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**Christian Worker Archive Project, Phase 1** – I am pleased to report that we are nearing the completion of the first phase of our archive of the issues of the *Christian Worker*. The first phase was simply getting a copy of each magazine issue.

Let me thank those who have donated boxes of old issues of the *Christian Worker*. These include Ken Lewis, Bob Eckman, Adrian Limb, Graham Fisher, Trevor Williams, and the British Bible School Library copies (if someone else donated some, I have not intentionally left you out). I have added these to the issues I already had and have been going through them to find out what we have and which issues are missing, as well as determining the best copy to eventually scan for the archives.

There are still a few gaps in our archive. So, if you have any of the following issues and would be willing to donate them to us, please let me know. If you have these issues but would prefer to keep them, we would be extremely thankful if you either photocopy it and post it to me or scan it and e-mail it to me ([jdgalloway@mac.com](mailto:jdgalloway@mac.com)). The issues I am missing are as follows:

- 1969 – March, May, July, November
- 1970 – August
- 1975 – April
- 1976 – July
- 1981 – March

Please let me know if you have any of these issues.

Phases 2 and 3 will be scanning each issue to turn it into a pdf and then developing a website to host the archives. I suppose Phase 4 could be developing an index for the archive.

I have thoroughly enjoyed skimming through the archive and seeing the articles from the past. I have recently acquired a number of bound copies of magazines produced by British Christians during the 1800s – I am enjoying skimming through these and look forward to reading through them at some time in the future. Our CW archive will provide a history of congregations in the UK over the past fifty years.

Jon

# Congratulations!

**Edmonton (London):** To God be the glory! **Stephany Darkoh** gave herself to the Lord in baptism in April. Let us remember our sister in prayers so as to aid her spiritual development. We are rejoicing for what the Lord has done.

*Charles Barin*



**Aylesbury (Mandeville Road):** **Douglas Kench** was a regular visitor to the congregation for more years than I care to remember. His old self died a few weeks ago and he no longer visits – instead, he walks in the newness of life and now worships with the saints at Mandeville Road as part of the family of God. God is good!

We look forward to continuing in the word with Doug as God works in his life.

*Kevin Nicholson*



**Bristol (Bedminster):** We are overjoyed to have witnessed **Gabriel Garner** commit his life to Jesus in baptism on 20<sup>th</sup> April. Forty people were able to be there to support him and witness this event.

It was encouraging to see his close friends being involved in the service, making it all the more special. Please keep him in your prayers as he starts his walk with Christ, that God will be Garbiel's guide, support and encourager through his life. Also pray for his family and the congregation in Bristol, who will be by his side, as we all walk that journey with him.

*Robert Daniell*

## BBS Notes: Hebrews

Have you ever contrasted the Old Testament system of sacrifices and worship with what we have in the New Testament? It would appear, from what is contained in *Hebrews*, that many Christians from a Jewish background were beginning to turn their backs on Jesus to return to the Old Mosaic Law. The writer of *Hebrews* wrote (many think this may have originally been a sermon) to show that going back to the Law of Moses was a step backward.

The Mosaic system was not perfect and did not bring perfection to the people. *“On the one hand a former command is set aside because it is weak and useless, for the law made nothing perfect. On the other hand a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God”* (Hebrews 7:18-19 NET). The weakness of the Mosaic Law was simply this: although it could identify what sin was and was not, there was no means of getting rid of sin (the *Hebrews* writer discusses this at length in chapter 10). In this way the law was *weak and useless*.

Yes, there was a system of sacrificing animals for sin. Yet animals cannot take away the sins of humans. By being obedient to the law and making the required sacrifices, sins were referred to as being forgiven, yet they still had to do the same thing year after year. In essence, these sacrifices were pointing towards a better sacrifice which was still to come. This was why they had to replace priests, because the sacrifices had to continue each year, well beyond one priest's lifetime.

