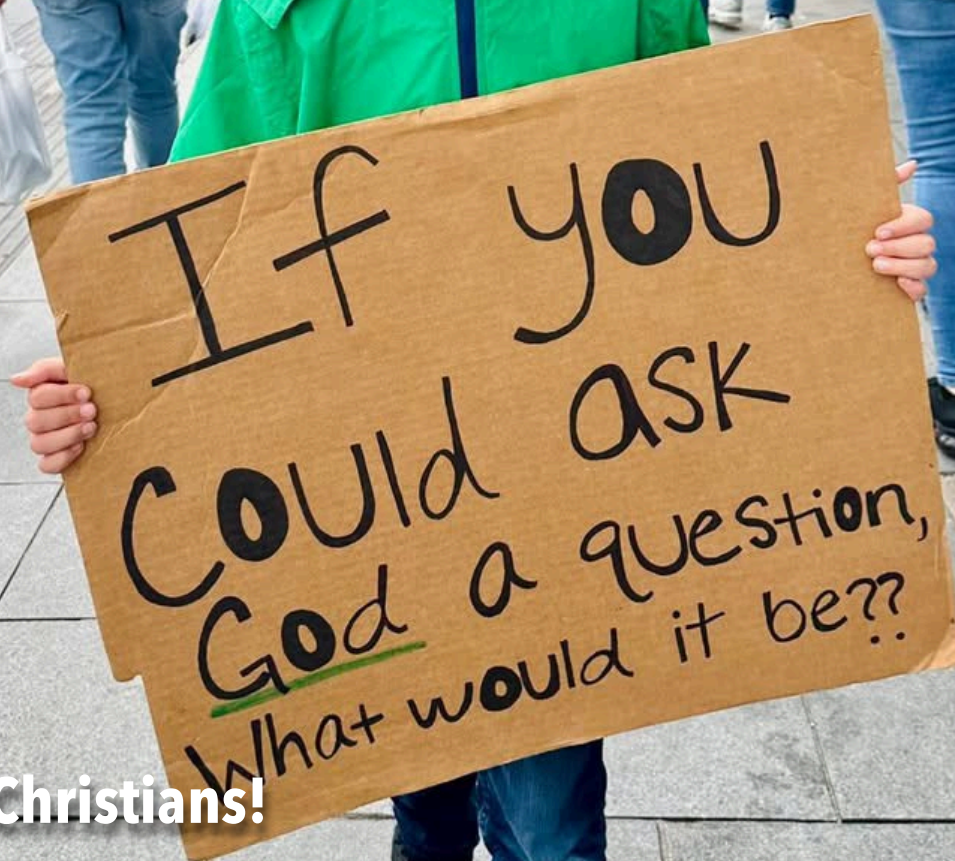


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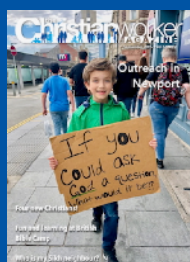
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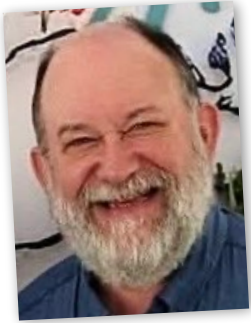
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Front cover and above: Outreach campaign in Newport



MY PERSPECTIVE



How busy are you?

What a week this has been! The car developed a major fault and had to be taken in for repairs, a hire car had to be organised, and we have a grandchild about to be born – and, of course, the usual lesson preparations for the two classes I’m currently teaching plus the study weekends for the British Bible School. Having said all of that, I love the preparation and teaching! I find nothing more fascinating than studying God’s word. I always find something that I had not known before.

When I reflect on how busy life can be – and I know that I am not an exception – and then I look at the life of Jesus, I discover that he also dealt with hectic schedules. It seems at times he didn’t have time to sit down and get his breath! There is one incident early in his life that drove this home to me.

“As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all who were ill and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: ‘Everyone is looking for you!’” (Mark 1:29-37 NIV)

A day in the life of Jesus – or maybe two days! Notice all that he was doing; beginning in the synagogue in Capernaum on the Sabbath, Jesus taught and healed a man with an impure spirit. Then to Simon Peter’s home (which, if we have it located correctly, was a short walk from the synagogue) – Peter’s mother-in-law was not well, so Jesus healed her.

Those two events led people to want to be with Jesus. That evening the ‘whole town’ gathered at the door of the house and Jesus spent the evening healing and casting out demons. You would think with such a busy day he might have slept-in the next day, but no – he got up ‘very early’ the next morning, before daybreak, to spend time in prayer. When his disciples caught up with him it was with the message that the people were once again clamouring for him!

