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Autumn is definitely here! With the drop in temperatures, it almost seems like winter (and a few have already had snow!). But what better time of year, when there is less taking our attention outdoors, to plan to spend a few extra hours in the study of God’s word?

After spending time during the past few months studying and then teaching *Hebrews*, I couldn’t help but be impressed within this treatise on the need to know Scripture. Time after time the writer quotes from the Psalms, Proverbs, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Genesis, or somewhere else. He didn’t give a reference or even state who said it – just the quotation. He knew the Scriptures and expected his audience to know them as well – and from what we know, they did!

For many today, *Hebrews* is a difficult book in the New Testament and one that many struggle to understand. And largely for the same reason – it contains so many references to the Jewish scriptures. Yet it makes that vital link between Jesus and what the Jews had under the law and contrasts the two. And when you compare the two (what we have in Jesus and what the Jews had in the law), Jesus is shown to be far superior.

I’ve heard Christians say that we don’t need the ‘Old Testament’ because we are ‘New Testament Christians’. I’ve even been criticised for teaching from the Old Testament. Yet without a knowledge of the former the latter cannot make sense. Without a knowledge of sin and the law, we cannot fully understand why Jesus came. And what about Melchizedek and how Jesus is part of his priesthood? All of this requires a knowledge of the Old Testament Scriptures – and a knowledge of the New!

One of the great privileges we have is to own not only our own copy of the Scriptures, but multiple copies of them. And they are easily and freely available on the Internet. Yet do we spend time reading and studying what God has given us?

Let’s get into the word – and encourage others to do so, as well!

Jon

Spotlight on Bristol activities

September signaled the start of something splendid for the Bristol congregation: singing and saris. We held two fantastic events: Acappella Jam, our singing day (on Saturday, 22nd September), and Sari Sunday, dedicated to our support of mission work in India, on Sunday, 30th September.

Singing is passion amongst the Christians in Bristol. Acappella Jam is a great opportunity to set aside time to fire up our voices in singing praises to our King. Our theme was “In Christ Alone” focusing on scripture passages from the book of Colossians. We are thankful for song leaders from Northampton, Wembley, Reading and Stockwell joining our Bristol team in guiding us through singing hymns: old favourites, some less familiar and some completely new. 113 attended and each family went away with a jar of homemade “Acappella Jam,” made by some of our lovely ladies.

It’s wonderful when we can use our talents to serve God. With the help of willing participants, Kezia Daniell (who is currently studying Film Making at the University of the West of England) and I produced a short video to advertise Acappella Jam. This made it easier to invite other Christians, friends

and those in the general public. This is an example where technology and social media can be very powerful tools to use for good. We are also extremely grateful for Alan Dod’s help in providing projection and lighting equipment on the day.



‘Sari Sunday’ has become an annual Bristol congregation event. Many events were planned for the day, including hearing about and seeing pictures of the good work from our brother Jayarajan in Andhra

Pradesh, setting aside a special collection, men and women dressing up in colourful traditional dress and celebrating the culinary delights in a fellowship meal.

We were able raise £1398.80 for the requested needs in Andhra Pradesh so that they can continue in their outreach and encouragement.

This year there was extra excitement as plans were shared for the upcoming mission trip by Christians here to go to Repalle in February 2019.

We thank God that we can be continue

an encouragement to Christians throughout the UK and abroad. We ask that you keep next year’s mission trip in your prayers.

Crystal Holder

European Vision Workshop

Around 130 Christians, mainly from Europe, met together to encourage and share their successes and failures in the beautiful city of Bratislava from 3rd-6th October.

It gave time for Christians to come together and laugh and cry, sing and hope for a couple of days together.

Eight went from the UK, four of whom were invited to speak: Robin Vick, Bob Eckman, Paul Hill and Trevor Williams. The singing was led by Keith Lancaster who taught new hymns as well as led us in older ones. There is nothing so sweet as when like-minded brethren can meet in fellowship.

The whole event was sponsored by four USA programmes: Partners in Mission, Sunset International Bible Institute, World

Bible School and World English Institute, all of whom are trying to share the gospel and encourage simple New Testament teaching. It is hoped that a similar event will be held next October.



Europe and its larger borders have seen huge movements of people for several years with both success and failure; local congregations have tried to share the love of Jesus with those they have met.

Let me suggest our readers look up the work of those who sponsored the programme and perhaps even help with such events as helping someone understand the Bible a little more or assisting them to better speak English. There is much to do no matter who we are.