*“And the others who became priests were numerous, because death prevented them from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently since he lives forever. So he is able to save completely those who come to God*

*through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. For it is indeed fitting for us to have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separate from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. He has no need to do every day what those priests do, to offer sacrifices first for their own sins and then for the sins of the people, since he did this in offering himself once for all. For the law appoints as high priests men subject to weakness, but the word of solemn affirmation that came after the law appoints a son made perfect forever”* (Hebrews 7:23-28 NET).

This is where Jesus comes in as a better high priest. Because he was sinless, he does not need to make a sacrifice every day and he does not have to make sacrifices for his own sin. Instead, he offered himself as the perfect sacrifice one time for all time and for all people. Because of this, he holds his priesthood permanently and is able to save completely those who come to God through him.

So, which do we want? A covenant with God that makes nothing perfect because it cannot deal with our sin? Or a better hope through a perfect sacrifice that removes sin once and for all? We would say it really is a 'no brainer!'

Jesus paid the price for the sin of humanity. That means he paid the price for your sins and my sins. He is the perfect sacrifice. He is the perfect high priest. He has given us a better, new covenant (Hebrews 9:15). Our part now is to eagerly await his coming to bring permanent salvation (Hebrews 9:27-28). Are we looking forward to that day?

*Jon Galloway*

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*The second study weekend on Hebrews will take place in Aberdeen on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> May. Join us if you can!*

### “Into ALL the world”?

Among the Lord’s people no statement is quoted more often than the “Great Commission” – The Lord’s last command to the apostles “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation...” (Mark 16:15-16). In this writer’s view, the quotation is rightly used to urge us to take the glad tidings to all. Every accountable person has the right to hear the good news about Jesus. He said he wanted all to hear. In obedience to his command – motivated by gratitude and love – his people can do no other but go and tell.

### A neglected field

However, there are aspects of our “going” in obedience to the Lord’s final instructions which have been long neglected by churches of Christ in Britain. We refer to one particular aspect of preaching and teaching practised, we believe, in only two congregations in the United Kingdom.

### A fascinating story

How it came about is a fascinating story. Fenella McLean, a schoolgirl, regularly attended a denominational Sunday School in Peterhead. Suddenly she stopped, and said that she did not want to go again. Her parents were greatly concerned. They were anxious that she should be taught the Word of God. She enjoyed studying the Bible, so why should she stop going to Sunday School? When pressed, she told them why she had lost interest: The Sunday School teacher used class time to talk about herself – but never about Jesus.

### A bargain

Fenella’s father – Jackie – offered to take her to a Sunday School where she would

learn about Jesus and study his word. He talked with members of the church of Christ, and Fenella became a regular attender there. Her teacher was Diane Strachan, who later, with William, her husband, visited the McLean home. They invited the family – Jackie and his wife Alexa – to come to service. Jackie said there was no point in them coming. The reason? “We shall get nothing out of it!” He is totally deaf. His wife both deaf and dumb. What would be the point of attending services but hearing nothing? William said, “You teach us sign language and we will teach you the Word of God.” Jackie agreed. So the bargain was struck, and the teaching began at once.

### A deaf ministry

Jackie and Alexa were baptised in April 1978. Through them others were also baptised – some hearing people and some like the McLeans, deaf. Anyone who has visited the Peterhead congregation knows of the good work being done there. Usually William or Diane Strachan do the “signing” for the deaf. But they have also taught others in the church. Moreover, among those reached through Jackie and Alexa are Isobel and Norman Slessor of Aberdeen. The church there also has a deaf ministry. We do not know of any other assemblies among churches of Christ in Britain who are involved in this ministry.

### A challenge

We thank God for what happened in Peterhead. We ought also to regard it as a challenge. Deaf people are included in the Great Commission. Jesus did mean it when he said, “into all the world.”

Many churches in Canada and USA have active programmes among the deaf.

Peterhead and Aberdeen have made a beginning. Who will follow?

Albert E. Winstanley.

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## Family News

**More European Ladies' Retreat – Post Script:** Following up from feedback from last month, here are more photos of this great long weekend.

