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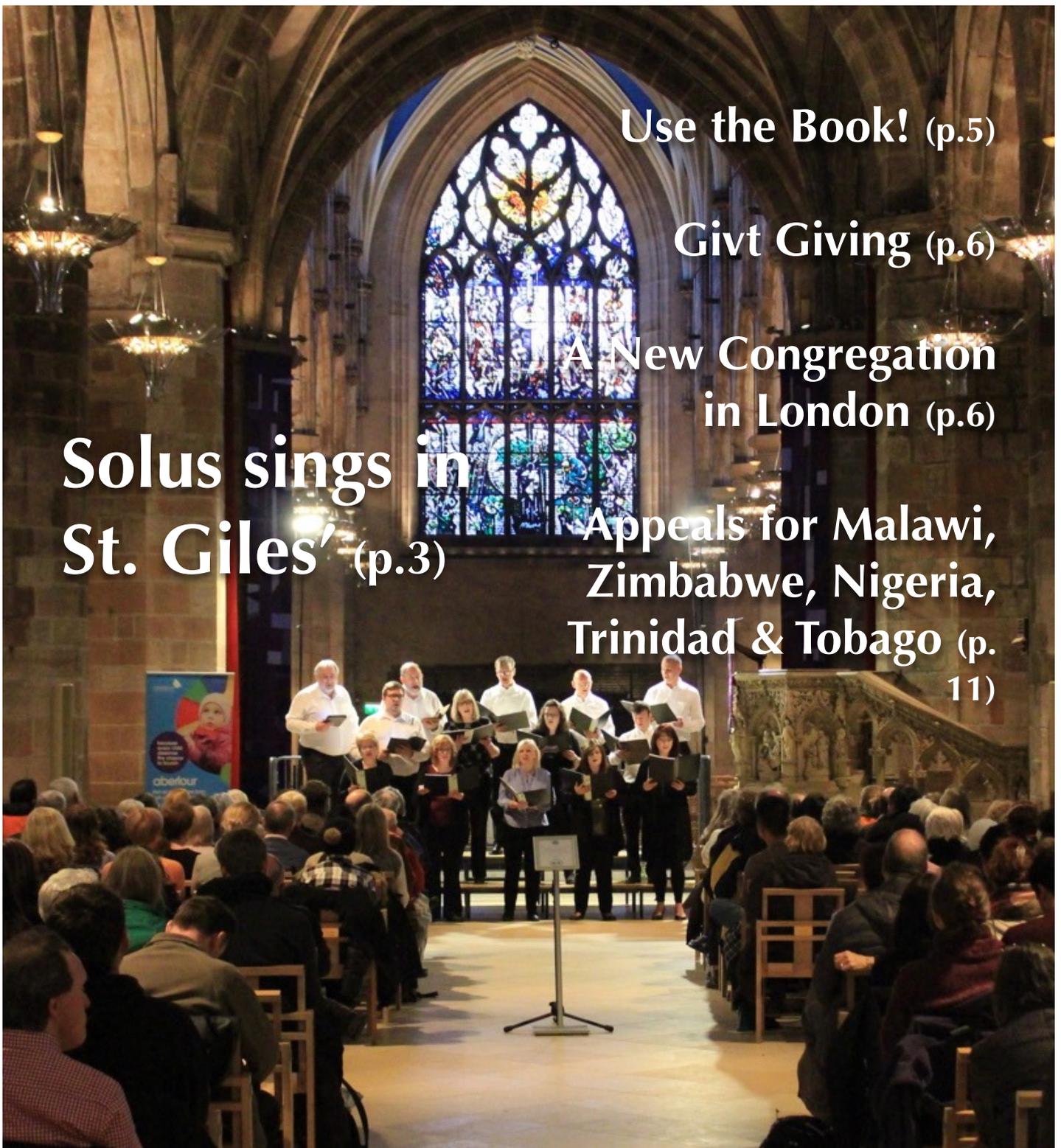
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I heard recently that on April Fool's Day, all 'fools' had to be completed by noon. With that in mind, we are sending this out after that time!

This month's magazine is different than most issues of the *Christian Worker* in that it contains more information from abroad than from the UK. We are, as always, at the mercy of what information is sent to us. Please note the appeals that are included this month and, if you are in a position to do so, please help our brothers and sisters in other countries.

It came to my attention recently that there are some who are not reading the *CW* because they believe we are an "internet publication". Actually we aren't, although we use an internet distribution system in the form of MailChimp. We are a digital publication and send the magazine out as a pdf.

Could I ask those who receive the magazine, especially those who may receive it for their congregation, to consider printing copies for those who would prefer a printed version? Alternatively, if anyone would like a very nicely printed magazine each month, we can supply it for a cost of £20 per year (to cover the cost of printing and postage) – if this would be of interest, please contact Trevor. At East Kilbride have the *CW* e-mailed to all in the congregation who have an e-mail address and we also print five copies each month for those who prefer a printed format. We would be dismayed if there are those who wish to read the magazine but are not reading it because they do not like reading on a computer or tablet. A printed copy can be easily supplied either by someone locally or by purchasing a subscription to the printed magazine.

