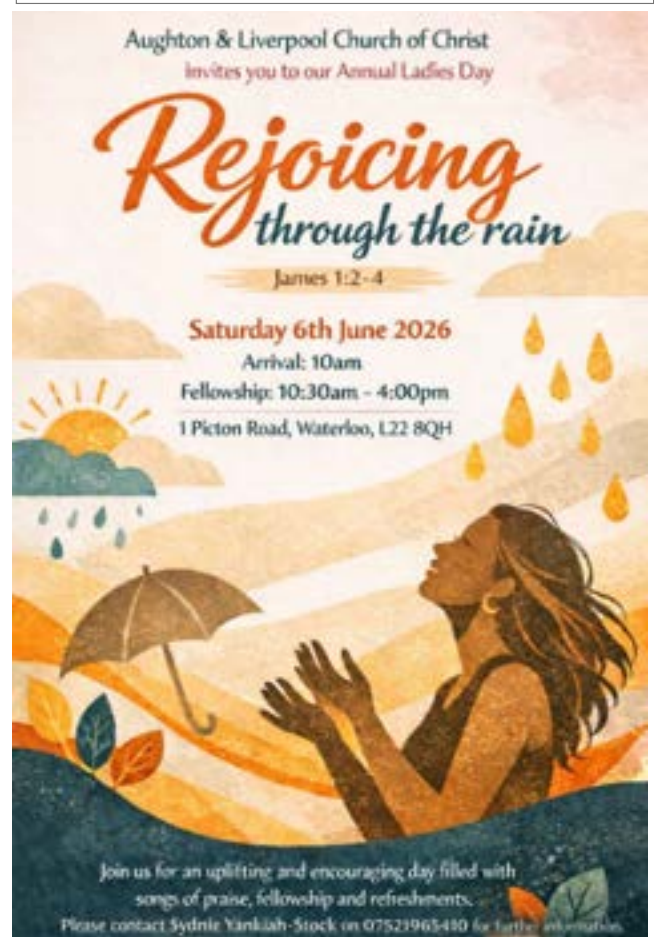
Ladies Day

MAY 30 10AM-3PM

Ladies, you're invited to a beautiful day of fellowship, encouragement, and connection. Our theme, **One Another**, reminds us of the strength we find when we uplift, support, and walk alongside each other in Christ. Come expecting inspiration, sisterhood, and a refreshing time in God's presence. Bring a friend, or come ready to make new ones. Let's grow together as we grow in Him.

Please send names and dietary information to aminakabalo316@gmail.com by Sunday 24th May

Church of Christ
Garden Place, Eliburn Livingston, EH54 6RA



Aughton & Liverpool Church of Christ
invites you to our Annual Ladies Day

Rejoicing through the rain

James 1:2-4

Saturday 6th June 2026
Arrival: 10am
Fellowship: 10:30am - 4:00pm
1 Picton Road, Waterloo, L22 8QH

Join us for an uplifting and encouraging day filled with songs of praise, fellowship and refreshments.
Please contact Sydnie Yankiah-Stock on 07523965480 for further information.



SECRETS AND MYSTERIES

As a church group we have always stressed the simplicity of the Bible. The church we believe is not a secret society nor do we accept the doctrines or traditions of men. But we must realise that in the manifold wisdom of God there are matters that we may struggle to understand. The very nature of God cannot be understood fully even if we studied God all through our lives. Yet we believe that God can appear as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. There are deep matters which we sometimes wrestle with and even doctrines that we may even find perplexing. The apostle Paul for instance discusses secrets and mysteries.

In Philippians 4:12, Paul talks about having learned the secret of being content. We live in a country of vast wealth, though at the present time we may not think so. Our televisions and newspapers tell us that we need more in our lives because we are worth it. Paul talks about the matter of being hungry or well fed – he knows how to deal

with both. In verse 13 he told us how he is able to do this: ‘I can do everything through him who gives me strength.’ He is talking about going through the rough times in life and certainly not expecting Jesus to give him a Superman strength to do literally anything his imagination can think of. He affirms that it is Jesus who stands at his side and supports him.