*Jean Eckman*  
(Nottingham)



**Hyvots Bank (Edinburgh):** Following previous years' visits, Jerry Rushford (Pepperdine University, USA) Literary Hymn Tour 2019 will be visiting Edinburgh on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May. An evening of singing is arranged to which Jerry extends a warm welcome to brethren from sister congregations, to join him and the 40-strong tour group. The group this year includes Keith Lancaster.

VENUE: St Andrew's and St George's Kirk,  
13 George Street, Edinburgh

TIME : 7.00 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME!

*Helen Kerr*

**Bill Jones**, formerly of Morley, departed this life for his eternal reward on 23<sup>rd</sup> April. He had been living in Dundee and the last few years was in a nursing home.

His son Michael writes: "He had a long and good life and passed peacefully so we're very thankful. He's in a better place."

The funeral is at Dundee Crematorium at 3:30pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> May with tea after at Doubletree by Hilton Dundee.

All are very welcome.

## Called Home

The congregation in Leicester are deeply saddened by the physical loss of our sister in Christ, **Kelly Johnson**, on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

Kelly was part of the congregation from its beginning, having moved to Leicester from Bangor, Northern Ireland.

Kelly had many physical problems including cancer and severe diabetes. Her life was a struggle physically yet spiritually she maintained a strong faith in God. She would often get bad news of test results but would immediately start talking about others and try to find ways to lift and



encourage them. Her life was not easy but to be around her it would not be evident.

Kelly leaves behind a loving husband Gary who is also a devoted Christian. Gary remained at her side while she was in hospital. During the last night of her life we were blessed to pray with Kelly and watch her peacefully move to the arms of her saviour and creator.

We are saddened at our loss but rejoice that her suffering and struggles have ceased. She is now with her creator for all eternity.

*Paul Hill*

My first Sunday School teacher was **Beatrice Eccles**. Her husband Arthur was an elder at the Summer Lane congregation. Beatrice celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on 5<sup>th</sup> March in full style, being visited by the Lord Mayor, family and church friends. I helped her open the card from the Queen and all went well.

The Lord Mayor asked her what she felt was the most important thing in life and as clear as a bell she said that it is faith in Jesus Christ. We sang the old chorus, "Away Far Beyond Jordan" and she sang it in full voice.

Four days later Beatrice went into a coma and left this earth on 14<sup>th</sup> March, just nine days after reaching her centenary.

I am thankful for such faithful women like Beatrice who loved the children in her class, taught them the love of Jesus and passed on the good news. Thank you now to all who continue to teach the children and show them the way to Heaven.

*Trevor Williams*



# PLEASE SEND US YOUR NEWS!

The Christian Worker exists as a magazine to share news, information and ideas. We are encouraged when we read of new Christians. We are excited to learn of the good that is happening throughout the country. We make plans to attend various events that we read about.

After an event is completed, please let us know how it went. Good photos can make a good article even better. As we let others know what we did and how it went, they might want to try the same at their congregation.

Many congregations never send in what is happening. A yearly update to let us know that you are still proclaiming Jesus in your area is encouraging to us all.

Please let us hear from you, even if you don't think you are doing anything great. The Lord can take all of our efforts and make something good – for him.

*Send all items to Trevor Williams – [twilliams195@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:twilliams195@hotmail.co.uk)*

*Deadline is the 21<sup>st</sup> of each month.  
We can usually accept items up to the 25<sup>th</sup>.*

### **Pakistan: Annual report from Sahiwal.**

The Sahiwal congregation hosted two Bible seminars of four days each last year. Christians throughout the country attended. At the end of the seminars several were immersed into Christ.

We also held two meetings for the ladies and women come from all areas. In these seminars there are Bible quizzes, memory work, and singing with programmes and speakers to teach how women can play their part in the growth of the congregation. Women are invaluable in teaching other women and children.

The activities of the congregation covers an area of thirty miles in our region of Pakistan. We have a very active youth programme and every three months we arrange three day youth seminars which include both



Biblical and practical lessons. We use drama and puppets to teach children and award them with certificates and t-shirts.

The congregation also offers programmes for women including open sewing centres. These days start with prayer and a devotional and then instruction on stitching, knitting and embroidery. Upon completion of the course the women receive a diploma and sewing machine which they can then use at home or to earn an income.

