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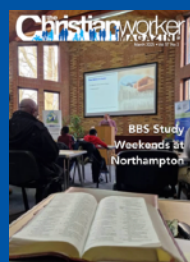
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Front cover and above: British Bible School Study Weekends in Northampton



CONGRATULATIONS!



Shile (middle) with his parents and siblings

A great day in Cumbernauld!

Shile Williams gave us the best start to March as he was baptised into Christ on the first Sunday of the month!

After studying with his parents he decided it was time he gave his life to Jesus and to be baptised for the forgiveness of sins. We are all rejoicing with the angels and couldn't be happier for his parents, Ayo and Jennifer Williams.

Nicole Barr

A new Christian in Nottingham!

The Ilkeston baptistery was once again used for the immersion of **Princeton** on 23rd March. The Sherwood congregation meeting in Nottingham continues to reach out to the Ghanaian population in the area and is steadily growing.

Trevor Williams



Liverpool Young Adult Fellowship Weekend
Saturday 5th - Sunday 6th April 2025
Arrival Saturday 5th 10:00am-10:30am

Influencer or Follower? Which ONE are you?

Ages: 18+



Address: Liverpool Church of Christ, Picton Road, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 8QH
RSVP to Bro. Rexford by email on rboahen@outlook.com or through Eventbrite link



British Bible School Study Weekends at Northampton

Over the weekends of 15th-16th and 29th-30th March the congregation in Northampton hosted Study Weekends taught by the British Bible School. The subject was Christian Evidences.

The topics taught over the two weekends were as follows.

- Is there a God?
- Is Jesus Real?
- Can we trust the documents we have?
- History and Prophecy of the Bible
- The scientific accuracy of the Bible
- What we are up against (dealing with scoffers)
- Jesus, the Message of the Bible
- Genesis 1-2
- Was Darwin wrong?
- Noah and the Flood (Genesis 6-7)
- Fossils and dinosaurs
- After the flood

Teachers on this occasion were Jon Galloway and Mark Hill. A little over twenty people were present the first weekend with around forty in attendance the second. The information shared

and evidence presented brought about a good deal of discussion and questions. Whilst the evidence is the same for all who are willing to look the interpretation of it can be biased from either side of the argument. Both need to be honest in their evaluation of it to arrive at a satisfactory and truthful conclusion.

It was encouraging to understand that faith in God can in many ways be supported by



Jon Galloway and Mark Hill

corroborating evidence. Whilst people who have faith in God do not necessarily feel they personally need evidence, it is certainly helpful when talking to people we want to encourage to come to faith. It is useful to have an answer to some of the criticisms levelled at the Bible and followers of Jesus. Historical evidence within and outside of the Bible shows that Jesus of Nazareth did live on the earth – that’s a good start. But it is by faith we believe that he is who he claims to be: the Son of God.

Do fossils prove the earth to be billions of years old or do they speak to a cataclysmic event? We have fossils but what do they tell us? Our



books of the Bible and any who wish to attend are welcome to go along. Further studies in these and many other subjects are available, and information can be found on the website: www.britishbibleschool.com



We are interested in talking to anyone who would like to inquire about personal study, group studies, or hosting weekend studies in their local congregation. There are also opportunities to attend our residential family weekends and a study week later in the year.

subject matter provoked excellent discussion both in the sessions and over a cup of tea and lunch. There will also be much more discussion as individuals who were present will meet up with each other from time to time to continue sharing their thoughts. It was time well spent.

Don't forget the weekly classes that are hosted online. Two new series are about to begin with Jack Paton teaching 1 Corinthians on Monday evenings and Steve Whitehead leading a study on "The time between the Testaments" on Thursday evenings. All are welcome to be part of these online classes.