Trevor Williams

Think About It



Currently the earth's population is 7.7 billion. This is increasing at the rate of 120 per minute (actually 240 are born each minute but every minute 120 die). This equates to 7,200 per hour, 172,800 each day and 63,072,000 every year. Research by the 'Church Growth Movement' and others indicates that reaching those billions is logically possible today if sufficient personnel and financial resources could be dedicated to the task. – C. Peter Wagner

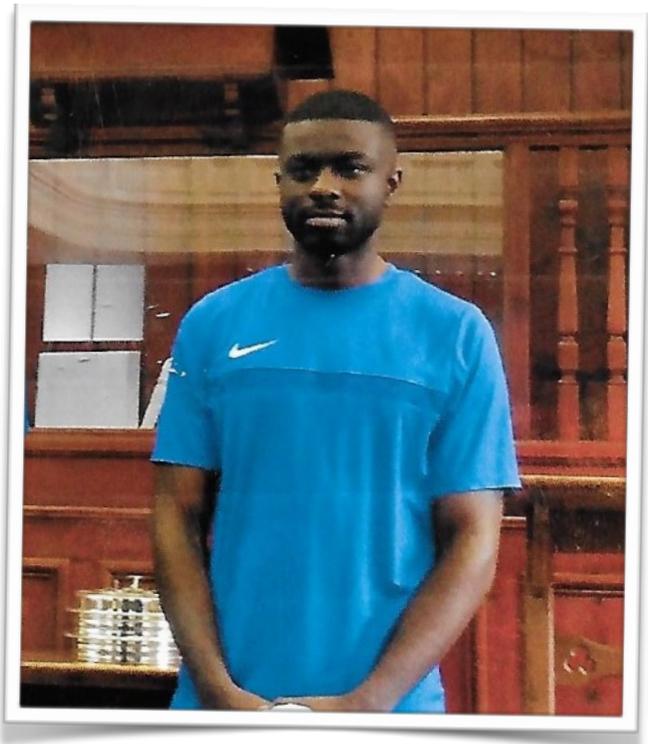
(Information from 'Partners in Progress')

Congratulations!

Cambridge: We rejoice and thank the Almighty God for the commitment of **Kwami Acheapong**, who was immersed on 30th September. He has been a great support for the congregation here in Cambridge for many years and we welcome him into the family of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We thank the Brandon Congregation for allowing us to use their Baptistry, and for the enjoyment of the fellowship we had with them on the Lord's Day.

Cyril Weinman



Aylesbury: Following our usual fellowship lunch on 30th September, this particular 'last Sunday of the month meal' also witnessed **Danny** and **Dorris Martin** being clothed in Christ. Having been numbered amongst our 'visitors' for some years now, and in that time hearing the Word from our regular and visiting speakers, their heart-felt consideration was fulfilled that day as the couple entered into the kingdom of God. A big thank you goes out to all those involved in helping and being an encouraging light. The saints in Aylesbury now look forward to the couple's own particular walk with Christ and the continual journey in knowing and building a relationship with God.

Kevin Nicholson

Cambridge: We celebrated our 55th Wedding Anniversary with our family on 7th September, which included three children, seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren (with a further one, Lord willing, on its way).

We were married in Salisbury Cathedral in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe),



on 7th September 1963. We met when Dawn was fourteen and I was fifteen. Initially we were just friends, but a few months later she became my 'girlfriend', eighteen months later she became my 'fiance', and two years later we were married.

We continually give thanks to our Father in Heaven for the compassion and love he has shown towards our family, and for his protection in our travels.

Cyril and Dawn Weinman

British Bible School Notes

I remember as a child – a very young child – looking at the back of our television set, wondering how the people got inside, and thinking that I didn't want to ever be on television if it meant having to climb through that narrow cable. Thankfully, technology has moved on since those days and climbing through narrow cables is now a thing of the past. This is a particularly good thing in light of a new project which we are shortly to be launching.



Called 'The Book Programme', this new project is a video-based learning tool designed for small group and individual Bible study. Unlike our Distance Learning Programme, it will not be assessed though will give students the opportunity to dig a little deeper if they so wish.

Each series will consist of no more than twelve lessons or episodes, each of which will be around 30 minutes in length. This will allow small groups to watch the episode and then engage in discussion using the downloadable study guides which we will make available.

Our aim is to provide accessible and useful Bible study material in a contemporary

style and within a British context. We are wanting to make each series visually appealing whilst avoiding unnecessary distractions and the need for climbing through narrow cables.

