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Many thanks from both Trevor and me for the encouraging comments we received about the 50th anniversary edition of the *Christian Worker*. It was a pleasure putting that particular issue of the magazine together.

I had hoped to have more information this month about where we are as far as collecting every issue of the magazine for an archive. My Dad passed away just before Christmas, so Arlene and I spent the first part of January in the United States (more on that later). I will endeavour to have that information together for the next *CW*.

I have very much enjoyed going through the old issues of the magazine. I thought it might be encouraging to include an article from the past in each magazine this year, so we are introducing a new feature: "From the Archives". This month we have an article by Albert Winstanley on plans that were made at the end of 1975. Should someone have more information as to what resulted from that meeting, I would be keen to know (I am thinking that possibly this was the launch of the 'Open Bible School').

We are featuring in this issue a report on the Bassenfell Family Retreat that took place in mid-January. This retreat is organised each year by those involved with the British Bible School. For the last few years it has been sold out before we have had any general advertising, as those who have attended previously are allowed to book first. There is another retreat, also organised by the British Bible School, that will take place in September at Letton Hall in Norfolk. There are still spaces available, so book your place soon.

This month we have used the *Christian Worker's* second logo, which was introduced while Bob Eckman was the editor. It was used in the mid to late 1970s.

We are planning to introduce a new logo later this year. If anyone would like to submit a design for our consideration, please contact us at the e-mail addresses on the left.

"Encourage one another and build up each other, just as you are doing" (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

Jon

BBS Bassenfell Family Retreat

Another year, another full house...our winter Family Retreat seems almost more like a family reunion as so many keep returning year after year. But like all healthy families, we are always delighted to welcome new faces among us as we share together in the joys of following Jesus.

We hold our winter Family Retreat at Bassenfell Manor in the northern Lake District. It is a splendid house in a beautiful location, overlooking Bassenthwaite Lake. It's also where we hold our annual Study Week each November.

The worst thing about the weekend is that it is far too short. Arriving on the Friday evening, we have about enough time to eat, reconnect with each other in the Pilgrims' Retreat and settle in for our stay.

Saturday starts with morning devotions in the lounge, followed by a hearty breakfast in the dining room overlooking the lake. We then enjoy a couple of teaching sessions in the conference room which this year were led by Steve Whitehead and a sample video lesson from our up and coming video learning project, *The Book Programme*.



There are sessions and activities for the younger ones, too. This year there was even tall tree climbing and some abseiling to be enjoyed by those so inclined.

We keep Saturday afternoon free for local walking or visits to nearby places.

Afternoon tea is served, followed a little later by dinner. One of the joys of the weekend is the camaraderie of sharing together in preparing and cleaning up after meals. It all adds

to the family nature of the weekend.

Saturday evening activities have been varied and this year we enjoyed a round of games in which everyone of all ages had opportunity to join in. And all ages were present this year from just a few months to a 75th birthday celebration...and maybe beyond!



Sunday always comes around too soon. Following our morning devotions and breakfast (another hearty one) we shared together in simple communion with Jesus, before Aubrey Boyns led us in our final session for the weekend. And a

splendid job he did, too. It is such an encouragement seeing so many willing to serve each other in so many different ways.

Our Sunday roast dinner rounds off the weekend before all need to depart and head back home. We are thankful for times such as these to be refreshed and spurred on to love one another as we have been loved by God.

If you would like to be a part of a weekend like this, why not take a look at details for our Family Retreat in Norfolk in September. You'll see an advert below with details on our website. We'd love to have you with us.

Please also see details of our Study Weekends this spring. We'll be in Aberdeen, Northampton and Great Barr, Birmingham. Again, we'd love to have you with us as we spend quality time immersed in the study of God's word.

Patrick Boyns

Two Study Weekends ... One Beautiful Letter Great Barr

Collingwood Community Centre,
Great Barr, Birmingham, B43 7NF

Saturday, 9th March times t.b.c.
Sunday, 10th March
Saturday, 23rd March
Sunday, 24th March

Paul's letter to the Ephesians takes us beyond this realm and into the heavenly places. Though the theological implications are vast, there is a wealth of practical instruction that cannot be overlooked.