In Colossians 1:26 Paul introduces a mystery that had been kept hidden but was now revealed. Paul used this idea of mystery a few times in his writings but in this instance, he declares the meaning of that which was hidden away. The secret was out and for all to know: both Jews and non-Jews could receive Jesus Christ, the hope of glory. For the Jews this would be a shock and for the Gentiles total joy. It had always been the plan that Jesus, Emmanuel, would be the sacrifice for mankind. God with mankind lived and died for everyone. The designer of the Universe died to save the inhabitants.

Who can fully understand this? For those who have surrendered their lives to Jesus some of these matters are hard to understand; but for those outside of Christ, this faith is a mystery and a secret they cannot understand. We may struggle with some passages of scripture but by living with the light of Jesus within us others may still see Jesus – the hope of glory.

Trevor Williams

Three minute videos by
Tony Coffey

Your New Life

<https://youtu.be/GzuKrdm158Q>

Good Deeds

<https://youtu.be/vkgK2v8daAQ>



NOTICES

Online Bible Classes with the *British Bible School*

For twelve weeks commencing 6th April 2026

Mondays at 8.00 pm

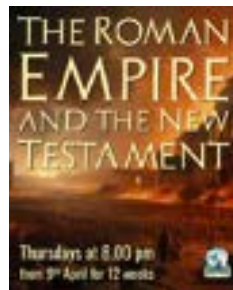
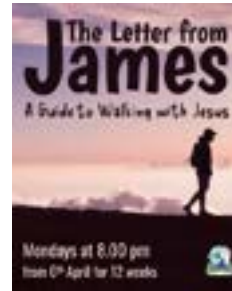
The Letter from James

'A Guide to Walking with Jesus'

The 16th century German theologian, Martin Luther called it a 'letter of straw', unworthy of a place in the New Testament. The letter of James may not have the doctrinal depth of Paul's letters, but it is perhaps the most practical of the New Testament letters.

You are invited to join us as James teaches us how our faith in God is to be expressed in our daily actions and relationships with others, as we walk with Jesus.

Presenter: John Griffiths



Thursdays at 8.00 pm

The Roman Empire and the New Testament

The entire New Testament happened under the Roman Empire but what were the Romans doing in Judah and what did they do for the new Christian community?

We will meet the relevant emperors and plenty of less exalted Roman citizens including the most famous one of all, the rabbi Paul of Tarsus who used his citizenship to get out of hot water on more than one occasion, although in the end it took him to Rome just in time to get caught up in Nero's persecution of Christians after the Great Fire.

Presenter: Steve Whitehead

Also: weekly podcast on YouTube

This is a growing collection of 'Thoughts' aired on a weekly basis, each one lasting around 20 minutes. From various presenters, each episode stands alone and is generally based around a passage of Scripture – aimed to give us something to think about.

These are pre-recorded and then 'premiered' at 10 o'clock each Sunday morning on our YouTube channel, where they remain accessible. See weekly link published on our Facebook page.



7th Annual Marriage Retreat - 28-31 August 2026

Join us for an extended weekend of a delightful Christian marriage retreat. Limited Spaces please book early!

Theme: Connecting With Purpose

Main Speaker: Evangelist Paul Hill

Venue: Holiday Inn Aylesbury By IHG
New Rd, Weston Turville, Aylesbury, HP22 5QT, United Kingdom

Cost: £600 per Couple

What's included: Lectures, Workshop, Meeting Spaces, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Accommodation, Free Parking access to garden, swimming pool, fitness centre, hot tub, sauna, wi-fi and room service. Contact: Bro Dexter 07445 223 631 to register

Full Payment by 30/06/2026 to: Mercy Asiamah Sort Code: 20 53 00
Account Number: 135 85 008. Kindly add your name as reference.



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HOSTED BY: The Aughton Church

YOUNG ADULTS DAY

**Saturday 20th June
10am - 4:30pm**

**Theme: GAME CHANGEE
Are we created for a purpose?
Created with gifts?**

**With speaker: John Creason from Aberdeen
Scng leader: Daxford from Liverpool**

**Aughton Village Hall
Winifred Lane, Aughton
Ormskirk, L39 5DF**

CONTACT:

**Amy:
aj.robinson22@email.com
07568 194474
Mike:
07579 444261**

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**Brandon Church of
Christ Ladies Day**



**God is our
Rock and
our Role**

**Saturday 16th May 2026
10am to 4:30 pm**

**9 London Road
Brandon
Suffolk
IP27 0EL**

**Contact & RSVP Marie O'Donovan
marieodonovan2703@gmail.com
07545119486**

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READING
Song Fest

'Sing to the Lord a new song' - Psalm 96:1

SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 2026
1:00PM - 6:00PM

Reading Church of Christ, Crescent Resource Centre,
Warbler Drive, Lower Earley, RG6 4HB

FOOD PROVIDED!
Please inform us of any allergies or dietary needs.
Please let us know your numbers for catering purposes.
BWW readingchurchuk@aol.com
Free parking on site.