Though not designed as an 'outreach' tool, we hope that it will help many to engage in a more balanced and informative approach to Bible study, helping us all to grow closer to God. The pilot series is to be called 'Stories of Jesus' and

will feature many of the parables he told whilst teaching.

Much of the filming is taking place in Northampton in our occasional 'green



screen' studio. We are looking out for any who might be interested in being involved in the production process – even if you currently have no experience in these things. Do please get in touch.

Please pray for the work of School, remembering this new endeavour, and

let us serve each other in any way we can for the sake of Christ.

Patrick Boyns

www.britishbibleschool.com

Family News

East Kilbride: We have had a busy autumn thus far. Niall Scobbie spoke for our outreach meetings in early September. He presented lessons on how Jesus cares about all aspect of our lives, emphasising feasting, weeping, and forgiving. The lessons were not only well thought out and put together but also well delivered. Those who were present were encouraged.



We hosted two weekends of study on Hebrews in September and October. Presented by British Bible School teachers (Patrick Boyns, Jack Paton, and Jon Galloway), we came away with a greater understanding of how Jesus is better in every way, as well as the need to know the scriptures. The lessons were a great encouragement to all who came along.

We are looking forward to our singing day on 10th November – all are invited to join us for an afternoon of singing old and new hymns and learning how we can improve our worship in song.

Jon Galloway

Brighton: The congregation here has a new website:

www.churchofchristinbrighton.com

Also, if anyone would like to receive our weekly bulletin, which is published on

Thursday, they can email their requests to constantcoulibaly@hotmail.com.

Constant Coulibaly

Lomond: This congregation, which met in Alexandria, West Dunbartonshire, is no longer meeting. With some moving away we were no longer able to get the building where we were meeting. The congregation is now meeting with the Christians in Clarkston.

Colin Hinde

Reading: Jayne and I will depart from Reading on 30th October. Our USA address will be: 15775 SW Greens Way, Tigard, Oregon 97224; Phone: 503-703-3619.

Nic Nyamatore and Edmund George can be added as contacts for the congregation.

Nic: 07446 272228, nyama111@icloud.com

Edmund: 07930 505957,
e.george@gmail.com

Craig Benjamin



Appeal Update

India Floods in Kerala: We would like to thank all who contributed to the relief fund for the help that was needed to help the Christians in the Kerala area. Joel and Veejay Madiki from the Kakinada congregations went to the flood area and distributed food, clothing, medicines and cooking equipment to many families and individuals. We have thus far raised £6970 for flood relief.



We also raised £1995 for the children's school bag appeal which, preceded the flood appeal. This allowed us to distribute around 250 school bags and school equipment to children who needed them.

We thank all the Christians in the UK who gave so generously. We also thank you for your prayers, thoughts and support during this disastrous event in the lives of thousands of people in India.



We thank God for this opportunity to serve his people in Kerala and for his protection and providence. We also want to thank all those who have generously supported in sending us to Kerala. Our special thanks are

due to the Pasir Panjang congregation and elders who have been a major support, the Skelmersdale congregation in the UK, the Gollaprolu congregation and DMM Kakinada

Ladies' Team. We also would like to thank all the individuals who helped in fund raising and those who helped in the work in Kerala.

Please continue to pray for the people of Kerala. Also pray for the teams from other congregations who are working very hard to help and restore people back to their normal lives.

If you require further information, please contact tonytyson66@yahoo.co.uk.

Tony Tyson, Joel Madiki and Vee Jay Madiki

The book of the prophet
Isaiah

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Diary

November

2nd-3rd – **London (Wembley)**: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: “Isaiah” (part 1), teachers: Patrick Boyns and John Griffiths.

2nd-4th – **Glasgow area**: Joint gospel meetings – “Have Faith.” Guest speaker: Ian Davidson. Friday at Clarkston, Saturday at East Kilbride (both at 7.30 pm). Joint worship at Clarkston on Sunday morning. Contact: Jack Paton (jgp@britishbibleschool.com or 07766 047160) or Jon Galloway (jdalloway@mac.com or 07906 060618).

5th-9th – **British Bible School**: Residential Study Week at Bassenfell Manor, near Keswick. Module: “The Conquest and Settlement of Canaan – a study of the book of Joshua”. Contact: study@britishbibleschool.com or visit: <http://britishbibleschool.com/upcoming-events/autumn-study-week-2018-the-conquest-and-settlement-of-canaan-joshua>

9th-11th – **Loughborough**: Youth Weekend – “Building the Temple”. Contact: Liam Bates (liam.bates1992@gmail.com).