Teachers: Patrick Boyns, Jon Galloway and Mark Hill
www.britishbibleschool.com



Study Weekends provide opportunities for short periods of instruction in a group setting. Participants can expect a fast-paced, intensive approach, covering a significant amount of material from a selected module.

For more information please visit our website or look for us on Facebook.

All are welcome to either or both weekends!



Autumn Family Weekend Retreat

Friday, 13th to Sunday, 15th
September 2019

at Letton Hall in Norfolk

Stories of JESUS

... listening to the master storyteller



www.britishbibleschool.com

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

Christian Fellowship Centre
Shadowfax Drive
NN3 8DB

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
www.britishbibleschool.com

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Congratulations!

Bristol: The **Aarons** family and the Christians who meet in Bristol are pleased to share the great news that **Airam** was baptised on 30th December. It is an important decision when someone gives their life to Christ and we are overjoyed that we were able to share with him in that special moment.

Is there a better way to start 2019 than to become a Christian? We thank God for Airam's commitment and pray that we are the example and help that he needs as he starts his Christian walk.



Robert Daniell

Wembley (London): We are pleased to share with you news of two baptisms at Wembley during January. **Pearl Minah** (6th January) and **Ama Duah** (20th January). Both declared their faith and were baptised into Christ. We give thanks to God and rejoice with them as they continue to grow in Christ.

John Griffiths



Stirling: On Sunday, 23rd December, the Sunday school children of the congregation gave their usual Christmas presentation, which was, as ever, most enjoyable.

In addition this year, we had an extra celebration in the form of **Mike and Joan Stephen's** Golden Wedding Anniversary, which fell on that actual day!

Mike performed his own version of Don Williams' "You're My Best Friend" and we had a fellowship meal and enjoyable time together, before Mike and Joan headed off to celebrate with their family.

We wish Mike and Joan well for many more years together.

Dick Carter

Edmonton (London): By the grace of our God, **Sarah Yeboah-Smith** was immersed into Jesus on 27th January and she became part of the body of Christ.

We give thanks to God and hope we all pray for our sister as she begins her Christian life.

Charles Banin



Appeal

Aid for Ghana: Defibrillators

Few hospitals in Ghana have defibrillators to treat cardiac arrest. Most UK hospital wards and GP centres have at least one. Last year, around 180 were removed from clinical service in NHS Grampian, because warranties had expired. These were donated by the NHS and some shipped to Ghana, Nigeria and around 25 to UK congregations.

I am coordinating this under the oversight of the brethren in Aberdeen. In May we intend to donate 87 manual defibrillators and 32 automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to the Christian Hospitals Association of Ghana.

This group is the umbrella body of hospitals not operated by the Government. They are mostly in rural communities and urban centres where Government hospitals are limited. The Ghana Ambulance Service has been in contact requesting some AEDs. (All of this aid is being channelled through congregations in Ghana.)

John Tamakloe is organising distribution. I will travel to Ghana in May to provide training. Shipment (sometimes twice yearly) costs up to £1,200.

We would be grateful for donations to help this project. Please send cheques payable to

“Aberdeen Church of Christ” to: David Murray, 11 Hunters Rise, Pitmedden, AB41 7QD. Write on the back "Ghana Medical Fund".

Bank transfers can be made to: Aberdeen Church of Christ; account no.: 00100607; sort code:

80-05-11.

We can also provide **free** AEDs for use at five congregation's buildings in the UK on a first come basis.

For more information or to request a defibrillator contact Julius (07495 154255 or jdonkor@gmail.com) or David Murray (01651 842864 or 07850 029091 or dgm@ifb.co.uk).

Julius Donkor



“HISTORY IN THE MAKING!”

“It’s grand to be in a discussion session where there is no falling out!” “This is a united brotherhood!” These are a few of the spontaneous comments by those who attended the “Training for Service” sessions, November 24th-25th, at Albert Street, Wigan.