Be Holy
1 Peter 1:15-16

You are invited to our Ladies Day at
Adam Street Church of Christ, Ilkeston
Saturday 18th July
10am-4pm

Please contact
Patty Bullock (07867793156)
or
Jennifer Sparks (07526542565)
for more details.

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MORE THAN A NAME
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3RD - 10TH JULY 2026
COMPASS CHRISTIAN CENTRE
GLENSHEE • SCOTLAND

"May your name be kept holy!"
Matthew 6:9

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SHEFFIELD CHURCH OF CHRIST
INVITES YOUR CONGREGATION TO THEIR ANNUAL LECTURESHIP

MARRIAGE & PARENTING AS SHARED FORMATION

Building Stable Homes and Shaping Future Generations

TOPICS

- MARRIAGE - GODS WAY IN AN AGE OF REDEFINED VALUES
- BUILDING STRONG CHRISTIAN HOMES IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING CULTURE

10AM - 4PM SAT 29TH AUG, 2026
411 BELLHOUSE RD, S5 ORB

CHURCH OF CHRIST SHEFFIELD



DIARY

May

3rd – **British Bible School** evening class: “The Book of James” led by John Griffiths each Monday, 8.00-9.00 pm, for twelve weeks. Links to join the class can be found on the BBS social media and website:

www.britishbibleschool.com.

7th – **British Bible School** evening class: “The Roman Empire in the New Testament” led by Steve Whitehead, each Thursday, 8.00-9.00 pm, for twelve weeks. Links to join the class can be found on the BBS social media and website: www.britishbibleschool.com.

16th – **Milton Keynes**: Men’s Leadership Training, 10.00 am-4.00 pm, at Monkston Park Community Centre, 10 Pimlico Court, Off Plaistow Crescent, Milton Keynes MK10 9PN; lessons presented by Patrick Boyns.

Contact: Samuel Adorm (s_adorm@yahoo.com).

16th – **Brandon**: Ladies’ Day – “God is Our Rock Our Role”, 10.00 am-4.30 pm at 9 London Road, Brandon IP27 0EL. Contact & RSVP: Marie O’Donovan (marieodonovan2703@gmail.com or 07545 119486).

23rd – **Liverpool**: Gospel meeting, 6.30 pm, at 1 Picton Road, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 8QH. Contact: Charles Yankiah (cyankiah@hotmail.com or 07359 750645).

30th – **Great Barr (Birmingham)**: Bible Seminar – “Godly Homes: A Blueprint for Transforming Society”, 12.30-4.00 pm. Speakers: Mike Glover and Kunlie Orekoya. Venue: The Beacon Church Hall, Collingwood Drive, Birmingham B43 7JL. Contact: Sola Adeosun (sola.adeosun@gmail.com).

30th – **British Bible School** evening lecture by Steve Whitehead: “A funny thing happened on the way to the gallows: the story of Queen Esther”, 7.30 to 8.30 pm on Zoom. Links to join the lecture can be found on the BBS social media and website: www.britishbibleschool.com.

June

6th – **Aughton & Liverpool**: Ladies’ Day – “Rejoicing Through the Rain”, 10.30 am-4.30 pm at 1 Picton Road, Waterloo, Liverpool L22 8QH. Contact: Sydnie Yankiah-Stock (07521 965410).

6th – **Wembley (London)**: Anniversary – “One Body in Christ”, 10.00 am-4.00 pm. Venue: 92 Barnhill Road, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 9BS. Please send numbers attending to: John Griffiths (07733 702038 or griffiths.jhg01@gmail.com).

13th – **Shepshed**: Fellowship Day – Victory in Christ, speakers: Mark Hill and Trevor Williams. Contact: Stephen Woodcock (stephen.woodcock@hotmail.co.uk).