Our masthead this month is the one Graham Fisher 'commissioned' during his years as editor. It was first used in January 1993 and continued until August 2014. It was designed by Kevin Woolard of the Hyvots Bank congregation in Edinburgh.

We would like to update our logo this year. If any would like to submit a potential logo design, please e-mail it to me at ek.klesia@icloud.com.

Jon

Solus sings in St Giles'

Having the opportunity to sing in the one of the principle cathedrals in Scotland was not an opportunity to be missed. This led to the *a cappella* singing group Solus presenting a 45-minute programme of gospel songs and hymns to an audience of around 200 on Sunday, 24th March.

For those not acquainted with this group of singers, they are from congregations in the central belt of Scotland: Gina Cameron, Jon & Arlene Galloway, and Irene Leach are from East Kilbride; Colin & Helen Kerr, Kenneth & Josh Nisbet, and Nick & Mark Wilson are from Hyvots Bank; Diane Campbell, Alan & Ruth Moyes, and Yvette O'Neill are from Kirkcaldy.

The group gave their first programme in 1992 with four singers and from there they have expanded to their current line-up of fourteen. Their goal has always been to encourage people through their singing as well as to present the message of Jesus. Their name, 'Solus', comes from the old Gaelic word for light, from Matthew 5:16 – "Let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven." They could be described as a group of friends who love to sing.

Solus sing regularly at the socials in Kirkcaldy and Peterhead and are usually featured at one of the joint gospel meetings held on the

east and west coasts of Scotland. They have also presented programmes throughout Scotland as well as in Dublin, Belfast, and at several congregations in England. They frequently sing at Christmastime to help raise money for a charity (lately the Aberlour Children's Trust).

Each Sunday this winter, St Giles' Cathedral Edinburgh is presenting a special programme they are calling "St Giles' at Six." From 6.00-7.00 pm music of various types is being presented to those who wish to attend. When they learned about this,

Solus applied to be one of the groups and were accepted.

Although well supported by Christians from area congregations, the majority of the audience were people that were not known to us.



Many stayed around for a few minutes following the programme to express their appreciation. One said that the music was "peaceful and relaxing." Another, commenting on the statement about churches of Christ, said that she very much agreed with the idea of simply being Christians. Others commented on the great acoustics that enhanced listening to a *cappella* singing in the Cathedral.

May we all continue to let our light shine wherever we are so that people can praise our Father due to what they see in our lives.

Jon Galloway

BBS Notes: Galatians

In the letter to the Galatians, Paul addressed a problem that was dividing Christians. Christians who had been Jews were struggling to accept Christians who had come from a pagan background. “How do we know they are really living right?” you can almost hear them thinking. To be safe they had come up with a solution: if the Gentiles were to become Jews, adopting the Law of Moses, as well as accepting Jesus, then there would be no problem. But this in itself was a problem.

“I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.” (Galatians 1:6–8 ESV)

And this was the problem: they had added something to the good news of Jesus. This distorted the message of Christ and even made it a different gospel.

Sadly, even some of the Christian leaders were influenced by those who were advocating this idea.

“But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles;

but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.” (Galatians 2:11–13)

Can you imagine it? Christians refusing table fellowship with other Christians and even influencing those who knew better!

Paul reminded them that being ‘justified’ wasn’t by keeping the law but through faith in Jesus. When they became Christians they “died to the law”. If you could be made right by the law, “then Christ died for no purpose”.



The law did have a purpose: it was “a guardian until Christ came...But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian”. It isn’t a matter of law-keeping but a matter of faith in Christ Jesus.

You can almost hear the ‘troublers’ objecting: “but if they aren’t keeping the law, how do we know they are faithful to God?” Paul replied, “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.” Rather than rule-keeping we are to produce the fruit of the Spirit. “And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.”

Keeping rules can be attractive, but it nullifies God’s grace. Rather than adding a list of rules, let’s “live by the Spirit” and “keep in step with the Spirit.”

Jon Galloway

This article refers to an article we published last month. This was originally a series of four articles. This month we feature the editorial about those articles.

USE THE BOOK!

This month, as in our last issue, James Dillinger writes on the theme “Bring the Book!” This is excellent exhortation – and we would like to see the day when every member brings a Bible to every service of the church. It is usually the case that those who “bring the Book” to services are those who “use the Book” at home and elsewhere!

USE THE BOOK!

Obviously it is not enough to “bring the Book” to services if we don’t “use the Book” every day. This is implicit in the two articles – and it is much emphasised in the good Word of God. David wrote that the “blessed” – i.e. happy – person is he whose “delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law doth he meditate day and night” (Psalm 1:2). Paul reminded Timothy that he had “known the sacred writings” ever “from a babe”. They could make him “wise unto salvation.” He added, “Every Scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness: that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work” (2 Timothy 3:15-17).

USE THE BOOK!

Here are two ideas which have been put to good use in a number of places. When anyone completes an initial correspondence course of Bible study, give him a Bible. But first, mark clearly selected passages relating to salvation. For example,

a Bible (or New Testament) in which every passage giving clear instruction on how to become a Christian is made to “hit the eye” – such can be very effective. This has been of great value when the person concerned is sharing a home study. It has been done effectively with copies of modern version New Testaments. Many who have received them have admitted to “seeing for the first time” teaching about baptism – even though they must have read the passages concerned many times before.