When we think we have it bad with our busy schedules, have a look at how busy Jesus was and all that he did. It is tempting to say that he could do it because he was the son of God – but we need to remember that he was living as a normal human being. He got tired just like we do – and I’m sure he got as frustrated as we do at times. This incident is not isolated but one of many recorded in the Gospels.

Did you notice that, although busy, he made time to spend with his Father in prayer? Isn’t that a good lesson for us? No matter how busy we get make sure we are taking time to recharge ourselves spiritually through prayer and Bible study.

Jon



CONGRATULATIONS!



Florenda Nyarko



Ebenezer Okyere-Mireku

New Christians in Edmonton!

We are happy to announce that **Ebenezer Okyere-Mireku** and **Florenda Nyarko**, have both given their lives to Christ. Ebenezer's baptism occurred on Sunday, 6th July, whilst Florenda had her immersion in water on 17th August. Keep them in your prayers that they will have long lives in the service of Jesus.

S Ofori Dwumah

A new Christian Stapleford, Nottingham!

We rejoiced on Sunday, 17th August, when **Brandon Tyson** was baptised into Christ. Brandon is the neighbour of one of the Stapleford Christians, Emmanuel Etti, and they had studied the Scriptures together for some time before Brandon decided he needed to be baptised. He was baptised by Emmanuel after the morning meeting, and we welcome him into fellowship with the Christians here and pray that he will continue to grow in Christ.

We are very thankful to the congregation in Ilkeston for the use of their baptistry, and we were happy that they could be present to also witness this new birth in Christ.

Bob Eckman

A new Christian in Kirkcaldy!

We're happy to announce the recent baptism of **Finlay O'Neil**.

We are all delighted that this amazing young man has given his life to his Saviour. Please pray for him to grow in the Spirit as he enters this exciting new walk.

Allan Hughes



Finlay O'Neil immersed by his grandfather Alan Moves



BRITISH BIBLE SCHOOL NOTES

Time to recharge

Autumn is upon us: children are back in school or about to go back; the leaves on trees are starting to turn; and we hope the temperatures will get a bit more bearable. But autumn also means it is a good time for a retreat to recharge ourselves for the next few months.

A retreat is an excellent time to get away, spend time with other Christians around God's word, singing, and just enjoying being with people who believe and are trying to live as we do. A retreat is a great way to be able to focus on Jesus for a few days.

There are still places available at the Autumn Weekend Family Retreat organised by the British Bible School. There will be lessons for adults as well as lessons for children, and activities throughout the day, and free time to spend exploring the countryside of Norfolk. Letton Hall is one of the great manors with plenty of rooms for sleeping as well as places to relax and socialise with each other.

If you haven't booked for you and your family there is still time – visit our website to find the appropriate forms.

The BBS has a number of activities planned for the next few months.

6th-7th September – Study weekend: 'Evidences for Creation' at East Kilbride.

12th-14th September – Autumn Family Weekend Retreat at Letton Hall.

4th-5th October – Study weekend: 'Evidences for God, Jesus and the Bible' at Shepshed.

25th- 26th October – Study weekend: 'Evidences for Creation' at Sheepshead.

3rd-7th November – Residential Study Week: 'Israel After the Exile' at Bassenfell Manor.

15th-17th January – Winter Weekend Family Retreat at Bassenfell Manor.

Plus our regular online classes and podcasts. Join us for any of these – see our website for further details.

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Autumn Weekend Family Retreat

Friday 12th to Sunday 14th
September 2025

at Letton Hall
in Norfolk

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OF
**NAME
JESUS**



Bring all the family ...



WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR? (MY SIKH NEIGHBOUR)

Being based mainly in London and the West Midlands, it is common to see those of the Sikh religion in our cities. In Britain there are approximately 500,000 Sikhs, some men holding firmly to the wearing of the turban and so are easily recognised. This is the largest number of Sikhs in one country outside of India.

Coming from a Hindu and Muslim background, Sikhism is a comparatively modern religion. Beginning in 1469, there was a development of teachings and theology through ten Gurus, up to 1708. Over the years those who wished developed themselves into a military force eventually founding a Sikh Kingdom. The day before the last Guru died he made the book of the Sikh teaching into a Guru and thus Guru Granth Sahib was created as their scripture and still used today as the spiritual authority for Sikhs. This holds the central place in worship in their place of worship, known as The Gurdwara.

The basic creed of the faith is that 'there is one God. Truth by name, the creator, all-pervading spirit, without fear, without enmity. Whose existence is unaffected by time, who does not take birth, self-existent who is to be realised through his grace' (Sambhi:220-1).