20th – **Reading**: “Song Fest” from 1.00-6.00 pm at the Crescent Resource Centre, Warbler Drive, Lower Earley, Reading, RG6 4HB. Food will be provided, please let us know of any allergies. For enquiries please email: readingchurchofchrist@gmail.com.

20th – **Aughton**: Young Adults Day, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm (limited accommodation for those who need to say over). Contact: Mike Glover (mike97glover@gmail.com).

27th – **Liverpool**: Annual All Day Fellowship, 10.00 am- 4.00 pm, at 1 Picton Road, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 8QH. Contact: Charles Yankiah (cyankiah@hotmail.com or 07359 750645).

27th – **Bristol**: BIBLEFEST2026 – Bible related challenges, activities and quizzes taken from the books of Hebrews and James for all ages (children under 8 years must be accompanied by an adult/guardian). Questions and Passages taken from ESV. Bookings or questions: Jason (07795 560990). Bible Fest 2026 'Timeless' booking form: <https://tinyurl.com/bdcpe59p>

July

3rd-10th – **Camp Heatherbell**: “More than a name. Venue: Compass Christian Centre, Glenshee. Cost: £195. For more information or to be sent an application, contact: admelbarr@gmail.com.

11th – **Edmonton (London)**: Men’s Workshop – “Baptism Saves”, 9.00 am-4.00 pm. Venue: 201a Bury Street, Edmonton, London, N9 9JE. Contact: Ofori Dwumah (edmontonchurchofchristuk@gmail.com).

18th – **Ilkeston**: Ladies’ Day – “Be Holy”, 10.00 am-4.00 pm, at Adam Street, Ilkeston. Contact: Patty Bullock (07867 793156) or Jennifer Sparks (07526 542565).

Diary

20th-21st – Brighton: Gospel Meeting – “The Gospel Truth”. Venue: 11 Oxford Street, Brighton BN1 4LA. Contact: Constant Coulibaly (constantcoulibaly@hotmail.com).

24th-26th – European Youth Lectureship: “The Young Shall Grow”, hosted by the Edmonton (London) congregation. Venue: St Mary's Church of England High School, Lieutenant Ellis Way, Cheshunt, EN7 5FB. Ages 18 and above. Speakers: Douglas Attuah, Benjamin Archen, and Calum Hill. Contact: S. Ofori-Dwumah (edmontonchurchofchristuk@gmail.com).

25th – Liverpool: Gospel meeting, 6.30 pm, at 1 Picton Road, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 8QH. Contact: Charles Yankiah (cyankiah@hotmail.com or 07359 750645).

25th – British Bible School evening lecture by Jack Paton, 7.30 to 8.30 pm on Zoom. Links to join the lecture can be found on the BBS social media and website: www.britishbibleschool.com.

August

2nd-7th – British Bible Camp: bookings will open at 12.00 am on 16th February 2026. Camper application form: <https://tinyurl.com/3zs2crk2>. We are currently recruiting volunteer staff (age 18+ – staff dates 1st-8th August). Staff booking form: <https://tinyurl.com/4z6snftb>. Contact: Jason (07795 560990).

22nd-23rd – East Kilbride: BBS Study Weekend – “More Evidences for God and Creation”; Saturday 9.30 am-4.30 pm, Sunday 10.00 am-12.30 pm. Contact: Jon Galloway (jdgalloway@mac.com).

28th-31st – Marriage Retreat: “Connecting With a Purpose” (organised by Crewe congregation). Speaker: Paul Hill. Venue: Holiday Inn Aylesbury (By IHG), New Road, Weston Turville, Aylesbury HP22 5QT. Cost: £600 per couple. Contact: Dexter (07445 223631) to register. Full Payment by 30th June to: Mercy Asiamah (Sort Code: 20 53 00; Account Number: 135 65 009 – kindly add your name as reference).

30th – Liverpool: Praise and Harmony with Keith Lancaster, 10.00 am, at 1 Picton Road, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 8QH. Contact: Charles Yankiah (cyankiah@hotmail.com or 07359 750645).

September

5th- 6th – East Kilbride: BBS Study Weekend – “More Evidences for God and Creation, part 2”; Saturday 9.30 am-4.30 pm, Sunday 10.00 am-12.30 pm. Contact: Jon Galloway (jdgalloway@mac.com).