USE THE BOOK!

Again, “use the Book” when visiting the sick. There are too many examples of Christians, visiting sick people, who do not take time to pray. There are even more who would never think to suggest a Bible reading. Indeed, there are far too many of the Lord’s people who do not carry a copy of the Word with them day by day. Let’s “take the Book” – and use it.

One can find a passage appropriate for any occasion or circumstance. It is surprising (or is it?) how effective a carefully selected and prayerfully read passage can be. Rarely is a tactful request for Bible reading refused. Usually it is warmly welcomed – particularly so where the one visiting uses tact and consideration. It need hardly be said that any suggestions of “preaching at” the one visited will destroy the point of the exercise. But loving sincerity and genuine helpfulness are rarely unwelcome. Often a Bible reading will lead to questions, discussion – and a new birth.

Wherever we go, let’s “take the Book!” Whatever the circumstances, let’s “use the Book!”

A.E. Winstanley.

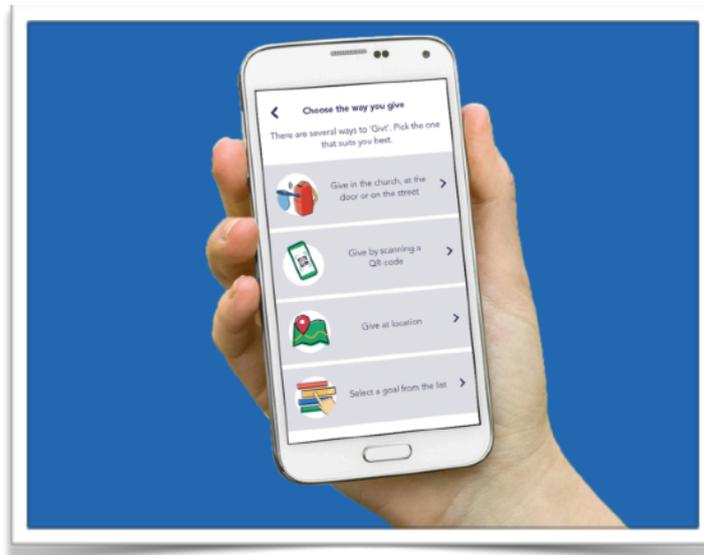
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Givt giving

People make payments in a variety of ways, either cash, cheque or card. However, there are an increasing number who do not use any of these methods of payment, but instead use contactless, via card, phone or watch.

Givt allows for contactless giving to the congregation without the distraction of inputting details into a card machine. Instead, it uses an app on your mobile device, and a beacon located with your

collection bag or plate. This method also allows for the giver to participate in the collection during worship, rather than arranging a payment at another time.



The Bristol congregation has decided to adopt **Givt** as an additional giving choice – already it is being used by a regular number of givers. Although in its infancy within the UK, it is used quite considerably within the Netherlands and is growing in popularity, because of its ease of use.

The results of the collection can be viewed within a few minutes of it being taken, and all donations are kept anonymous.

If you would like to know more about Givt, please visit their website <https://www.givtapp.net/en> or contact Robert (robertjdaniell@gmail.com) or Jason (jsnethen@hotmail.com).

Robert Daniell

Family News

London (Denmark Hill): A new congregation started in January this year in Denmark Hill, London. Our details are as follows:

Meeting place: Denmark Hill Community Centre, 68 Blanedowne, London SE5 8HL

Website: www.cocdh.org

Email: cocdh@outlook.com

Worship times and activities – contact us for details.

Contacts:

Kufre Inyang – 07754093372

Michael Idowu – 07445498745

European Ladies' Retreat – Wait for Gold: This was the theme for this year's retreat (28th February-3rd March) held in Dreisbach (Mettlach, Germany). The venue was a lovely hostel in a beautiful setting by woods on the River Saar.

A total of twelve ladies attended from England, six from Loughborough, two from Nottingham (Stapleford), and four from the London area. The eight from the Midlands travelled together on a flight from Stanstead to Luxembourg. We arrived late and tired but were soon revived after a night's sleep and breakfast

followed by a full day of lessons, fellowship, and fun activities. It was wonderful to meet Christian sisters from so many places and to enjoy the tranquillity of the countryside (walking by the river was a favourite of mine).



dates will be announced). Please come and support the retreat – especially for the next two years as the ‘Team’ from England who attended this year will be planning and organising the programmes.

Jean Eckman
(Nottingham)

“*Wait for Gold*” was based on the Japanese art of repairing pottery with lacquer dusted or mixed with gold, silver, or platinum – treating breakages and repairs as a part of the history of an object, rather than something to hide – paralleling the way God repairs or refines us.

The speakers were Holly Brazle (Antwerp) and Sue Foster (Ghent). Their topics were “*The Weight of the Wait*”, “*Worth the Wait*”, “*Why me?*”, and “*Broken and Beautiful*” – highlighting the fact that we can be positive in all circumstances, completely trust God, and be strengthened in all experiences.

There was opportunity for all to share their thoughts, have fun together, and get to know many people from all over Europe. Friendships were formed and/or renewed. There were crafts to do, exercise classes (“*Body & Soul*”), games to play – and, traditionally, a trip to the ice cream shop! But, the retreat is for all to get out of it what they want or need.