10th – **Eastwood (Nottinghamshire)**: Quarterly Outreach meeting: “Jesus – the New Beginning”; light refreshments at 6.00 pm and lesson at 7.00 pm. Contact: Adrian Limb (cofceastwood@aol.com).

10th – **East Kilbride**: An afternoon of praise, 1.00-4.30 pm (doors open at 12.30 pm).

17th – **Northampton**: Ladies’ Day.

30th-1st December – **London (Wembley)**: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: “Isaiah” (part 2), teachers: Patrick Boyns and John Griffiths.

December

8th December – **London (Wembley)**: Children’s Day – “Refuge”, ages 5-12, 10.30 am to 3.30 pm. Contact: Athena Theodotou (07402 437837 or theodotouathena@gmail.com).

January 2019

18th-20th – **Bassenthwaite Family Retreat** at Bassenfell Manor, near Keswick. Theme: “Good News is Jesus...” Cost: £60 per person (children ages 5-16 sharing a room with parents are half price, 0-4 are free). Fully booked. Organised by the British Bible School.

February

18th-24th – **Gemünden, Germany**: Advanced Bible Study Series. ABSS I Monday-Friday, ABSS II Friday-Sunday. For further information or to book your place, contact: Paul Brazle (brazle.paul@gmail.com or +32 488 481 082). (Follow group on Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/697781630273815/>)

March

1st-2nd – **Scotland East Coast**: Joint gospel meetings. Friday at Hyvots Bank, Saturday at Kirkcaldy, 7.30 each evening; speaker: David Chapman. Contact: Nick Wilson (nick-donelda@blueyonder.co.uk) or Alan Moyes (alan.J.Moyes@gmail.com)

9th-10th – **Birmingham (Great Barr)**: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: “A Letter to Ephesus” (part 1).

15th-16th – **Northampton**: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: “The Letters of Peter” (part 1), teachers: Jack Paton and Jon Galloway.

23rd-24th – **Birmingham (Great Barr)**: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: “A Letter to Ephesus” (part 2).

24th – **Edinburgh**: *Solus* singing at ‘St. Giles at Six’ – St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, 6.00 pm. (*Solus* is a singing group made of Christians from congregations throughout the central belt of Scotland.)

April

12th-13th – **Northampton**: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: “The Letters of Peter” (part 2), teachers: Jack Paton and Jon Galloway.

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.

June

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

July

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

August

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

The Final Word: "100 years remembered"



On Monday, 11th November 1918 documents were signed to bring about the cessation of hostilities to close out the First World War. On that day alone 2738 men were killed in action. It was only after more negotiations that The Treaty of Versailles came into being 28th June 1919 and then it was not fully implemented until 10th January 1920. We have to ask ourselves just when did that terrible war end. On Lord's Day, 11th November 2018 many will remember the centennial of the close of hostilities and it should be remembered. Many cities and towns will pay homage to those who died in battle but little is said about the effects of devastated families, of men whose bodies were mutilated or widows who had little money to raise their children and of the children who grew up without a father in their home. These must also be remembered. War destroys.

My maternal Grandad was away from home as a soldier in France for five years. My Dad's brother was a soldier for four years; when he came home he married a war widow. My cousin lost his Grandad in death on the battlefield. War destroys and even in their last days the last remaining soldiers of that great war could only speak of its futility. During those years of horror a number of professing Christians refused to go to the battlefield, not because they were frightened or cowards, but because they fervently believed that it was Biblically wrong to take arms against anyone. For their beliefs they were imprisoned and despised by society. War makes a mockery of faith.

Being a people of freedom we may decide certain actions for ourselves. You may or may not want to remember the First World War. In Ilkeston we shall be providing cake for the town centre Remembrance Ceremony using a recipe provided by the 1916 government simply called "Trench cake". This was suggested for families to make and send out to the troops. For those who wish to light a candle tea light to put on the steps of the war memorial, we shall stand nearby so that people can talk about war or about those who died in war. We simply want to share the love of Jesus to those we may meet that day. Perhaps where you live or worship something will be happening this Remembrance Sunday. Could you reach out and share the love of Jesus and help them see through the blood-stained horror of the battlefield the greatest act of valour the world has ever known. The greatest gift that the world has ever known was offered on the cross of Calvary; that through death life might come. It seems to me that there can never be peace until Jesus becomes supreme.

Trevor

Let your peace dear God rule in our hearts.

Let your mercy be felt by all,

Bless us as individuals and as nations.

Let your peace be a river of joy.

And we pray for peace between nations and forgiveness for human aggression.

Amen