Truly, it was a “mountain-top experience”, and we revelled in blessing, fellowship and study. Two sentences given by the Spirit describe it exactly: “...*the company of those who believed were of one heart and one soul...*” (Acts 4:32); and “...*eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace*” (Ephesians 4:3).

“From distant places of our land...”

How wonderful is God’s family – and how vast and varied! Saints came from far and near. They came from Aylesbury, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Cardiff, Corby, Dewsbury, Earlestown, East Kilbride, Edinburgh (Sighthill), Edinburgh (Hyvots Bank), Glenrothes, Harrogate, Hindley, Ilkeston, Limavady, Lisburn, Liverpool, Loughborough, Oxford, Skelmersdale, Wigan (Newtown) and Wigan (Scholes) – England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Truly, we thought, this is a “united kingdom” – the church of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The present need

This article concerns the Monday afternoon session. It was specifically called to discuss this question: “Do we need now, or shall we need in the future, additional full-time training schools?” The discussion was comprehensive and constructive, and through it all overflowing love was evident. “...*God’s love has been poured into our hearts*

through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us” (Romans 5:5). It would not be possible to give a full report, but here are several significant points which emerged – points on which all were agreed:

- Facilities should be available to help every member of the body of Christ to develop to the full his or her abilities to serve the Lord.
- Any programme to provide such facilities must not supplant the work of the local congregation, but rather supplement it.
- It is a mistake to think merely of full-time service for the Lord – every Christian is the Lord’s servant, and should be helped toward spiritual maturity. In our present economic situation we need training facilities which do not require brethren to give up their employment and leave home for long periods: help them where they are, and let the local church benefit from their increasing effectiveness.

The only safeguard against apostasy is a membership which knows, lives and uses the Word. The Lord’s people must again be known as “People of the Book.”

Bible Schools

Two Bible Schools have played significant part in the extension of Christ’s kingdom in the British Isles. The first was Wembley Bible School, which continued for several years, then, regrettably, ceased. North Ireland Bible School was the second, and this still continues, doing great work for the Master. Former students gave praise to God for the blessing and help He had given them through these Schools.

The future situation

It was the conviction of those present that there is not an immediate need for more

full-time training schools. However, there was a general feeling of optimism. The church is on the move – the kingdom of Christ is growing – and the future looks promising. We need so to plan and labour that when such need exists we can meet it.

Meeting the need

Brethren agreed that we must provide systematic courses of Bible study for serious students. As to method, these would be similar to the Open University system. Correspondence courses would be supplemented with tapes, and courses would also involve regular tutorial sessions (perhaps on a regional basis) and periodic residential courses of lectures.

This session was a meeting at which concerned Christians discussed a specific need. It was not, in any sense of the term, a “conference” for making decisions on behalf of churches. Such a concept is foreign to New Testament teaching. Every congregation takes care of its own affairs, and no extra-congregational group can make decisions for any church or churches. This is clearly understood by all who attended. Leonard Channing undertook to consult with the brethren at Aylesbury, where he labours for the Master. This church will consider the possibility of sponsoring this project. They will do so soon, and in due time the brotherhood will be informed of their decision and plans.

Subsequently, at Brother Channing’s request, Andrew Gardiner (Edinburgh), Joe Nisbet (Belfast) and the writer met to study the strategy and detail that such a plan would involve. If Aylesbury decide to go ahead with this plan, and are agreeable for this, they will have a further planning

session, and later the prepared plan will be made known to the brethren.

“Rise up, O men of God! Have done with lesser things! Give heart and mind and soul and strength to serve the King of Kings!”

A.E. Winstanley

And in “Church News” from that month we found this item that might be of interest...

LOUGHBOROUGH: We recently held two gospel missions as Campaigns for Christ, and we wish to record our appreciation to Brothers Albert Winstanley of Skelmersdale and Bob Hare of Austria for their fine presentation of the truth of God’s Word. In September, Bro. Winstanley spoke at the church anniversary meeting and then conducted a series of addresses on the them *Important Questions*. These meetings were well supported with brethren from district churches and friends coming in to hear the different “questions” answered from the Word of God.