The Granth advocates:

1. Worship of one God
2. The importance of family
3. The equality of human life

It rejects:

1. Images in worship
2. Materialistic living
3. False miracles and omens

It discourages:

1. Formalism
2. Bigotry
3. Religious monasticism

It condemns the use of alcohol and drugs.

It accepts the concepts of Karma, transmigration of the soul and the grace of God. It also provides insights into the religious, political and social conditions prevailing in India during the Middle Ages.

Karma is understood as God being involved in the soul and body of mankind, but because of our failings, we may never reach the position of being perfect enough to be with with God eternally and, as a result, reincarnation is accepted. Good works are important and a life well lived in service to others helps to attain a better life in God's eyes.

There are five symbols in the Sikh faith which in Punjabi all begin with the letter K.

1. Kesh – the uncut hair and beard.
2. Kangha – a wooden comb to keep the hair in good form and can be worked into the turban so it is not seen.
3. Kara – a steel wrist band, often seen on men in Britain even if they have short hair and no turban.
4. Kaccha – short trousers, a type of underpants for those wearing loser clothing.
5. Kirpan – a sword or small dagger, allowed under British law since 2010. It should be securely held in a sheath and kept close to the body.

Young Sikhs receive an initiation rite at about the age of sixteen, often with others of their own age. The service involves readings and prayers with at least five men taking the service. There is a ceremonial drinking of water in which sugar has been added and stirred with a sword. From this time onwards every Sikh is expected to improve themselves in works and education.

Marriage is only allowed to another of the same faith. Worship is expected to take

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place in the home. Although there is no special day for collective worship Sunday is often the day to attend Gurdwara for worship and eating together.

Every Gurdwara will have a well organised kitchen, vital for religious and community events. Regular worship which will consist of music, reading and singing parts of The Granth and words of encouragement, possibly appeals for specific needs, etc. At the end everyone receives a mix of flour, semolina, sugar, water and ghee (clarified butter) to eat. Afterwards, it is common to share a vegetarian meal together so no one leaves the place of worship hungry. There are a variety of traditional festivals throughout the year but perhaps in Britain the most famous is Diwali – a festival of lights.

Although there are no elected priests as such, there are those who, because of education and ability who read The Granth (Scriptures), lead the congregation in its worship and organise and guide the followers. There are no paid ministers, and everyone is expected to work to pay their own way.

There is a belief that there are 8,400,000 forms of life which we can travel through to eventually merge with God. Partly because Sikhs have been part of British life for so long many of their young people feel more British than Indian and often disregard their ancestral faith. To help prevent this, younger children are now taught in their own schools based in the Gurdwara. Education is vitally important, with 60% now gaining University degrees and 23% are self-employed (as opposed to 12% of the overall population in the United Kingdom). Their living wage is usually higher than the national average because of these efforts.

It is noticeable that for the first time a Sikh now owns a football club – Morecambe. Ashir Singh Johal took over on 20th August this year. There are currently twelve M.P's

in the House of Commons who are Sikhs. Many are councillors and sit in a variety of city and town council chambers with some being mayors.

The Christian Gospel has much to offer for those following Sikhism. Although they are required to hold a high moral stance in their lives, their position with God is very dependent on their works. Forgiveness and rebirth into Christ are unknown to them as is the forgiveness of sins.

If you have Sikh neighbours, it is my belief that we should be good and kind to them, showing the love of Jesus Christ as we share his good news.

Trevor Williams

Evidences for God & Creation

Examining evidence for God, Jesus and the Bible
Examining the Theory of Evolution in light of the Bible & Science



East Kilbride

1 Scholar's Gate, G75 9JL

Saturday, 23rd August, 9.30am-4.30 pm

Sunday, 24th August, 10.00am-12.30 pm

Saturday, 6th September, 9.30am-4.30 pm

Sunday, 7th September, 10.00am-12.30 pm

Teachers: Jon Galloway & Mark Hill



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A British Bible School Congregation Resource



FAMILY NEWS

NEWPORT

Two years ago the Newport congregation hosted a campaign group led by Spencer Ross from the Northwest congregation in Fort Worth, Texas. Two young women from that campaign group were Annslea Pitts and Ana Crowell. They connected really well with two of our own at Newport, Nia and Eira Antonio, staying in touch afterwards, studying the Bible together online and rejoicing when the sisters became Christians last summer.