Mark Hill

The British Bible School is a valuable resource for the congregations in the UK especially, but also further afield. Over the next few months Study Weekends will be hosted by other congregations on different topics or



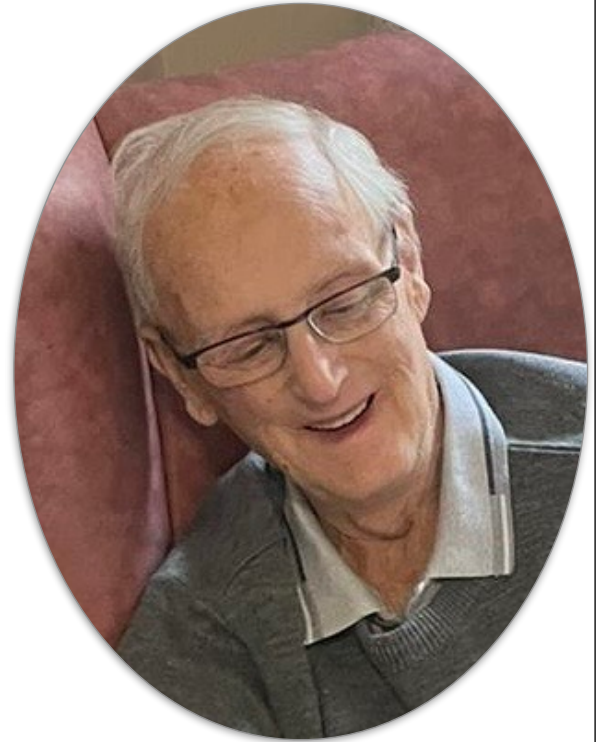
AT REST

Joseph Layland

17th February 1937 -

1st January 2025

(Longshoot, Wigan)



On 1st January this year my grandad, Joe, took his final breath on this earth. I am reminded of the song “this earth is not my home, I’m just a passing through”, when I think of my grandad’s deterioration over the last few years. He had been poorly with cancer and other conditions that worsened over time, and he was so ready to go and be with his Lord and Saviour.

Grandad remained strong in his faith throughout his life and, although he was not a pulpit man, you would not see him turn down the opportunity to serve – if there was anything that needed doing you could guarantee that he would be there straight away sorting things out.

Joe leaves behind his wife of 59 years, Norma, two children, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Although we are saddened by his loss, we can rejoice because of where he is! “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith” (2 Timothy 4:7).

Rachael Sandison

STRATFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST

ONLINE GOSPEL Outreach

SAT 12TH APRIL 2025 @ 6-9 PM

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I DIE?

TEXT: HEBREWS 9:27

SUBTOPICS:

1. IS DEATH THE END?
SPEAKER: GODWIN KANTON (THAMESMEAD CHURCH OF CHRIST, UK)

2. WHERE WILL I BE?
SPEAKER: PAUL HILL (LEICESTER CHURCH OF CHRIST, UK)

zoom
Meeting ID: 8540976249
Passcode: sc2020

Contacts:
07379905463
07979096293

THEY HAVE EYES BUT DO NOT SEE

On 6th February I had a life changing experience by having a total knee replacement. For years I have suffered from arthritis which had slowly brought me to the point that every step I took was agony. I did exercises, visited gyms, and had injections until the doctor told me there was only one way to improve the situation. Okay – so like many others at my time of life I can now say I have a new knee.

My knee is still sorting itself out but at least I can walk with the aid of two walking sticks, and it is this which has surprised me. I can now tootle along in a quadruped fashion, slowly but quite deliberately, being careful to avoid broken concrete slabs and the rise and fall of driveways and the potholes that seem to be everywhere.

I have met some lovely people who in the local accent will ask if I am alright. Now, to understand this, you have to realise this is a typical greeting and said in a way that the last syllable is a note higher than the rest of the offering. Here I am, walking at the pace

of a tortoise, with my four legs. My reply is usually, 'I'm getting there, thank you'.

What I have found is that whilst some will very kindly move out of my way so I may soldier on, others do not see me at all and are desperate to get past. They are too busy to even look at an old man walking along trying his best not to fall over. I have asked myself; did they see me? One day they may be in a similar situation that I am in. Or how often have I walked past someone in my rush?

I have started to think about those whom Jesus healed and the joy he must have given them. I've also thought about those who, having seen Jesus, never really saw him – they had eyes but did not see.

We have all sorts of places of worship, all sorts of special events, all sorts of meetings – but how many come and see Jesus? how many have eyes that are looking? What do our visitors see or hear when they visit us?

Just a thought.