At the end of October, we held our second mission with Bob Hare who preached powerful messages challenging those not committed to Christ. It was a joy to those present when, on the last evening, three of the young people gave their lives to Christ. We rejoice that Lavern Stones, Paul Hill, and Richard Sharpe have been added to the Lord’s Kingdom.

To the brethren who came and supported us during these campaigns, we thank you, especially our brethren at Ilkeston who on both occasions cancelled their mid-week meetings to come and support us almost every evening. *B.A. Sharpe*

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Joseph Edward Galloway

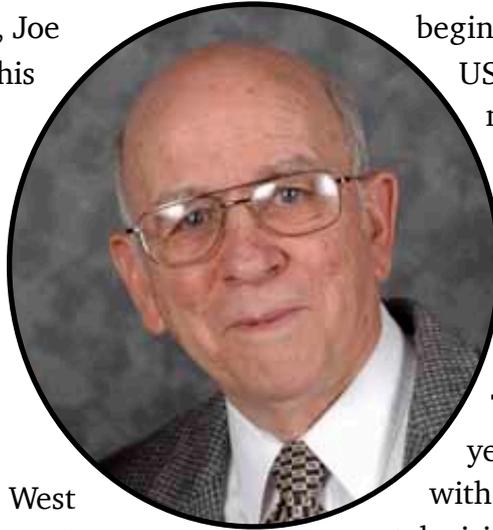
3rd December 1936 – 24th December 2018

The message arrived in the wee hours of Christmas morning. My Dad, Joe Galloway, had passed from this life to his eternal home (it was still Christmas Eve in the USA). As many in this country knew my parents from their visits over the last thirty years, we felt it appropriate to say something about him.

Dad's early life was spent in West Virginia. He grew up on the family farm but early on desired to preach God's word. He attended the three-year Bible programme at Freed-Hardeman College and met my mother during his final year. They married in 1957 and settled into the life of a preacher's family. They lived mainly in Tennessee and West Virginia, with time also spent in Ohio and Finland.

Dad's passion really was lost souls. Every place he lived he not only spent many evenings teaching people about Jesus, he also encouraged others to get involved. The congregations he worked with grew.

While a student at FHC both he and my mother were part of the Missions Forum – students who wanted to take the good news of Jesus to other countries. In 1968 this became a reality when they moved their family of four children to Finland. Although we were not able to stay as long as they had originally planned, living in a different culture left a positive impact on the entire family. It was while we lived in Finland that we met Frank Worgan, who came to preach a special series of lessons (with an interpreter).



Dad was also involved in helping begin new congregations in the USA. In the late 1970s they moved to Keyser, West Virginia, to help begin the first congregation of Lord's people in Mineral County.

The latter years of his life were largely spent in East Tennessee. For over thirty years, in addition to working with local congregations, he had a television programme, "TV Sunday School." This programme was broadcast into at least five states over the local cable network. He also wrote Bible study courses which were offered on the programme. Most weeks several hundred courses were returned for grading, resulting in many studies being set up, people becoming Christians, and sometimes new congregations being started.

Mom and Dad moved a few years ago to Florence, Alabama, to be near their daughter and her husband, Judy and Charlie Meek. It was then discovered that Dad had Parkinson's Disease with some dementia, which resulted in a slow deterioration of his health.

A memorial service was held in Parkersburg, West Virginia, on 12th January. His sons Jon and Brian spoke about his life; his son Ed and his brother Jim led the singing; his son-in-law Charlie and his brother Bob led prayers and read scripture. Following the service his ashes were scattered by the family on the farm where he grew up.

Jon Galloway

Rene Morgan

1917-2018

Rene Morgan, my stepmother, passed away to be with her Lord on Lord's Day, 16th December. Rene reached the noble age of 101 years. Her last year was spent in Ash Tree House Care Home in Hindley where she was lovingly cared for by all the staff.