During their study abroad this year, Annslea and Ana came back to the UK and offered to help organise a Ladies Day for us. On 3rd May about 45 women from various parts of the UK gathered for a day of study, fellowship, food and fun. We also had in attendance four other students from Freed-Hardeman University on their study year abroad.

We started the day with a session entitled “Fun with Tara.” Our own Tara Oranyeli is passionate about fitness and wanted to do something to enhance our wellbeing. Rather than it being daunting, it was an opportunity to join in something that was fun through movement and laughter (maybe more laughter!).

Having sufficiently warmed up the body and mind, we sat down to listen to the morning lessons. Annslea talked about *Faithful Hearts*, looking at Proverbs 31, along with examples of women in the Scripture and how they paint a picture of diligence, compassion and faithfulness – characteristics we as Christian women are called to live out every day. In Ana’s lesson about *Faithful Lives*, she talked about how as Christians we face six pillars of fear and how God helps us overcome them to live faithfully. Imperfection, failure, judgement, discomfort, rejection and being wrong can all hinder our faithful walk, and yet God has equipped each of us with talents to use for his Kingdom as well as the information needed to learn things that we aren’t naturally talented at in order to live lives faithful for him.

The sisters of Newport led sessions in singing, pouring our hearts out in praise to our Lord as well

as in crafts, making encouragement book marks, fridge magnets and decorating fans. Prayers were offered and our sister Melissa from Honduras, even prayed in Spanish. In the afternoon, Nia talked about *The Identity and Worth of a Proverbs 31 Woman*, which reminded women not to pursue trying to prove their value but rather to walk confidently in the worth that God has already given us. Eira talked about *The Importance of Community*, highlighting how we strengthen our faith through friendships amongst women. We were proud of both of them as they confidently gave their first Bible lessons. Our sister Esther rounded off the day with a short summary of all the women of the Bible and what we can learn from them.

No event would be complete without the accompaniment of fabulous food and we are thankful for the men of Newport who provided this as well as leading classes on the book of Ruth for the twenty or so children who were also in attendance.

The next event the Newport congregation looked forward to was our “Big Summer Outreach” in July, when Spencer Ross came back with another group of thirteen.

The plan for three of the days was a Holiday Bible Club in the morning, door-knocking and street evangelism in the afternoon and then hosting an open-for-anyone Connect Club, with dinner provided in the evening. The theme for the whole week was “’Tis So Sweet” and the auditorium was decorated accordingly – full of sweet treats and



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bursting with colour that it would rival Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory! And yet – what is more sweeter than God's love? Lessons, crafts and games were all centred on this concept.

It was encouraging especially to see the enthusiasm the children and teenagers had for the evangelistic efforts. Children paired with an adult to hand out invitation leaflets as well as for starting spiritual conversations with neighbourhood prayer requests or asking questions like, "If you could ask God one question, what would it be?" As we might expect, the results were varied, from curiosity and interest to indifference and outright rejection. Yet it was a bonding experience for those involved and it was exciting to see everyone growing in confidence in talking about their faith.

We also spent time with the group visiting the nearby Ragland Castle and the Roman fort of



Caerleon. It was great fun playing group games such as ultimate frisbee, The Blob, and Red Light, Green Light in the amphitheatre. We obviously were having such a good time that other children outside our group joined in too! It was a great opportunity to talk to their parents and invite them to our Holiday Bible Club. As we walked along from the church building to the centre of town, stopping to take group pictures by the ruins of Newport Castle, we also encountered curious people to talk to, sowing seeds along our way. In work and play, everything was done in honour of our Lord to the best of our abilities.

On the Saturday, the men gathered for a full English breakfast fellowship, before the campaign team headed westwards to the Swansea congregation, where they spent time labouring in the local area as well as edifying the saints there. The campaign culminated in the whole team teaching all the Bible Classes on the Sunday, a fellowship meal and final visits to Castell Coch and Caerphilly Castle. We are thankful for the love, care and hard work from our American brothers and sisters, praying they also were encouraged by their experiences here in Wales.

Any visitor is most precious to us and we were grateful that we did have some responses to our invitations to our Holiday Bible Club and the evening Connect Club. We pray that the seeds sown in all these efforts produce fruit and that the congregation in Newport continues to grow in faith and number.

Crystal Holder

LIVERPOOL

In an issue of the *Christian Worker*, published earlier in the year, there was an article about **Wendell and Indra Parris** from the island of Trinidad and Tobago asking for help due to their personal circumstances and their health conditions. Many of you responded with food contributions, medical supplies and cash donations, which were taken to the island and personally given to Wendell and Indra on my last

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Wendell & Indra Parris

visit back in April. I provided those of you who donated with an update upon my return and shared some photographs.