So, may I highly recommend that you plan to go to next year’s European Ladies’ Retreat. It is always the last weekend in February and always in Germany (specific

Bristol: Seven of us in total – five adults and two children – travelled to India on 14th February. We were welcomed at the airport by at least fifteen Christians with big open-hearted smiles and bouquets of flowers.

The plan was to visit congregations; spend time with the Christians; and hold gospel meetings twice daily. Our first stop was in Repalle, home of our Christian brother Jairajan, whom the Bristol congregation helps financially. Our team worked diligently – we travelled at least 680 miles and shared the Word with hundreds of men, women and children. We also ate delicious, home-cooked Indian food.

There were many ‘firsts’ on our trip. We introduced puppets to many children who had never seen them before; Jason greeted large crowds in Telugu; and Zipporah learned the art of eating with her fingers.

Fifteen were added to the Lord’s body and, after our last gospel meeting, we were blessed to witness six women give their lives to Jesus in baptism.

The Indian Christians thanked us everywhere we went. However, in retrospect, it's we who should be thanking *them*. They showed us their enormous faith, worshipping in small, roughly-constructed buildings. Through their humble and modest lives, they showed us how to be rich in love and grace. In the face of their sickness and need, they've shown us their abundant generosity as they fed and served us.



Most of all, they've shown us a humility and meekness of spirit we have never seen or experienced. We will be forever thankful for the lessons they've taught us, lessons which transcend words that need no English translators.

Another lesson we learned in India is that the men and women work exceedingly hard in their dedication to the Lord's work. The men travel hundreds of miles to spread the word and establish congregations. They are spurred on and supported by the women in the congregations. These women match their skill and faith by teaching the children, cooking and serving the visiting

preachers and their families, and making sure – even in their own physical needs and, in some cases, ill health – that the tiny chapels are spotless and that everyone is fed before they sit down to eat. Please take a moment today to pray for all these godly men and women serving selflessly in Andhra Pradesh.

Jason and some of the Christian sisters taught on parables. One prominent, present-day, earthly story we witnessed was how

the Christians invest their talents, both great and small, to help the Lord's Kingdom grow. We've come away filled with inspiration, knowing that even the smallest of gifts are being used to do God's work. Even the young man who told me he 'Didn't speak much English' did his bit in helping to translate to the youth the lesson Jason wanted them to understand.

God is doing great work in India and he has blessed us to be a part of that. I hope that this report has brought a little bit of that blessing to your heart today.

Anne Garner

Around the World

Malawi: Three Days of Lectures.

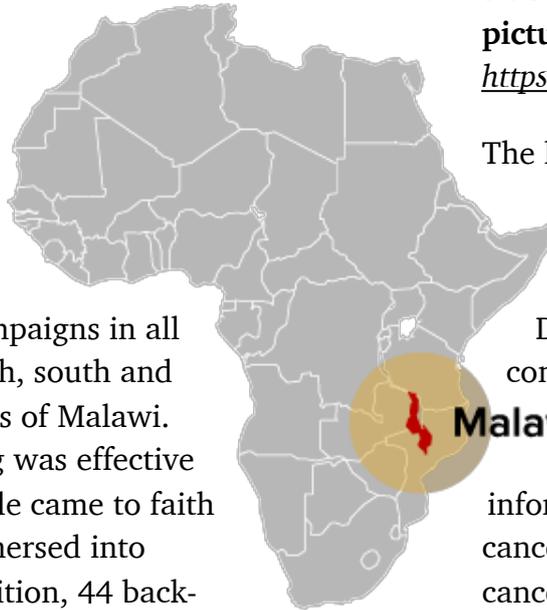
The congregation at Ekwendeni held three days of Bible teaching on the weekend just before Christmas. The theme was "Grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ" taken from 2 Peter 3:18. Ephron Mbano organised this meeting and on Friday night he preached on the above text.

On Saturday and Sunday, there were 9 other lessons on this theme of growing in Christ. In all there were 10 different preachers mainly from the north of Malawi. All told there were 421 people attending these lectures, where 2 Peter 1:1-10 was expounded just as Peter had written to his readers to bring all things to their

pleased to know that the Institute is more closely related to a local congregation.

Good Results from Campaigns.

During 2018, Ephron Mbano took students on six teaching and gospel preaching campaigns in all the three north, south and central regions of Malawi. The preaching was effective and 125 people came to faith and were immersed into Christ. In addition, 44 back-sliding believers were restored to stronger faith in Christ. In the UK we are no longer used to such success from our evangelism. Ephron no longer has access to transport and there is a separate appeal to buy him a motor cycle. Ephron is a devout and very gifted evangelist and he deserves to be given our support to enable him to use his gifts more widely.



David Murphy

Greece: Annual Family Retreat Update

Let me share with you news, facts and details, regarding the June 2019 retreat, our 16th year. For almost fifteen years we have been hosting the retreat at the “Kalamaki Beach Hotel”, right next to the ancient port of Cenchrea, where Paul had his hair cut due to a vow he had taken (Acts



18:18). The boundary wall of the Cenchrea harbour from which Paul and associates sailed to Antioch is the Hotel’s Western side wall (right behind the trees in the picture). To view photos please visit site: <https://www.kalamakibeach.gr/gallery/>

The hotel is very user-friendly to children and the elderly, simply because there are no steps from the building to the entire front side area, or the beach.