Rene informed me years ago that her mother saw a group of children passing their door. Her mother asked, "Where are you going?" "Church of Christ Sunday School Newtown," was the reply. "I will send my children there, too."

Rene's life from then on centred around Albert Street. She later became a Christian and started a life time of service for her Lord. She was friendly with Miriam Brown, née Partington and both worked tirelessly looking after the young in the congregation.

My mother knew Rene from her younger days and had a great respect for her. Rene never married (she informed me that she had no interest in boys).

My mother had heart failure and knew that she could die anytime. She informed my Dad (who was not even able to make a cup of tea) to go and see Rene Whitton to be looked after if anything happened to her.

After twelve months of struggling (and so did Jeniffer

and I) he went and saw Rene Whitton. Mother's plan worked out much to our amazement, for they were married for 27 years and she devoted her life to my father.



During this time she gave hospitality to visiting brethren. She was a very able cook and a baker of fine cakes.

Jeniffer and I have been able to look after her for over ten years until she needed special care.

Rene was always in attendance at church meetings until her health failed.

She was some special lady. As the scriptures say, she had a good name and has now gone home to be with her Lord.

On behalf of the family I would like to thank Andrew Marsden, from Longshoot, Wigan. He paid a wonderful tribute to her long and full life.

John Morgan

Bristol Ladies Day
 Saturday 23rd March 2019
 10am - 4pm

Agape Amour Caridad Liebe Pyaar
 LEARNING TO LOVE EACH OTHER BETTER THROUGH WORD AND DEED

Speakers:
 Words of Affirmation (Beryl Wallace), Quality Time (Gigi Khonyongwa Fernandez),
 Acts of Service (Merryn Pollard), Physical Touch (Amanda Appiagyei) & Gifts (Evie Johnson)

Bristol Church of Christ
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 obi_belt@yahoo.co.uk

London (Thamesmead): Just to inform you that from 13th January the congregation at Thamesmead will start a morning service of worship. We will be meeting from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Godwin Kanton

Camp Charnwood: As you may or may not be aware, Camp Maplewell had to conclude after over 20 years, as the local council would no longer hire out the residential school which we had been using. After a year with no site for a camp, we have secured a new site in Markfield, Leicestershire, to have a summer camp from this year.

Camp will be held over two weeks: a younger week for ages 7 to 13 on 12th-16th August and an older week for ages 13 to 18 on 18th-23rd August. The cost will be £95 (£90 if a deposit is made before 30th April).

Guy Sandison

Cumbernauld: TruthFM.uk is underway! If you go to www.truthfm.uk you can begin listening to lessons which have been presented in the UK. Aaron Cozart has done a splendid job preparing the station and organising the lessons. A special thanks to Graeme Morrison in Corby for supplying so many lessons to us, and to Tony Coffey in Dublin for giving us permission to use his lessons.

The station streams sermons 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and Truth.FM are working toward easier ways of accessing the station through your smart phone or tablet. More details when this becomes available.

We need more lessons! The station can benefit all congregations in the UK. All we need are recordings of lessons and sermons from your congregation. If you are recording them, please let us know so we can discuss accessing them and broadcasting them through TruthFM.uk. We believe the station can help people hear the gospel who may otherwise never come to a worship service, as well as encourage those of us who do. It can reach anyone who has internet access, anywhere in the world. It can even be listened to in the car while driving – if you are able to connect your phone to your in-car stereo and have data access on your phone plan.

The Cumbernauld congregation is backing the project financially with help from the Hyvots Bank congregation in Edinburgh. If you want to help reduce our costs, please contact Graham McDonald at: graham@cumbernauldchurchofchrist.uk for more information.

“Go preach the gospel to every creature...”
(Mark 16:15).

Graham McDonald

European Singles Retreat: The ESR team wishes you all the best in 2019. May it be a year of spiritual growth and joy!