There is also an adult literacy programme. This has received a good response from

people. We have students of all ages. This enables people to read the Bible with their own eyes. At the end of the programme the students receive a diploma and a Bible. This has proven to be effective and beneficial in leading people to become Christians.

We have a regular Sunday school as well as other programmes for children to try to encourage them, especially those who have been victims of floods.

During the last six years the Sahiwal Bible College has been serving the Christians in Pakistan. We have trained more than two

dozen young men who are now working for the Lord in their villages and towns. After completing the three year course they receive a bicycle, a school tie and a good reference Bible.

We are also involved in helping to establish peace in the communities so that all can live in harmony – Christians and Muslims.

We are thankful for all who helped us generously during the time of the recent floods. We have distributed all the support that was sent to us to those in need. We were able to help more than 600 families.

This past year we have had more than 300 baptisms as a result of the work that we are all involved in.

*Naeem Sabir*

## Appeals

**Pakistan:** On-going funds are needed to help in Naeem's work. Please make cheques to 'Barbara Fisher Pakistan Account' and send to 5 Portway, North Marston, Buckingham, MK18 3PL.

### **Ibadan, Nigeria – Appeal for**

**Sponsorship:** Grace and peace of the Father belong to you, beloved in Christ. It is hoped and trusted that you abound in the lovingkindness of God. All glory be unto the Father of lights.

I write to ask for sponsorship. The Oluode congregation where I serve is a small congregation that began in June 2015 after evangelising there from April 2015. By December 2016 the number of converts grew to 38, some of whom have relocated due to one reason or other (e.g. work, studies, etc.). At the moment, the congregation consists of

only four men and eight women besides eight children (which makes the number twenty). Thus, we have very little resources which is not sufficient to efficiently execute the work of the congregation.

In light of this, I humbly request your encouragement in fellowship to help our work for the Lord. This is to the end that the gospel be furthered in my area in reaching many souls.

May God reward the fruit of your labour for the work of His kingdom in your account. I can be contacted at:

Church of Christ Oluode  
Oluode Community Primary School  
Apata  
Ibadan  
Nigeria

*Christian Aderemi*

## Psalm 42

Emotions are strange things, we have little control over them, and they come and go at will. What affects one person will not be a problem to another, yet all are affected by them at some time or other. No one can escape.

This psalm, written by the professional religious singers in Israel so long ago, goes along those similar lines wondering about their relationship with mankind and with God, a God who seems far away but can be so close. Our souls pant for God, we are anxious for God to be part of our life, to take the lead so we will not be anxious. We long to see God in glory, we sing the songs of Zion and emotionally from time to time we believe that we can see the borders of Heaven itself. Then it seems in a moment of time it all goes away and we are left with the mundane things of life and the problems that it brings.

Still the challenges of living are before us: family cares, maintaining work, being part of society, making choices. Some of these are so momentous that we feel as if the burdens of the world are upon our shoulders, but our text says that 'deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls' (v.7). It is only by knowing God in a deep relationship that we can see the hand of God moving. Those who care nothing for God cannot see, or hear, or know the goodness and love that is rightfully ours. Deep calls to deep.

We must go down into the heart and emotion of God and view our own hearts and emotions there. His care and love can then be our care and love. His joy becomes our joy. We are washed with the power of the waterfall in full flow. When we go deep into God we have no trickle of blessing but the torrent of his own self. Long for God as the deer pants for the streams of water and go deep in the roar of his waterfall.