Due to the number of tourists who come to Greece, we were initially unable to book the hotel. Fortunately we received an e-mail from the hotel, informing us that a large group had cancelled their reservation. That group cancellation was linked to the first week of June; not the third we usually take, as schools do not finish classes until June 15. Additionally, we have decided to include an additional day to the retreat, as many requested in past years. Lord willing, we will depart from the church building on Tuesday at 1:00 pm and we will arrive at the hotel at 2:00 pm and depart from the hotel on Saturday at 3:00 pm. Our cost will include twelve “all you can eat” meals.

The cost for adults (and children thirteen and over) is 280.00 Euros (plus 15.00 Euros for the travel coach that will take us on Tuesday to the hotel and bring us back on Saturday to the church building). The cost for children from 6-12 years is 140 Euros (plus the coach ticket). Infants and children up to six years of age are free.

We will announce the theme and speakers in due time. If you are interested, please let us know as soon as possible. We already have reservations made – please make yours ASAP by sending an email to me at amelirry@aol.com

Alexander Melirrytos



European Vision Workshop: Please mark your calendar for **30th September to 3rd October 2019**. The event will be held at the same location in **Bratislava, Slovakia**.

We are very happy to invite Keith Lancaster with the “Praise & Harmony Worship Seminars” to be with us again this year. We anticipate a great lineup of speakers and discussion groups.

More information and details will follow in the coming weeks, but make you plans now to be with us in Bratislava.

Douglas Reeves

Sunset International Bible Institute

India (Cochin): Sometimes in life you are presented with an exciting opportunity which it would be foolish to decline. I remember how excited I was to be invited to help start a new congregation in the city of Cochin, located on the southwest coast of India. Our work would be to spread the good news with local people to establish a new group of Christians.

We faced a number of major problems including the language barrier, as well as the multitude of religions that are found in India. We faced a great challenge, but with God’s help we were patient and we knew something would happen.

Over many visits and meetings to proclaim the good news of Jesus the truth prevailed. These initial converts would need a lot of help to grow and develop their faith. So the decision was made to find a couple who would be willing to devote their lives to this good work. Saju George and his wife were invited to accept the privilege. It was arranged that he would be supported to take up this role.

The congregation at Ilkeston for many years has provided support for Saju’s work. The result of supporting this work is that there an amazing congregation is in existence. They meet each Lord’s day in their own building, built on their own land which they purchased with money that was raised. Saju works extremely hard and I admire his dedication to everything he does. His health concerns me at times and I try and encourage him to slow down. But he accepts the privilege of being a faithful servant of God.



intend to keep going back. It will always keep my feet on the ground.

Last year, when I was involved with the group going to Malawi, I was asked if it would be possible take a group to Cochin

Appeals

Each time I visit these amazing people I return home with a greater appreciation of the privilege that I have. Most of the Christians are poor by my standard, but they are always smiling. As long as I am physically able I

Malawi motorcycle appeal: Ephron Mbanu has recently moved from the the Mzuzu Bible College in the Northern Region of Malawi, where he was Assistant Director to Marc Veary. He has moved about 30 miles away to Ekwendeni to start a Bible Training Institute. The aim is to teach 15-20 students each year on a two-years course. Ephron is a very gifted, devout and successful teacher and evangelist. Ephron has no transport now that he has moved away from the College. It is very important that Ephron has transport to go out preaching and teaching in the rural villages and to help newly established and small congregations. He also needs to go to his home village and supervise his farm workers. The produce of his farm is a major part of his support. Almost all of the preachers do depend upon their small farms for most of their food.

The appeal is for £1500 to buy a Chinese off-road motorcycle. In 1964, I gave my green Ford van to Albert Winstanley. A medical student, Bob Whittaker, saw a poster

next year. So, if any would be interested in going please let know. My e-mail is: kennethmullan@hotmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Ken Mullan

for a gospel meeting on the side of the van. Bob went to the gospel meeting and he came to faith in Christ. Ephron is a man of the same calibre as Albert Winstanley and he does need help from us to buy a motorcycle. We do need to enable gifted men to use their gift of gospel preaching.

Provisionally, I have £900 allocated towards the purchase of the motorcycle. I am appealing for the balance of £600.

Please give generously and send your gifts payable to the Bedminster (Bristol) Church of Christ. The treasurer is Mr G. Daniell, 24 The Witheys, Whitchurch Village, Bristol, BS14 0QB

David Murphy

Nigeria – Evangelist support needed.

I am Opemipo Olusola, a servant of the



church of Christ that meets at Saw-Mill Ita-Faaji area, off Abeokuta road, Ibadan, Oyo state, Nigeria. This congregation began the first Lord's day in 2018 through the

evangelistic activities of the Christians at the Owode congregation (www.cocowodeapata.org). I moved with my family to work with this new established group of Christians.

In view of the economic challenges being faced by the Christians here, I am asking for your financial support, if it be God's will that I find favour in your sight. Your financial help is needed in these two areas:



- Gospel publications for equipping the saints and to facilitate our evangelism efforts.
- Preacher's support to provide relief for the hardship I am faced with. I am married with a wife and three children as well as two Christian dependants (my aged father and sister-in-law).