With the new year comes a few changes that we would like to bring to your attention. Due to the rising costs for using the retreat centre, and inflation, the new price for attending the retreat will be 65 Euros for an adult for 2 nights and 6 meals. However anyone who signs up before the deadline will get a 10 Euros discount as usual. Anyone who signs up and cancels after the deadline or who does not show

up, we will ask to cover the costs that we made on their behalf.

We are busy making sure that we have good speakers for 2019 with interesting topics. Please join us in prayer to ask God's guidance over the planning and also help us spread the word about this retreat so that we can continue serving those who are single and looking for a place to fellowship with other single Christians.

To download the 2019 Flyer, go to <https://www.singlesretreat.net/about.html>

Current dates scheduled – Spring 2019: 26th-28th April; Autumn 2019: 20th-22nd September; Spring 2020: 24th-26th April.

Thank you and see you in Gemünden!

Sheritha Farray

India: Last year was a very challenging one with bundles of blessings. Here is a quick and brief re-cap of what the Lord has done in the last year.

We started the year with our Annual Thanksgiving Meeting with more than 600 in attendance. This is the time where we ask all the local Christians to bring all the members of their family.

In the first quarter of the year we had the pleasure of working with Mission Teams from Singapore and the USA. We conducted two Vacation Bible School sessions in Pithapuram and Vizag as well as Ladies' Seminars and Workshops. Mark Hooper and Sharon Welch visited us in March and conducted a further Workshop and Ladies' Seminar. These

were all very encouraging for the congregation.

In the second quarter we had our three day annual congregational meetings and a couple of fasting-prayer sessions. It is usually our practice to spend some time as a congregation to examine and refocus after the first half of year. I also had the opportunity to participate in the Asian Mission Forum at Bangkok with a quick visit to Singapore on the way back.

In the last quarter of the year I had the opportunity to speak in a youth retreat, where over 400 youth gathered, and also at a "Sunday to Sunday Meeting" organised by the Ryali congregation. I visited Delhi along with the "Mission Resources Network" team to get a first hand exposure of the Bhojpuri Disciple Movement – it was an eye opener. We spent some time with Ray Hooper and Jeff Robertson as part of our water well programme.

Over all in this last year we had 38 cottage Gospel meetings at homes of the local Christians, eight women's meetings in different locations, and twelve year end street Gospel meetings covering all the areas of our village. Five relief trips were made to Kerala and Andra Pradesh.

During last year, five local Christians received their call from the Lord. We are thankful for their faithful lives.

Joel Madiki



Free – A French Retreat for Church

Leaders and Their Wives: ‘Double Honour’ is a ministry of encouragement and refreshment for evangelists, shepherds, preachers, Christian workers, and their wives. In Europe, Double Honour rents a large 18th century house in the tranquil and beautiful village of Saint Georges sur Erve 53600 France, for their 5 day retreats.

In 2019 there are two weeks of these retreats. The first is Monday to Friday, 5th- 9th May. The second is Monday to Friday, 12th-16th May. Travel, meals and accommodation are all paid for.

The format for the week will be daily, short sessions of discussion and prayer conducted in English by James Robinson, an experienced speaker with an ability to lift up Christian workers. Couples are given plenty of free time to relax and explore the surrounding areas, which include the Loire Valley and Normandy. The retreat is hosted by Jerry and Caroline (Zoobi) Jones, who have served in the UK and the US for more than forty years. Up to four couples per week will have the opportunity to be filled with

fresh hope and energised for further service free of charge. The cook will be Trevor Williams, so the meals will be fantastic!



Contact us with your interest, or let us know if someone else could be blessed by this retreat, or feel free to share the information:
elite.not.elitist@gmail.com

Jerry & Zoobi Jones

Spain: If you are thinking of going on holiday anywhere near Malaga or Costa del Sol, Spain, then visit the brethren and encourage them. Areas around Malaga include Nerja, Torremolinos, Benalmadena, etc. Worship services are held in Spanish on Sunday mornings and in English on Sunday afternoons.