*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](mailto:charlie@ChurchofChrist.co.uk)



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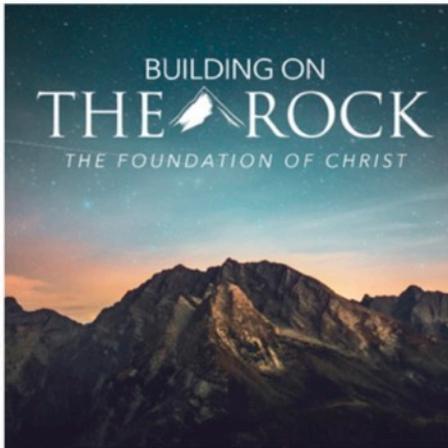
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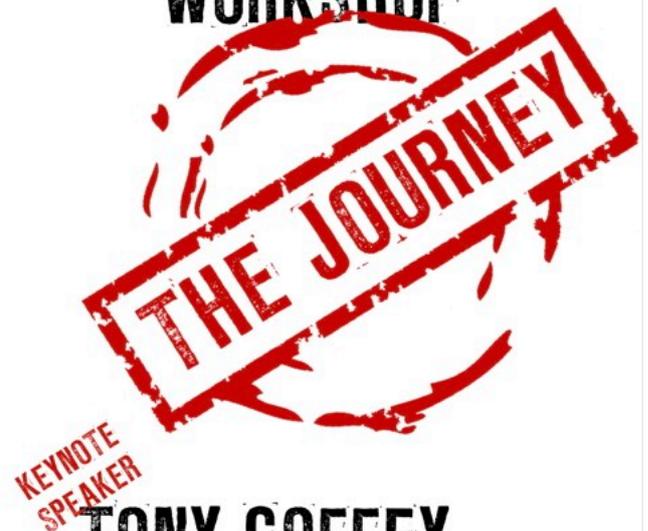
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## May

**4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> – 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 [jdgalloway@mac.com](mailto:jdgalloway@mac.com)).

**10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> – 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](http://www.britishbibleschool.com)

**11<sup>th</sup> – 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 [mgvaa5@googlemail.com](mailto:mgvaa5@googlemail.com)).

**11<sup>th</sup> – Eastwood (Nottinghamshire):** Quarterly Outreach meeting – “Jesus – at the Cross”, speaker: Alan Ashurst. Light refreshments at 6.00 pm and lesson at 7.00 pm. Contact: Adrian Limb ([cofceastwood@aol.com](mailto:cofceastwood@aol.com)).

**18<sup>th</sup> – Stretford (Manchester):** Special meeting – “Why Jesus is – the Truth”. Lunch at 1.00 pm and lesson at 2.00 pm. Contact: Pilomon Raja ([dr\\_mpraja@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dr_mpraja@yahoo.co.uk)).

**21<sup>st</sup> – 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](mailto:hkerr412@yahoo.co.uk)).

## June

**15<sup>th</sup> – 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](mailto:cyankiah@hotmail.com)).

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

## July

**6<sup>th</sup> – 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](mailto:charlesbanino@aol.com)).

**19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> – 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](mailto:lawrence.okorafor@yahoo.com)).

**28<sup>th</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> August – British Bible Camp.** Contact: Jason Snethen ([jsnethen@hotmail.com](mailto:jsnethen@hotmail.com)).

**28<sup>th</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> August – Camp Tayside.** Contact: Aubrey Boyns ([a.boyns@gmail.com](mailto:a.boyns@gmail.com)).

## August

**10<sup>th</sup> – Eastwood (Nottinghamshire):** Quarterly Outreach meeting – “Jesus – in the Church”; speaker: Jon Galloway. Light refreshments at 6.00 pm and lesson at 7.00 pm. Contact: Adrian Limb ([cofceastwood@aol.com](mailto:cofceastwood@aol.com)).

**12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> August – Camp Charnwood:** Ages 7-13 – “Problem? Solved †”. Cost: £95 (£90 if pay £20 deposit before 30<sup>th</sup> April). Venue: John’s Lee Wood Scout Campsite, Markfield Lane, Markfield, Leicestershire LE67 9PS. Contact: Simon Hardy (07728 028636 or [simonthehitman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:simonthehitman@hotmail.co.uk)) or Debbie Hill (07940 160634 or [j.hill147@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:j.hill147@hotmail.co.uk)).

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And for older week : Guy Sandison on  
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**22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> August – European Christian Workshop:** “The Journey,” at Lancaster University. Cost: £150 (if register before 31<sup>st</sup> May, £160 after). [www.europeanchristianworkshop.com](http://www.europeanchristianworkshop.com)

Contact: Stephen Woodcock (01509 768789) or [registration@europeanchristianworkshop.com](mailto:registration@europeanchristianworkshop.com).