Here is an update on both Wendell and Indra. Indra has now been diagnosed with Stage 4 Cancer – treatment has been stopped as it has spread to her bones and she is now being given medication to help with her pain. Wendell now requires an operation for his condition and is awaiting a date for the surgery. Despite the physical pain, he continues to serve God and share His Word in whichever way he can which has been such an encouragement for many. Please continue to pray for them both and their family during this difficult period. For further information please contact Charles Yankiah on 07359 750645.

Charles Yankiah

Our theme for the week was *Building on the Rock*, each day looking at lessons from the Sermon on the Mount. The morning assembly featured humorous acting sketches with a pair of construction workers, tasked with building by the Master Builder. Each day another helper was added to the team – first Joy, then Goodness, next Faith, then Harmony and finally, Blessing (these were actual people in the camp!). With some in-jokes from *The Lego Movie*, the takeaway of the sketch came back to the heart of the well known passage to be careful how you build.

Games are often a huge highlight for the campers and this year did not disappoint. From old favourites like 'Capture the Flag' and 'Manhunt', to a new hybrid game of 'rounders-meets-slippery-slide', campers and staff had a great time in friendly competition with each other, with the purple team emerging victorious. We were blessed with fair weather all week, which made the water games hugely refreshing from the heat!

One of the oldest female campers commented that one of her highlights of the week was seeing the younger boys lead a part of the evening campfire devotional. Through encouragement (and not requirement), it is a safe place for the young men to experience, perhaps for the first time, leading a song or a devotional thought among their peers. Usually, this would be done by our eldest cabin but, as the week progressed, enthusiasm spread like wildfire throughout the younger male cabins who each

BRITISH BIBLE CAMP

From Sunday to Friday, 3rd-8th August, campers and staff from around the UK gathered for the annual British Bible Camp. Our biggest camp to date, we had 107 campers, 4 pre-campers and 55 staff members in attendance. We were back at the Lockerley Water Farm Campsite in Romsford, which we were at two years ago. Located on the edge of the New Forest and owned and managed by the Hampshire Christian Trust CIO, the site is well equipped for a week of camp fun!



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desired an opportunity to share in this. There may have been a ban on open fires due to the dry weather but it was exciting to see the living flames of faith burning bright. The Boulder Girls cabin also felt inspired by their lessons to set some of their Bible passages to music, sharing these with the rest of the camp during one line-up time and at the final assembly.

We had a little experiment with taking footage of the camp via a drone. At one of the evening campfire devotionals, a single tea light candle was held up, representing our light. Apparently a single candle can be seen 1.6 miles away. Later in the week, we attempted to capture what it would be like if everyone present would shine their light. Everyone was encouraged to bring their torch to the campfire devotional and, as we sang *This Little Light of Mine*, everyone shone their torches high pointed up towards the sky with the drone filming. We repeated this again when it was completely dark with the eldest campers and some staff, and it was especially poignant when we got to the verse, "Hide it under a bushel - no! I'm going to let it shine!" The visual contrast was so significant. This might seem belabouring the point but sometimes the simplest things bring out deep spiritual truths. We got to see a birds-eye view of what happens when we individually and collectively shine our light, as well as how dark in the world it is when we choose not to.

We're very thankful for the staff who volunteer their time in order to serve for a week. It's encouraging

when campers, who have now grown up, feel moved to transition to staff, knowing the benefits they have received and wanting to give back in the same way. It's also edifying when others volunteer, because they see the importance in encouraging our youth in their faith and building friendships. Each job is vital for the running of camp and we always need staff who are committed to being useful in this important area.

To end this report, I'd like to share some quotes from staff and campers about how camp has impacted their life over the years:

"Camp has allowed me to have an oasis outside real life. I feel like when you come to camp, you're surrounded by like minded people." (SJ)

"I think camp has been an amazing way to strengthen my connection with God as a Christian, as well as bond with other Christians, especially those my age." (Thelma)

"I've always enjoyed camp, always looked forward to it during the summer. It's encouraged me, increased my faith and I've met friends for life." (Alex)

"The experience that camp gave me [as a child]: I enjoyed it so much that I wanted to be a part of that as an adult to make a difference to other kids and now that I'm here as a staff member, I get to see the impact that camp has. From my church, kids come home and they rave about it for weeks and weeks afterwards and it's been amazing to say that I have been a part of impacting their life." (Lydia)

"[Through camp] I'm getting better at being responsible and taking ownership of my things. Also it's helping me grow close to God – they make learning in a really fun way...I'm really thankful for this camp." (Kwasi)

"This is my fourth year at camp and I'm very excited because I know every year is amazing. Meeting new people, having fun – just a dream come true, especially learning about God in the process. I just love camp! Everyone here is amazing." (Amy)



Crystal Holder



APPEALS AND UPDATES

PAKISTAN FLOOD

We have the worst flood since 1992 in Pakistan – almost 90% of the country is flood. Maybe some have seen this in the news. People have lost everything. Many children are missing. Many cattle and domestic animals have drowned. Villages have been washed away. There is devastation everywhere. The rain continues to fall.