Contact can be made with Richard and Carmen De Miguel Manzano on 0034 6679 63088 or 0034 6862 50491. You can be a blessing while being blessed.

Trevor Williams



New Congregations

DERBY (Derbyshire)

Christians: ? Children ?

Meeting Place: Keldholme Community Centre, Gillamore Court, Keldholme Lane, Derby DE24 0RU

Sunday meetings: ?

Contact:

William. ☎ (07459) 934347

LEEDS (Central)

Christians: 32 Children: ?

Meeting place: Glass Merchants, 403 York Road, Leeds LS9 6TD

Send post to: 📧 churchofchristlds@yahoo.com

Sunday meetings: Worship and Bible Study 10.00 am

Midweek: Wednesday Bible Classes 5.30 pm
Saturday Bible Study 5.00 pm

Contacts:

Opoku. 📱 (07469) 943003

Daniel. 📱 (07424) 676151

Emmanuel. 📱 (07852) 740481

Directory Update

Corrections in **red**, the rest is correct (and not reprinted here).

LONDON (Thamesmead)

Christians: 30 Children: 15

Meeting place: 40 Manor Close, Thamesmead, London SE28 8EY

Phone: (07930) 926268

Sunday meetings: Bible Study, 9.30 am, Breaking Bread 10.30 am

Midweek: Tuesday Bible Study 7.30 pm

PETERHEAD (Aberdeenshire)

Christians: 70 Children: 2

Meeting place: Pusey Place, Peterhead

Send post to: William Strachan, 16 Blackhouse Terrace, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire AB42 1LR

Sunday meetings: Sunday School 10.00 am, Breaking Bread 11.00 am, Gospel 6.00 pm

Midweek: Monday Children's Class 6.30 pm, Wednesday Bible Study 7.00 pm

Contacts:

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wstrachan007@gmail.com

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.

'Living and sharing the good news about Jesus Christ as one loving, spiritual family'

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



ADVANCED BIBLE STUDY SERIES

ABSS I 18-22 February / ABSS II 22-24 February

Gemünden, Germany

This year's presenters:

Keynote presenter: Charles Rix (Dean, Bible College, Oklahoma Christian) speaking on: *"Pain, Suffering, and the Love of God"* and for ABSSII *"The Ten Commandments and the Stories We Tell"*

Additional presenters:

Patrick Boyns (Peterborough, UK) – *"The Authority of Scripture"*

Max Dauner (Marseille, France) – *"Reading the Gospels: Signs and Prophecy"*

Mark & Sherrylee Woodward (Texas) - *will lead us in two interactive sessions exploring effective churches around the world.*

For additional information and more details on the program, contact: Paul Brazle - ABSS Coordinator
Maria Clarastraat 13 - 2160 Wommelgem
(Antwerpen) - BELGIUM tel + 32/488 481 082
(abss.gemunden@gmail.com) website:
abssgemunden.be

Livingston Ladies Day

Saturday 30th March 2019 10am – 3pm

As the saying goes, "you can't pour from an empty cup." In other words, you can't give what you don't have. We should take time to recharge so we have the strength, and energy to pursue those things God has called us to do, so that we overflow with His light and power to glorify Him in our lives and be more like Jesus.

"Christ's love is greater than anyone can ever know, but I pray that you will be able to know that love. Then you can be filled with everything God has for you." Ephesian 3:19

Lessons

Fill our cup with Peace - Barbara Starrs

Fill our cup with Courage - Marianne Dale

Please send names and dietary info to wendy@monty73.co.uk by 14th March

EUROPEAN BIBLE LECTURESHIP

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
K. Gyebi - 07956863020**

**Venue:
ST. ALBANS ALL SAINTS PASTORAL CENTRE**

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Location:
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Leicestershire
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April 30th 2019

(From the people who brought you Camp Maplewell)
Camp Charnwood

For more information for younger week:

Simon Hardy on 07728028636 or
simonthehitman@hotmail.co.uk

Or Debbie Hill on 07940 160634 or
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And for older week : Guy Sandison on
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EUROPEAN CHRISTIAN WORKSHOP

LANCASTER UNIVERSITY

22nd-24th August 2019

Theme: THE JOURNEY

Fee: £150 (Before 31st May),
then £160 After.