Your widow's mite would be greatly appreciated to help out in these areas. It will go a long way to expand the borders of Christ's kingdom in this fresh but large field that cries for "FREEDOM".

There are currently 29 Christians with an average attendance of 40.

For further information contact Emmanuel Uwujare (07448 244948 or bigemmie@yahoo.ca) or Olusola Opemipo

(+2348034648013 or opemipoolusola@yahoo.com).

Opemipo Olusola

Gasparillo, Trinidad and Tobago –

Building Fund: The congregation of the Lord's people in Gasparillo, Trinidad and Tobago is a dear congregation to me. Not many of you may know that although I was born in London, I was raised in Trinidad and Tobago and became a Christian at the age of 16 by the Grace of God and thankfully to the efforts of evangelising and friendships of the Christians at Gasparillo (my previous home village).

The Gasparillo congregation is a loving, vibrant, and active group made up of about 60-70 faithful Christians. Over the years they have nurtured and developed many young men and women who have gone on to work with other congregations, attended the Trinidad and Tobago Preaching & Teaching School, and continue to remain faithful and spread His Word among brothers and sisters who I have known all my Christian life.



Over the years they have never owned their building and have been renting and sharing premises to worship for as long as I can remember. Recently, however, they have managed to purchase a piece of land in the local area and are in the process of



Gasparillo congregation continue to seek and do His will on the island.

Charles Yankiah

Malawi and Zimbabwe Floods: I

have had a number of enquiries about the situation in Malawi and Zimbabwe and, yes, as the news has reported things are bad.

constructing a building (see photos) and are kindly asking for any donations, building materials, your time or network contacts to assist them. Bricks, sand, concrete and gravel are needed at this time to ensure they can worship at the premises by the end of April 2019. To give you some idea of costs, a single red brick costs \$5.00TTD (Trinidad and Tobago Dollars), which is approximately £0.50.

Geoff Daniell in Bristol has agreed to act as receiver of funds if Christians or congregations want to send funds. We have the contacts in both countries. Geoff should be contacted at gdaniell@hotmail.co.uk If individuals send funds and you pay tax and are willing to Gift Aid your gift will be increased, this does not apply to congregations as you should have already received Gift Aid.

I have just returned from Trinidad and Tobago and spent a lot of time with the congregation. If you need more information please do not hesitate to contact me – I am co-ordinating efforts in the UK on behalf of the Gasparillo congregation. Donations and contributions can be made directly to me or through Halifax Bank, Charles Yankiah, Account Number - 12729166, Sort Code - 110458. All contributions and assistance would be greatly appreciated as well as your prayers as the



Let me say a personal thanks to all who are able to donate and for all who will pray.

Trevor Williams



Wanted - Evangelist with Focus on Youth

The Church of Christ in Livingston seeks an Evangelist with a particular focus on expanding and developing a new generation of young believers, in both numbers and faith. The hope is to develop a strong resilient and vibrant body of believers eager to grow in the service of the Lord Jesus Christ. The work will entail a strong community involvement and continual outreach, as well as developing and growing existing youth members. The successful applicant would also be involved in leading the congregation in general evangelistic outreach and share in other areas of ministry in the church.

The person is expected to be highly motivated in the service of Christ. Financial support will be provided as appropriate and necessary. This can be guaranteed initially for the first few years. The individual will be accountable to the Leadership Group.

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If you would like more information please contact Church of Christ, Elburn, Livingston, West Lothian, Scotland EH54 6RA. Tel: 01506 414789. E-mail: charlie@ChurchofChrist.co.uk

Galatians

"The dangers of legalism are never far away and always to be opposed. This module examines the text of this letter in light of its first century context and draws some important lessons from it for today."

Northampton

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Friday, 15th March 7.30 to 9.45 pm
Saturday, 16th March 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Friday, 12th April 7.30 to 9.45 pm
Saturday, 13th April 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Teachers: Jon Galloway and Jack Paton
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For more information please visit our website or look for us on Facebook.



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18th – 21st April 2019

*Theme: Leadership, A crying need
for the Church*

*Fees: Adults - £120;
Children (Age: 6 -12) - £80
(Accommodation & meals)*

*Contacts: K. Bright - 07985205561
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Friday, 10th May 7.00 to 9.00pm
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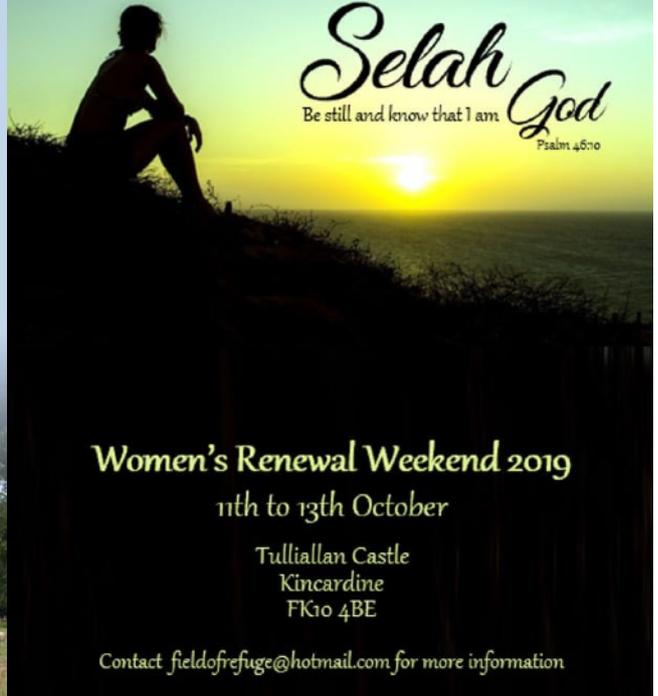
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Field of Refuge