Trevor Williams





FAMILY NEWS

NEW CONGREGATION

Central Croydon

Christians: 20

Meeting Place: The 10th Scout Hall, 113-115 St James's Road, Croydon, CR0 2UW (behind the Baptist Church building)

Meeting Times: Sunday, 10.30 am
Wednesday, 7.00 pm (house fellowship – contact us for details)

Contacts: Emmanuel Menah (07837 966217); Philip (07984 645377); Kemar Blackford (07557 389584).

Wembley Church of Christ Ladies' Day

Women of the Bible: Our True Influencers

Saturday 10th May 2025

10am-3pm

92 Barnhill Road

HA9 9BS

RSVP: Anne Airebamen-07415135166



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE
Newport Ladies Day

*Faithful Hearts,
Fearless Lives*

Speakers: Ana Crowell and Annslea Pitts from the USA

What to Expect:	Where:
-Bible Lessons -Singing and Prayer -Creativity -Workout -Lunch and Tea	Newport Church of Christ Riverside & East Usk Road Newport, Wales NP19 7AG

3rd May 9:30AM-4:30PM
Please register with the QR code link.



BRANDON CHURCH OF CHRIST YOUNG ADULTS WEEKEND

26 - 28th September 2025



Thorpe Woodlands Adventure Centre,
Shadwell, Thetford, IP24 2RX

20 - 40 yrs old singles & couples
welcome. Unfortunately no children
please.

Register your interest by **12th May 2025**
with **£15pp deposit.**

£40pp total inc. accommodation & food.
Payment in full by **15th August 2025.**
Payment in instalments available.

Contact - 07933279091 - tapitaruvinga@gmail.com



APPEALS & UPDATES

PAKISTAN



Naeem Sabir and family

Naeem Sabir, a graduate of the British Bible School, is married to Shazia and together they have served congregations in Pakistan for the past 21 years. They have three children, aged 17, 14, and 9 years old. The family also look after a family of three children, who are 16, 14 and 8 years old, whose parents were killed by Muslim extremists.

Although the number of Christians is growing, their weekly offering is only about £4 so Naeem often has to supplement the congregation's expenses. Naeem has been supported mainly by one British congregation and one individual who between them have been sending £400 per month. Sadly the individual can no longer contribute this amount. Naeem needs to raise £200 a month to continue his work for the Lord. The congregation lives in a situation where Islam has the upper hand and Christians are targets for abuse and they live in a state of constant fear.

Our UK contact for Naeem is Barbara Fisher. She can be contacted at gafisher888@aol.com – please consider helping them with regular donations.

Trevor Williams

MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE

All who have heard about the earthquake in Myanmar to Bangkok have stood back in amazement and wonder how anyone can get over these events. Some of our brothers and sisters in the Philippines

are preparing to go and help out in any way they can. They have both the knowledge of what needs to be done and are willing to go and help out. Can you, your congregation, your community, or your family help out?

On your behalf we have taken £2,000 from of the Christian Worker account and have already sent it to the the Christians in the Philippines to help them on their way. Please send donations to HSBC Bank (40-45-03 91058533).

On behalf of those who will be helped we say 'Thank you'.

Trevor Williams

I would like to inform you of a situation that is developing that involves a brother and sister who are dear to me. I

TRINIDAD CHRISTIANS

have known Wendell and Indra Parris from Trinidad for over 30 years. Both have been diagnosed with Cervical Myelopathy and Cancer respectively. Wendell is in hospital and Indra is receiving chemo.

I would like to support them by collecting some much needed non-perishable food items, toiletries and medications. They are needing Gluten free non-perishable food; personal cleaning utensils, toiletries, bathing soaps, washing powder and vitamin supplements and minerals (e.g. D3, VC, Zinc, B12, Probiotics, Immunity Boosters, etc.). We will collect these and ship them from Liverpool.

If you can assist, please contact me on (07359) 750645.

Charles Yankiah

DIARY

April

5th – **Kirkcaldy**: Social Day, 1.30 pm. Venue: Hayfield Road Community Centre, Hayfield Road, Kirkcaldy KY2 5DG. Contact: Allan Hughes (allan580@virginmedia.com). As the venue has limited numbers, there are no longer spaces available.