We can set up an easy payment
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Please contact: Stephen
Woodcock

Phone: (01509) 768789

Email:

registration@europeanchristianworkshop.com

www.europeanchristianworkshop.com

Looking forward to seeing you there.

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

11-13 October
Tulliallan Castle, Kincardine, FK10 4BE

February

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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), teachers: Patrick Boyns and Jon Galloway.

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

23rd – **Bristol**: Ladies’ Day, 10.00 am-4.00 pm – “Learning to Love Each Other Better Through Word and Deed”; speakers: Beryl Wallace, Gigi Khonyongwa Fernandez, Merryn Pollard, Amanda Appiagyei, Evie Johnson. Contact: Crystal Holder (07951 668739 or obi_belt@yahoo.co.uk).

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

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.)

30th – **Livingston**: Ladies’ Day – “Come and Be Filled”; speakers: Barbara Starrs & Marianne Dale; 10.00 am - 3.00 pm. Send names and dietary info to Wendy Montgomery (wendy@monty73.co.uk) by 14th March.

April

12th-13th – **Northampton**: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: “Galatians” (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. 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

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@gmail.com).

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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 or 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).

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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.

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

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.

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).

European Events Calendar**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/>)

28th-3rd March – Dreisbach-Mettlach, Germany: The European Ladies Retreat (ELR) is a four day Christian conference/retreat for ladies from any part of the world, who speak English and would love to have a time of fellowship and learn more from God's word. It is organised by congregations in Europe. This year's theme is: "Wait for Gold." For further details: <http://elr.yolasite.com>.

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

19th-23rd – 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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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. This past year 140 gathered to celebrate, encourage, learn and share. Contact Trevor for more information (twilliams195@hotmail.co.uk).

The Final Word: "Back Pain"



Okay, it had to happen at sometime or other. I became overly enthusiastic and started to lift some things that were just too heavy for me. I forgot I am not so young or able as I used to be; the result – **back pain**. It was not too bad for a few days but then it suddenly shot to my hips and I felt that I had grown a huge lump of pain. The Doctor, bless him, gave me pills and exercises which I am endeavouring to do and each day I am feeling a little better, less pain, more flexibility. I can even put my own socks on once again. Now perhaps the world may not need to know my physical problems – you probably have quite sufficient of your own – but it reminded me of the Bible passage in 1 Corinthians 12:12, “The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts, and though all of its parts are many, they form one body.” While the pain was bad in my back and hips I forgot that the rest of me was functioning remarkably well. I could see, hear, talk, eat and all those other things which keep me alive. I just concentrated on the pain.

In a way churches have back pain. When there is a problem with one part of the church it seems that everything or everyone just concentrates on that one part and forgets all the good things that are also happening at the same time. Someone gets overly excited about painting the church toilets a different colour or someone keeps the meeting going for an extra ten minutes or a church leader has a bad day and looks miserable. If you have been going to church for a reasonable length of time you will be used to such problems. The result is the whole group can concentrate on the problem and not the solution. There is nothing so hurtful or disgraceful than a congregation at war with itself. The twinges of pain can become a battleground instead of realising that this is an opportunity to grow, show love; have a little extra exercise and realising all the good things that are happening. If you are in a church that never has any problems then you are probably in a church that is not growing or at least not trying to grow.

When the church has pain the wise will look at the problem and either accept it by utilising it with the old adage of turning lemons into lemonade or show a better way. This should be done with grace, and love and good humour. The church is the living body of Jesus and the last thing we want to do is to cause Him any more pain. A few pills of humility and some spiritual exercises may be just what we all need.

Trevor



*Help us each one, O Lord, to relieve the pain of stress from others,
to comfort strengthen and never be the cause of the pain.
Use us for your glory we ask.*