Selah
Be still and know that I am God
Psalm 46:10



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11th to 13th October

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Trevor in Athens

Trevor is currently working with the Omonia congregation in Athens – see his “Final Word” to read his impressions of working with the refugees. Here are photos he sent of some of the work he is involved in.



April

8th – Cumbernauld: Christian Leadership Seminar – “Walking Where Jesus Walked: From Bethlehem to the Jordan”; speaker: Jon Galloway. 9.30 am for 10.00 start, concluding with lunch together. Organiser and contact: Jack Paton (jgpaton@outlook.com).

12th-13th – Northampton: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: “Galatians” (part 2), teachers: Jack Paton and Jon Galloway. Friday – 7.30-9.45 pm; Saturday – 9.00-5.00 pm. www.britishbibleschool.com

18th-21st – 16th European Annual Bible Lectureship: “Leadership – a crying need for the church.” Cost: £120 (adults), £80 (6-12 year olds) – this covers accommodation and meals. Venue: All Saints Pastoral Centre, Shenley Lane, London Colney, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL2 1AF. contact: Bright (07985 205561).

27th – Kirkcaldy: Annual Social Day, 1.30 pm. Venue: Bennoch Parish Church, 3 Elgin Street/Meldrum Road, Kirkcaldy KY2 5LP. Speaker: Graeme Morrison – “Jesus – the Light of the World.” Contact: Alan Moyes (alan.j.moyes@gmail.com) or Tony Clark (joan-tony1974@virginmedia.com).

May

4th-5th – East Kilbride: Outreach meetings with Mike Glover; Saturday: 6.00 – Light refreshments and 7.00 – lesson; Sunday: class – 10.00 am and worship – 11.00. Contact: Jon Galloway (07906 060618 or jdalloway@mac.com).

10th-11th – Aberdeen: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: “Hebrews” (part 2), teachers: Patrick Boyns, Jon Galloway and Jack Paton. Friday – 7.00-9.00 pm; Saturday – 9.00 am to 4.00 pm. www.britishbibleschool.com

11th – Liverpool: Ladies’ Fellowship, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm at corner of Picton Road and Wellington Street, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 8QH. Contact: Maria A. Anane (07505 158004 or mgyaa5@googlemail.com).

11th – Eastwood (Nottinghamshire): Quarterly Outreach meeting – “Jesus – at the Cross”. Light refreshments at 6.00 pm and lesson at 7.00 pm. Contact: Adrian Limb (cofcastwood@aol.com).

21st – Hyvots Bank (Edinburgh): Hymn Tour evening with Jerry Rushford. Venue: St. Andrew’s & St. George’s, Edinburgh; 7.00-9.00 pm. Contact: Helen Kerr (hkerr412@yahoo.co.uk).

June

15th – Liverpool: Annual All Day Fellowship, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm at our church building. Theme: “If you Love me, keep my commandments.” Contact Charles Yankiah (07891 262910 or cyankiah@hotmail.com).

28th June-5th July – Camp Heatherbell. Venue: Auchingillan Outdoor Centre, Blanefield, Glasgow G63 9BA. Contact: Graham McDonald (graham@gmcd.net).

July

13th – Edmonton (London): Men’s workshop – “Conflict in the Local Church”, 9.30 am -4.30 pm. Venue: 1 Foxglove Close, Edmonton, London N9 8LW Contact: Charles Banin (charlesbanino@aol.com).

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

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

August

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

September

13th-15th – BBS Family Retreat: “Stories of Jesus”; venue: Letton Hall, Norfolk. Contact: britishbibleschool.com

28th – Peterhead: Annual Social Day, 1.00 pm. Speakers: Ian Davidson and Mark Hill. It would be appreciated if an indication of numbers coming two weeks in advance, to help with catering. Contact: William Strachan wstrachan007@gmail.com.

October

4th-6th – Glasgow area: Joint gospel meetings between **East Kilbride** and **Clarkston** with Bob Eckman; Friday & Saturday, 7.30 pm; Sunday at East Kilbride – class: 10.00 am and worship: 11.00. Contact: Jon Galloway (07906 060618 or jdgalloway@mac.com).

11th – Field of Refuge: Women’s renewal – “Selah”. Venue: Tulliallan Castle, Kincardine FK10 4BE. Cost: Shared Room £120 (£112 if booking confirmed before 1st June), Single Occupancy £145 (£135 if booking confirmed before 1st June); £35 non-refundable deposit required to confirm booking (remaining balance due by 1st October). Contact: fieldofrefuge@hotmail.com.