Please keep the Christians in Pakistan as well as the country in your prayers that God would bless us and stop the rain.

children becoming ill. Please support us to help these people and to help save lost souls for Jesus.

We urgently need your support to purchase food, clean water and tents – many are living in open fields with small

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CW DIRECTORY UPDATE

BIRMINGHAM (SUMMERLANE)

Sunday – Bible classes – 10.00 am
 Worship – 11.00 am

Midweek – Thursday, 7.30 pm
 (also available on Zoom – contact us for details)

E-mail – summerlanechurchofchrist@gmail.com

Website – <https://www.summerlanechurchofchrist.co.uk>

Contacts – Trevor Ralph (07572 126038)
 Eric Nephawe (07753 317500)
 Ernest Addo-Boateng (07737 528259)

NOTICES

The church of **Christ** meeting in **Loughborough** invites you to our...

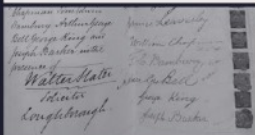
184TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING

Join us as we **give glory to God** for His presence within His church worshipping in **Loughborough** since 1841.

03.10.2025
18:00

Christians meeting house
17a Oxford Street
LE11 5DP

- Lesson from John Griffiths (Wembley)
- Tea & Refreshments provided



be measured, measured as the churches in Leicester and South Wigton had arisen out of the association of brethren who had been brought into the church in connection with Gospel-work in Loughborough; and by whom other churches had also been influenced in the right direction. Some eighty brethren, many from Leicester, partook of tea; the after-meeting, immediately before much conversation.



Evidences for God & Creation

Examining evidence for God, Jesus and the Bible
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Shepshed

Saturday, 4th October, 9.30am-4.00 pm

Sunday, 5th October, 10.45am-3.00 pm

Saturday, 25th October, 9.30am-4.00 pm

Sunday, 26th October, 10.45am-3.00 pm

Saturdays at Shepshed Learning Centre,
46A Charnwood Road, Shepshed,
Loughborough LE12 9QY

Sundays at Shepshed Town Council and Community
Centre, 47a Charnwood Road,
Shepshed, Loughborough LE12 9QE
Teachers: Jon Galloway & Mark Hill



All are welcome to either or both weekends
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A British Bible School Congregation Resource

Church of Christ Liverpool

Gospel Meeting
On
Friday 26th September 2025
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Speaker: Vincent Ndlovu

Psalm 39:7 "My Hope is in You"

Address: Church of Christ building,
corner of Picton Road & Wellington
Street, Liverpool, L22 8QH

You're Invited to the..

Midlands Churches of Christ
Lectureship & Fellowship Day



Date: Saturday, 4th October 2025

Time: 10:00 am to 3:45 pm



Venue: Coventry CR Centre, Red Lane, Coventry. CV6 5EE

Three Videos on 'Ecclesiastes' by Tony Coffey

The Meaning of Life (1)

https://youtu.be/XVaB84_CTxU

The Meaning of Life (2)

<https://youtu.be/fKWF61Gy4vs>

The Meaning of Life (3)

<https://youtu.be/CkiUUkqnWDs>



DIARY

September

1st-5th – La Maison de Perrine, France: Christian couples' retreat. Free rest and respite week for couples working with congregation, subsidised by 'Double Honor Ministries'. Visit our website for details: <https://www.faithworks-lachapelle.com/>. Contact us for sign-up information: elite.not.elitist@gmail.com.

1st – British Bible School evening class: "Job's Questions/God's Answers" led by Mark Hill each Monday, 8.00-9.00 pm,. Links to join the class can be found on the BBS social media and website: www.britishbibleschool.com.

4th – British Bible School evening class: "The Letters to the Seven Congregations" led by Jon Galloway, each Thursday, 8.00-9.00 pm. Links to join the class can be found on the BBS social media and website: www.britishbibleschool.com.

6th-7th September – East Kilbride: British Bible School Study weekend. "Evidences for Creation"; teachers: Jon Galloway and Mark Hill. Contact: study@britishbibleschool.com or jdgalloway@mac.com.