5th-6th – **Liverpool**: Young adult fellowship weekend – “Influenced or Influencer? – Which one are you?”, Ages 18+. Arrive 10.00-10.30 am on Saturday at 1 Picton Road, Waterloo, L22 8QH. RSVP to Rexford (rboahen@gmail.com) or use the link.

7th – **British Bible School** evening class: “1 Corinthians” led by Jack Paton each Monday, 8.00-9.00 pm, for twelve weeks on Zoom. Links to join the class can be found on the BBS social media and website: www.britishbibleschool.com.

10th – **British Bible School** evening class: “The Time Between the Testaments” led by Steve Whitehead, each Thursday, 8.00-9.00 pm, for twelve weeks on Zoom. Links to join the class can be found on the BBS social media and website: www.britishbibleschool.com.

12th – **Stratford (London)**: Online Gospel Outreach, 6.00-9.00 pm; speakers: Godwin Kanton and Paul Hill. Zoom details – meeting room: 8540976249, Passcode: sc2020. Contact: 07379 905463 or 07979 096293.

May

3rd – **Newport**: Ladies’ Day – “Faithful Hearts, Fearless Lives”, 9.30 am-4.00 pm; speakers: Ana Crowell and Annslea Pitts. Contact/RSVP: np197ag@hotmail.com.

3rd – **Leicester**: Men’s Day – “Brothers United in Peace”, 10.00 am-2.00 pm; speakers: Greg Watson, Darrin Bible, and Mike Wilson. Venue: 9 Sanvey Lane, Leicester LE2 8NG. For more information: 07804 653690 or www.leicester.church.

10th – **Wembley (London)**: Ladies’ Day – “Women of the Bible: Our True Influencers”, 10.00 am-3.00 pm. Contact/RSVP: Anne Airebamen (07415 135166).

10th – **Great Barr (Birmingham)**: Bible Seminar – “Maintaining Godly Values in a Changing World”, 12.00-4.00 pm. Venue: The Beacon Church Hall, Collingwood Drive, Birmingham B43 7JL. Speaker: Mike Glover. Contact: Sola Adeosun (sola.adeosun@gmail.com).

June

7th – **Northampton**: Youth Day. Contact: Mark Hill



Brothers United In Peace

Men's Day 2025
All welcome

GREG WATSON (SUNSET) - Men of Peace (Romans 14:19)
DARRIN BIBLE (SUNSET) - Men of Unity (1 Corinthians 1:10)
MIKE WILSON (SUNSET)

Saturday 3rd May 2025, 10am-2pm

Leicester Church of Christ
9 Sanvey Lane, Leicester, LE2 8NG
www.leicester.church

For more info
Tel: 07804 653690

Diary

(marks@uwclub.net).

7th – **Aughton and Liverpool**: Ladies' Day – "Seasons of Life", 10.00 am-3.30 pm. Venue: Liverpool church building, Picton Road, Waterloo, Liverpool L22 8QH.

14th – **Thamesmead (London)**: Ladies' Afternoon of Songs, 11.00 am-4.00 pm. Contact: Sarah Dod (the_dods@hotmail.com).

28th – **Bristol**: BibleFest – A day of Bible Quiz on the book of Acts, Fellowship, Activities, Prizes. All are welcome. Contact: Jason Snethen (07795560990).

July

4th-11th – **Camp Heatherbell**: Theme – "Transformed." Cost = £185. Venue: Compass Christian Centre, Glenshee Lodge, Blairgowrie. Contact: Adam Barr (07889 631218), Graham McDonald (07748 787744), or email info@campheatherbell.org.uk for more information or to request an application.

12th – **Edmonton (London)**: Men's Workshop. Contact: info@edmontonchurchofchrist.org.uk.

25th-27th – **Edmonton (London)**: European Youth Lectureship – "Remember the Creator in the Days of Your Youth". Venue: St Mary's Church of England High School, Lieutenant Ellis Way, Cheshunt, EN7 5FB. Speakers: Liam Bates, Blessen Opoku, and Joshua Agyemang. Contact: Joshua Agyeman (07780 917590).