**31<sup>st</sup> August-1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:jdgalloway@mac.com)).

## September

**13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> – BBS Family Retreat:** “Stories of Jesus”; venue: Letton Hall, Norfolk. Contact: [britishbibleschool.com](http://britishbibleschool.com)

**21<sup>st</sup> – Stretford (Manchester):** Special meeting – “Why Jesus is – the Way”. Lunch at 1.00 pm and lesson at 2.00 pm. Contact: Pilomon Raja ([dr\\_mpraja@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dr_mpraja@yahoo.co.uk)).

**28<sup>th</sup> – 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](mailto:wstrachan007@gmail.com).

## October

**4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> – 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](mailto:jdgalloway@mac.com)).

**11<sup>th</sup> – 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](mailto:fieldofrefuge@hotmail.com).

**25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> – 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](http://www.britishbibleschool.com)

### November

**4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> – British Bible School:** Residential Study Week at Bassenfell Manor, near Keswick. Contact: [study@britishbibleschool.com](mailto:study@britishbibleschool.com).

**9<sup>th</sup> – 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](mailto:cofceastwood@aol.com)).

**15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> – 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](http://www.britishbibleschool.com)

### *European Events Calendar*

#### June

**4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> – 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](mailto:emelirry@aol.com)) or Trevor Williams ([twilliams195@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:twilliams195@hotmail.co.uk)).

#### September

**20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> – 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>.

**28<sup>th</sup> – Gemünden, Germany:** 50th Anniversary of Gemünden Bible Camp.

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

**30<sup>th</sup> September-3<sup>rd</sup> October – 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](mailto:twilliams195@hotmail.co.uk)).

#### February 2020

**27<sup>th</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> March – European Ladies’ Retreat** in Burg Lichtenberg, Thallichtenberg, Germany. Theme: “A Royal Priesthood” (1 Peter 2:9). Organised by Christian women in the UK. Contact: [elrorganizers@gmail.com](mailto:elrorganizers@gmail.com). Website: <http://elr.yolasite.com>.

## *The Final Word: "The gift of fellowship"*



6:50 pm, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019, will be remembered in history and throughout France as the moment when the Notre Dame Cathedral caught fire. Within a small space of time one of the country's most iconic buildings filled the night sky with flames. The people gathered, looking on with shocked faces; they prayed, they sang, they wept. As the news quickly spread around the world funds for the restoration of the building began to be promised and collected.

Monies continue to pour in.

Growing up in the Summer Lane congregation in Birmingham I heard the stories of the shock the brethren there experienced after a bomb destroyed the original chapel during a war-time raid in November 1940. The brethren gathered at the place where they had grown up, surrendered their lives to Christ and were married. The church only failed to meet for one Sunday, by the next week they met in a community centre and stayed there until the site was cleared and an army mizzen hut built in its place for worship. It was there that I was taught the gospel and was immersed. The chapel was destroyed – the church continued.

In our present British fellowship many of our congregations rent premises for their collective worship. An estimated 38 congregations actually own premises, which is about ½ of our churches. There is no doubt that owning such premises is very expensive: maintenance, insurance, heating, etc., are all a high premium for the church members to raise. One thing that seems important is that every meeting place owned or rented should be an attractive place for local people to visit. There is a need for colour, brightness and a feeling of peace and well-being. Of course the welcome of brethren and guests to services should be enthusiastic. I have, however, visited a number of our congregations unexpectedly and wondered if I was attending a funeral.

The congregation does have a responsibility to make sure everything is in order for guests. Little things like a smile, a handshake, a drink, toilet paper and a clean towel can be important and shows care.

None of our congregations has a 'Notre Dame look' – and we do not need one – but we are on show to the people around us. Let's do our best to show we have something to share both inside and outside.

*Trevor*

*Thank you, Lord, for the gift of fellowship, for giving and receiving.*

*May our lives be filled with the colour of Heaven and sweetened with your loving smile.*

*Amen*