12th-15th September – British Bible School Autumn Weekend Family Retreat: "At the Name of Jesus". Venue: Letton Hall, Norfolk. For more information and to book a place visit our website: www.britishbibleschool.com.

13th – Castlemilk: Devotional Evening, 7.00 pm, at 465 Carmunnock Road, Glasgow G45 9PU. Contact: delboy82@ntlworld.com or llubder55@yahoo.com.

20th-21st – Peterhead: Social Day, speaker: Mark Hill. Join us for an afternoon of praise worship, beginning with lunch at 1.00 pm. Contact: Michael Gaunt (01779 476170 or 07887 407288).

22nd – British Bible School evening class: "Micah, Nahum, Zephaniah" 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.

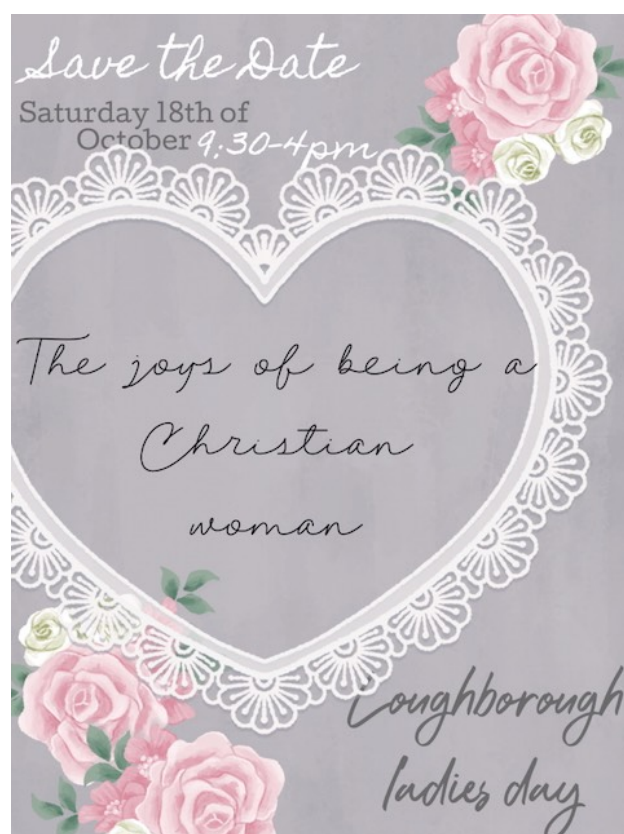
25th – British Bible School evening class: "Following the Master" led by Patrick Boyns, each Thursday, 8.00-9.00 pm, for twelve weeks. Links to join the class can be found on the BBS social media and website: www.britishbibleschool.com.

26th-28th – Brandon: Young Adults Weekend, ages 20-40 (no children please). Venue: Thorpe Woodlands Adventure Centre, Shadwell, Thetford IP24 2RX. Cost: £15 deposit per person, total cost of £40 payable by 15th August (you can pay in instalments). Contact: Tapi O'Donovan – 07933 279091 or tapitaruvinga@gmail.com).

26th – Liverpool: Gospel meeting, 6.30-8.00 pm, at the congregation's meeting place (corner of Picton Road and Wellington Street, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 8QH); speaker: Vincent Ndlovu. Contact: Charles Yankiah (07359 750645)..

27th – Stratford (London): Marriage Enrichment – 'Before and After I say I Do', 7.00-9.00 pm. Zoom details – meeting room: 8540976249, Passcode: sc2020. Contact: 07934 731219 or 07852 343010 3 or 07979 096293.

27th – British Bible School evening lecture by John Griffiths: "King James the Bible", 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.



Diary

30th-3rd October – European Vision Workshop in Wroclaw, Poland. Contact: Kristin Hagens – kristin.hagins@sunset.bible.

October

3rd – Loughborough: 184th Anniversary Meeting at Christian Meeting House, 17a Oxford Street, Loughborough LE11 5DP, 6.00 pm; speaker: John Griffiths; refreshments to follow. Contact: Jason Hill (j.hill147@hotmail.co.uk).

4th-5th & 25th-26th October – Shepshed: British Bible School Study weekends. Two weekends looking at “Evidences for God and Creation”; teachers: Jon Galloway and Mark Hill. Contact: study@britishbibleschool.com or shepshedcoc@outlook.com.

4th – Midlands congregations: Lectureship and Fellowship Day, 10.00 am-4.00 pm at Coventry CR Centre, Red Lane, Coventry CV6 5EE. – “The Joys of Being a Christian”, 9.30 am-4.00 pm. Contact: Ernest at Summerlane (07737 528529, Samuel at Coventry (07799 941270, or Afriyie at Telford (07746 467152).