27th-1st August – **Camp Tayside**: Contact: Aubrey Boyns (07502 220902 or a.boyns@gmail.com) for more information or to request an application.

August

3rd-8th – **British Bible Camp**: Theme – "Building on the ROCK." Ages: 8-18. Camper applications open on 10th February. If you would like to apply, please fill out this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/KnpmGjBMyS>. We are already taking staff applications. Anyone 18+ wishing to apply as a member of staff, please fill out this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/kzVs9JCdwm>.

Contact: Jason Snethen (07795 560990).

23rd-14th & 6th-7th September – **East Kilbride**: British Bible School Study weekends. Module: Christian Evidences; teachers: Mark Hill and Jon Galloway. Contact: study@britishbibleschool.com or jdgalloway@mac.com.

September

26th-28th – **Brandon**: Young Adults Weekend, ages 20-40 (no children please). Venue: Thorpe Woodlands Adventure Centre, Shadwell, Thetford IP24 2RX. Please register your interest by 12th May; £15 deposit per person, total cost £40 payable by 15th August (you can pay in instalments). Contact: Tapi O'Donovan – 07933 279091 or tapitaruvinga@gmail.com).

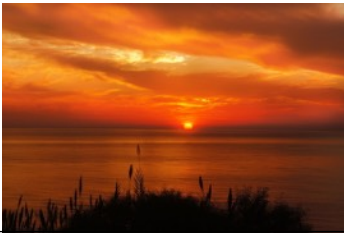
October

4th – **Loughborough**: 184th Anniversary Meeting, 6.30 pm; speaker: John Griffiths; refreshments to follow. Contact: Jason Hill (j.hill147@hotmail.co.uk).

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

November

3rd-7th November – **British Bible School Residential Study Week** at Bassenfell Manor. Contact: study@britishbibleschool.com.



THE FINAL WORD



Is the Church of Christ in Fact the Church of Christ?

There is an increasing idea in many congregations that, because they refer to themselves as ‘Church of Christ’, they are in fact part of the church that Jesus bought and died for. Sadly, many use the name as if it is an organisation rather than an organism.

Jesus said he would build his church, and we understand that the only way we can follow in that idea is to follow the pattern of the New Testament. So far, so good. We accept that the church is the body of Christ (Colossians 1:18,24). Then Ephesians 1:3-14 gives us a beautiful description of what the church is and the blessings for those who are in Christ. Yet the term, ‘Church of Christ’ is plastered on places of worship or in advertising as if the meeting place was the church of Christ.

Many of our British chapels, built in the 1800’s, carried the name ‘Christians’ meeting place’ with perhaps the date of the building of that place of worship. In

some cases, the building was given a name. In Kentish Town, the chapel is known as ‘Hope Chapel’; in Bristol the official name of the building is ‘St Johns Lane Chapel; and in Northampton the official name of the building is ‘Christian Fellowship Centre’.

Some may say that we have to distinguish ourselves from the Baptists or Methodists, but we abuse the terminology by naming a building ‘Church of Christ’. It is the people, the faithful followers of Christ who can be the Church of Christ. I have always found it interesting that this designation is only ever plural in the Bible (Romans 16:16), when Paul sent the greetings of all the Churches of Christ to the Roman congregation.

The body of Christ has to naturally multiply itself for the believers to be part of a local group. This act of multiplication should not – and must not – be a separation of one group from another as is so often the case. The body of Christ cannot be divided. Yet what do we see? – one group doing one thing and refusing to be in fellowship with another group. How can we be one when we are divided and separated – who has become the judge? I have even been asked if I am church of Christ as opposed to being evangelical or some other group!

In other places in Scripture we read of the Church of God (Acts 20:28; 1 Corinthians 1:2, 10:32, 11:16, 22, 15:9; Galatians 1:13; 1 Timothy 3:5).

We are Christians first and foremost, servants of Jesus the crucified and risen Lord. We are not part of a denomination, but we are part of a world-wide fellowship of believers – but let us be careful.

Trevor

‘Make every effort to keep the unity of The Spirit through the bonds of peace. There is one body and one Spirit just as you were called ,one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.’ (Ephesians 4:3-6)