25th-26th – East Kilbride: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: “Ezekiel” (part 1). Friday – 7.30-9.45 pm; Saturday – 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. www.britishbibleschool.com

November

4th-8th – **British Bible School**: Residential Study Week at Bassenfell Manor, near Keswick. Contact: study@britishbibleschool.com.

9th – **Eastwood (Nottinghamshire)**: Quarterly Outreach meeting – “Jesus – and His Return”. Light refreshments at 6.00 pm and lesson at 7.00 pm. Contact: Adrian Limb (cofceastwood@aol.com).

15th-16th – **East Kilbride**: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: “Ezekiel” (part 2). Friday – 7.30-9.45 pm; Saturday – 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. www.britishbibleschool.com

European Events Calendar

April

18th-20th – **Albania**: Retreat – “Revive us, O Lord, for the sake of your name”; speakers: Bill McDonough & Dominique Dos Santos. Venue: Rafael Resort, Shengjin, Lezhe. Cost: 2700LEK per day (about \$50). Register by 2nd April. Contact: Shkelqim Kafexhiu (cimish2000@yahoo.com).

26th-28th – **Gemünden, Germany**: European Singles’ Retreat. This is a Christian weekend retreat held twice a year, in April and September, at Gemünden, Germany. This event is for EVERYONE who is 18 or older, and not married, who wants to be spiritually encouraged / have fun in a Christian environment. Cost: €65 (€10 reduction if pay before deadline). For more information: <https://www.singlesretreat.net/about.html>.

June

4th-8th – **Athens, Greece**: Family fellowship for all ages, hosted by the Omonia congregation. A beautiful hotel-based retreat near the site of ancient Cenchrea. Morning devotionals and fellowship; free afternoons with evening meetings. A chance to visit Corinth and the Corinthian Canal. For those who can stay longer, visit and worship with the church in Athens – an unforgettable experience. Christians from several countries will attend. Meetings will always have a translator if not held in English. Contact Eleni (emelirry@aol.com) or Trevor Williams (twilliams195@hotmail.co.uk).

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28th – **Gemünden, Germany**: 50th Anniversary of Gemünden Bible Camp.

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

October

2nd-5th – **European Vision Workshop**: A time for meeting Christians from congregations all over Europe, hearing about the blessings and problems of their work for Christ. Contact Trevor for more information.

The Final Word: "A Look at Worship"



Some of the CW readers will have noticed that I planned to travel to Athens to work among the refugees and teach English. Some were able to financially help me in this quest and I have to say a special thank you for your kindness. I am working with the Omonia congregation based within walking distance of the city centre. Omonia is just off the regular tourist track and is now home to thousands of immigrants speaking a variety of languages. English is one of those languages that is of worldwide use. Most people are hoping to go to another country other than Greece and English can be used almost anywhere in Europe as well as Canada, Australasia, etc. I am greeted each morning with

'Good morning Teacher, how are you?' This with a smile melts my heart. Even though I've only been here three weeks the children run up to me with their big brown eyes and give me a hug – beauty runs through their souls. My class consists of eighteen or so teens to over forty men and women. Like every other class there are those that seem to drink in what I am talking about and others who are tired and full of anguish wondering what the future will hold. Repetition is so vitally important but it has to have some fun and so a song, a joke, a funny exercise is a necessity.

What is happening of course is that I am the one who is learning the most. God in his mercy has allowed me my three score years and ten. I live by grace with a firm assurance in Jesus as Lord and have my earthly home in a country of plenty. The stories I hear abound are not told with tears, except in my eyes – they are told as simple fact. ISIS came too close to their home and they had to escape. They spent all their savings on travel. They crossed mountains to get out of their country carrying their small children. They sailed on rubber boats to get to Greece often costing US\$10,000. By the time they arrived they were put in camps, thousands of people with only two toilets. These people who had businesses, kept good homes, were people of stature in their communities were reduced to nothing, hardly more than a number.

The church here has been hurled into a situation of saturation of people not their own, who seemingly have nothing to offer and need to take a lot. The response has been a movement of the Holy Spirit. Jesus fed 5,000 without demanding they follow him. He taught them a better way and that is what the church here does. The people are loved, supported, fed and clothed. With so many it does sometimes become like chaos. There are wounds that will take generations to heal. Some have become Christians, some have received Christian kindness, some have simply received. Each day I go back to my bed-sit and wonder how much use I can possibly be but like single bricks in a building eventually builds a wall so my ministry here helps things along. Well was I taught in Sunday School that Jesus loves the little children, red and yellow, black and white, Jesus loves the little children of the world. But it is not only the children who are loved but those who have never heard the stories of Jesus and his love. Men and women, old and grey, those who are hoping for a better life and those who want some peace as they start to draw near to the end of life are all entitled to feel the love of Jesus and this is done through the church, the body of Christ. That love is shown here in smiles and hugs, of kisses and tears. Of food prepared and distributed. Of lessons taught, of people taken to the doctors and dentist, of visits made to hospitals. It is shown in a never ending need for more helpers and of the servants of God continually anxious about what is going to happen next. This is the essence of the church.

Will you, can you help? Or help others to help? Ask me and let me tell you more.

Trevor