18th – Loughborough: Ladies’ Day – “The Joys of Being a Christian”, 9.30 am-4.00 pm. Contact: Joanne Townsend (ps56_8@icloud.com).

18th – East Kilbride: Devotional Evening, 7.00 pm, at 1 Scholar’s Gate, East Kilbride G75 9JL. Contact: east_kilbride_coc@outlook.com.

25th – Stratford (London): Health Discussions, 10.00-2.00 pm. Zoom details – meeting room: 8540976249, Passcode: sc2020. Contact: 07934 731219 or 07852 343010 3 or 07979 096293.

31st-2nd November – Peterborough: Ladies’ retreat. Contact: Marsha Erysthee (merysthee1@aol.com).

November

3rd-7th November – British Bible School Residential Study Week at Bassenfell Manor – “Post-Exilic Israel”. Contact: study@britishbibleschool.com.

15th – Livingston: Devotional Evening, 7.00 pm, at Garden Place, Eliburn, Livingston EH54 8RA. Contact: info@churchofchrist.co.uk.

29th – Stratford (London): Marriage Enrichment – ‘Before and After I say I Do’, 7.00-9.00 pm. Zoom details – meeting room: 8540976249, Passcode: sc2020. Contact: 07934 731219 or 07852 343010 3 or 07979 096293.

29th – British Bible School evening lecture by Mark Hill: “The world was ready for Jesus”, 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.

December

20th-21st – Milton Keynes: Song Festival and Fellowship Weekend. Venue: Monkston Community Park, 10 Pimlico Court (off Plaistow Crescent), Milton Keynes MK10 9PN. Register at: 07483 893786 or 07305 384832.

January 2026

15th-17th – British Bible School Winter Weekend Family Retreat. Venue: Bassenfell Manor, Cumbria. For more information and to book a place visit our website: www.britishbibleschool.com.



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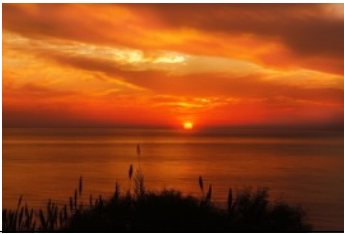
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THE FINAL WORD



A Wonderful Saviour is Jesus, My Lord

It is true, and it has been declared, that Jesus is ours. He is not some distant being, a good teacher or carer of mankind – he is ours. We own him because he owns us.

This is a relationship that goes beyond the love for our families or even ourselves. Jesus touches hearts and souls and can plumb the depths of who and what we are. There is no love like the love of Jesus; there is no friendship like that of Jesus.

Jesus was the one who raised a little girl from the dead – he then cared enough that she was hungry and instructed that she should be given something to eat. He cared for the blind beggar on the street and an old lady who was so ill she could not get up. And he cares for the likes of you and me – not because he must but because he wants to.

Jesus came to earth as both God and human. Scripture teaches that he was intimately involved in the creation of the world (Colossians 1:15-23), but he died for the sins of all mankind. Colossians 1:22 declares, 'He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation'.

In John's gospel alone Jesus offers himself to us seven times as:

- 1 – Bread of Life (6:35,48)
- 2 – Light of the World (8:12,9:5,12:46)
- 3 – The gate for the sheep (10:7-10)
- 4 – The good Shepherd (10:11-18)
- 5 – Way, truth and life (14:6-7)
- 6 – The true vine (14:1-17)
- 7 – Resurrection and life (11:25-27)

Touching every sphere of life and death, Jesus as the Son of God show that God himself gives himself for all. The creator for the creation. Hallelujah, what a Saviour.

God knows we are like jars of clay, (2 Corinthians 4:7) but life chips away at us and cracks appear, and the freshly made creation begins to look old and dull – yet it is for our benefit. Even a piece of the finest porcelain if used will eventually look used. But of what use would it be if it just stood there doing nothing? It would be of no use at all.

So, our Heavenly Father lets us be used and perhaps even sometimes confused, but by holding on in faith to the love he has for us victory is ours. The ancient plea to all Christians is, 'We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God,' (2 Corinthians 4:20-21).

Many believe they have no need for a Saviour; many believe they must work for salvation; and sadly many have never heard of a Saviour. But we have a wonderful Saviour who is Jesus our Lord.

Thank you, Jesus, for being our Saviour, we are who we are and know we fall short of the holiness you want us to have. We come in faith to receive your grace, and we put our hands into your hands trusting only you. Amen.

Trevor