5th – Peterhead: Social Day beginning at 1.00 with soup and sandwiches; speaker: John Mooney.

5th – Stratford (London): Singles Lectureship – “Building Love that Lasts), ages 18 and above. Speakers: Jason Snethen and James Tambe. Venue: St Francis' Primary School, Maryland Park, London, E15 1HB. Contact: Stratfordchurchofchrist18@gmail.com, Pfunzo (07478 739081) or Alex (07869 682462).

12th – Newport: Youth Day – 10.30 am-4.30 pm.

18th-20th – British Bible School Autumn Weekend Family Retreat. Venue: Letton Hall, Norfolk. For more information and to book a place visit our website: www.britishbibleschool.com.

26th – Hyvots Bank (Edinburgh): 70th Anniversary (an afternoon of fellowship and thanksgiving) at Faith Mission, 548 Gilmerton Road, Edinburgh. Contact: Helen Kerr (hkerr412@yahoo.co.uk).

26th – British Bible School evening lecture by John Griffiths, 7.30 to 8.30 pm on Zoom. Links to join the lecture can be found on the BBS social media and website: www.britishbibleschool.com.

29th-2nd October – European Vision Workshop in Romania. Venue: 2 Hotel Sir Royal, Bucharest, Romania.

October

2nd-4th – Brandon: Young Adults' Weekend. Venue: Thorpe Woodlands Adventure Centre. Age is 18+. Price is £40 per person. Contact: Tapi O'Donovan (07933 279091 or tapitaruvinga@gmail.com).

24th – Liverpool: Evening of songs, 6.30 pm, at 1 Picton Road, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 8QH. Contact: Charles Yankiah (cyankiah@hotmail.com or 07359 750645).

26th-30th October – British Bible School Residential Study Week at Bassenfell Manor: “The Synoptic Gospels”. Contact: study@britishbibleschool.com.

November

21st – Liverpool: Gospel meeting, 6.30 pm, at 1 Picton Road, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 8QH. Contact: Charles Yankiah (cyankiah@hotmail.com or 07359 750645).

28th – British Bible School evening lecture by Mark Hill, 7.30 to 8.30 pm on Zoom. Links to join the lecture can be found on the BBS social media and website: www.britishbibleschool.com.

THE FINAL WORD



It is spring of the year when gardeners go into a whirl of excitement thinking about sowing plants for the summer. It happens to gardeners every year – they feel that if they only buy or grow a few plants the garden will be fine. What they do is another matter – after all, if they have extra, who minds, they can always give plants away!

One particular gardener was visiting a local market while in France, when he saw tomato plants that had been specially bred to have two main stems attached to a separate root stock – this would give two different varieties of tomatoes on one plant. He stood looking: should he buy, should he resist. He bought. He took them back to his friend's house glowing with excitement! These were different, they were exciting! Then he started to think the plants really needed a greenhouse and he did not have one. He schemed for a few days deciding that a real proper greenhouse was far too expensive. He looked at alternatives

only to realise that for a fraction of the cost he could order a kit. So, he did.

Once back home the kit was ordered, arrived and opened with such vigour. There were the screws – about 500 or more – and bits of metal that would become a structure. It was like a giant Meccano kit like he played with when a child. It would be easy he thought: just read the instructions which were offered in about seven European languages. He smiled at his wife and quietly said that he may need a little help.

Enthusiasm brimmed over until he realised that almost every piece he put together was the wrong way around, upside down or in one way or another wrong. The gardener's family were not amused. He, with the backing of his gentle wife, made a start. Optimism was for completion within a week; but soon pessimism took over – could it be done within a month or even two? He needed help! Even with his family helping him there were still odds and ends that needed attention. They still do!

The gardener became a little meditative. After years of being a faithful Christian he began to think that the diagrams in the manual for the greenhouse just needed a clearer presentation, more instructions with greater detail.

Then he thought about his Bible. The way of salvation took the life of Jesus but the way to follow him was not difficult, yet so many people huffed and puffed about being a Christian. Then he thought if people were given a choice to either build a greenhouse or put their trust in Jesus, he knew what he would do – and it had nothing to do with tomatoes.

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