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Front cover and above: Kirkcaldy Social Day



CONGRATULATIONS!

More good news from Cumbernauld!



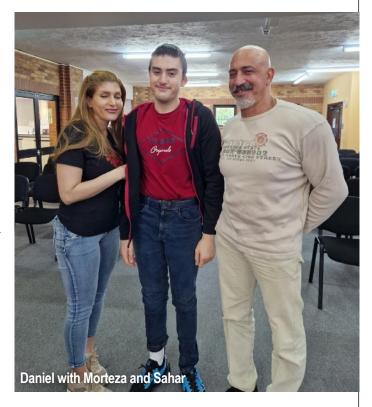
Rejoice with us! **David Adekoya** gave his life to
Christ through baptism on
Wednesday, 2nd April.

David recently came over from Nigeria to stay with his mum and brother (both of whom were baptised last year). After a few studies with Graham McDonald he decided to be baptised for the forgiveness of his sins. Keep him in your prayers as he starts his new life as a Christian.

Nicole Barr

A new Christian in Northampton!

We are so pleased to report the baptism of **Daniel** on Sunday, 13th April. His parents, Morteza and Sahar, became Christians many years ago when they moved to London. They have brought Daniel up to know Jesus. We rejoice with them on this happy occasion.



Rejoicing in Wembley!

On Saturday, 19th April, **Simeon Yariga** was baptised into Christ. Simeon is the youngest son of our brother and sister Rowland and Patience. We rejoice with Simeon and his family and pray that God will bless him in his new life in Christ.

John Griffiths



The Social Day at Kirkcaldy is one that many look forward to each year – and have for decades if not centuries. It seems since the pandemic that coming together once a year in Kirkcaldy is more like a family reunion. This year did not disappoint.

Close to one hundred Christians were together on Saturday, 5th April, for the annual event. As usual, the day began with steak pies, sandwiches and various pastries, along with coffee and tea, served by many from Kirkcaldy. Not only was the food excellent but even better was catching up with Christians from across Scotland (and the UK) after the winter.

The programme itself was led this year by Aaron Moyes, who interspersed our singing with videos and readings that caused us to think. The singing was ably led by Alan Moyes. Solus presented two sets of songs to encourage, and Ian Davidson from Motherwell entertained and encouraged us as only he can with various thoughts that he had collected.

The speaker this year was Adam Barr from Cumbernauld. Adam's lesson was encouraging and challenged us. He had just arrived back from the USA that morning and was able to come and speak.

The day ended with all singing together "Behold our God", a rousing song proclaiming the greatness of the God we serve.

All in all it was an excellent day of fellowship, encouragement and study – feasting in so many ways, both physically and spiritually.

Many thanks to those at Kirkcaldy who organise this each year and took care of us so well on the day. It speaks volumes that after it was over those attending lingered visiting and talking for another hour or so! We look forward to being together again next year.

Jon Galloway





lan Davidson

Solus

AT REST

George Kowfie

25th July 1970 - 24th December 2024 (Wembley)

Our brother George Kowfie was tragically killed in a car crash on 24th December 2024. On Saturday 5th April the building was full of family, friends, and Christians as we held a memorial service to honour George and to thank God for George's life and for his faithful service to the Lord. George was taken to his homeland of Ghana for burial.

John Griffiths



Alan Dod (Thamesmead)



It is with deep sorrow that we inform you of the passing of our beloved brother, Alan Dod, on Saturday, 12th April 12 2025. Alan was a cherished member of our congregation, and his loss is felt deeply by all who knew him.

The funeral service will be held on 16th May at 11:00 am at the Wembley Church of Christ building. We invite all congregations to join us in honouring Alan's life and legacy.

A scholarship has been set up for potential British song leaders to attend the Keith Lancaster song leading workshop in the United States which Alan had attended several times and found very helpful prompting him to lead singing workshops here in Britain. If anyone would like to contribute to this scholarship please send donations to the church at Thamesmead, to the following account, marking it in the name of Alan Dod: Church of Christ at Thamesmead / Sort Code: 20-18-93 / Account Number: 20597112

We appreciate your support and solidarity in this time of grief. May the Lord bless you for your kindness and generosity.

Godwin Kanton

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THOUGHTS FROM TREVOR

- 1. Recently a congregation saw that the communion bread had small red spots on it, and wondered if by some miracle or other that the red were spots of the blood of Christ. The bread was scientifically inspected and found to be not blood but red fungus growing because it had been kept too long. Over a number of years, I have visited various congregations where the communion bread was matzos, which had obviously been used over and over again until it was going mouldy. No red spots, but the mould could be tasted. If the communion bread is so important to us, let me suggest that we either make our own and freeze it, getting out each week what is needed, or at least keep the matzos fresh and do not put what is left over back into the box. No one wants to eat mouldy bread, and it certainly is no representation of the body of our Lord.
- 2. Every week I receive at least one email wanting to know the contact details of one of the congregations. Please note that our website www.churchesofchrist.co.uk gives the details of where our churches are. We try to keep the list as up-to-date as we can so please check the details of your congregation.

- 3. Jesus may be our assurance of salvation, but he is not our insurance policy if things go wrong. Both in the congregation and our own life we need to keep our insurances up-to-date. Congregation trustees are personally responsible for maintaining the safety of their meeting places, and insurance policies must be maintained. It is also useful for us as individuals to make sure our homes are insured so that funds are available for times of difficult and disaster situations. We must be as wise as serpents and harmless as doves.
- 4. Whoops! We made a mistake in last months' *Christian Worker*. Barbara Fisher who is our contact for Naeem Sabeer in Pakistan may be contacted on blfisher888@aol.com Thank you Barbara.
- 5. **PLEASE** send your news items in ASAP. Check notices for dates, times, etc, and send as soon as possible by the 21st of the month. The *Christian Worker* is always emailed out on the first day of the month.
- 6. If you have any questions, ideas or concerns, please contact me we love to help.

Trevor Williams





FAMILY NEWS

NEW CONGREGATION

Manchester

Christians: 90

Meeting Place: Christian Harvest Centre, Seymour

Road South, Clayton, Manchester M11 4PG

Address: info@manchestercoc.org.uk

Meeting Times: Sunday, 9.00 am

Saturday, 5.00 pm

Contact: Adetunji (07748 058726)

LA MAISON DE PERRINE, FRANCE

Three uplifting events you won't want to miss!

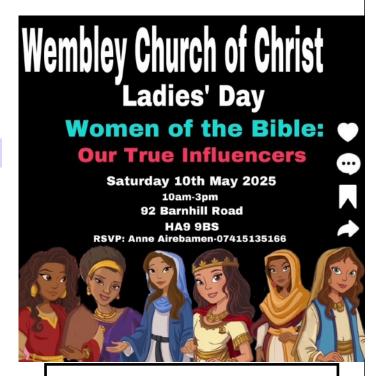
10th-28th July – "Christian Faith and European Culture", a university-level course open to all adults. For more information: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1J0zjg8-nJzS-pTudD4i65Hk_SGQI0JoVOpzess61OwA/edit?tab=t.0

9th-15th August – "Co-Create!" A faith-based, seven-night art retreat. Various artists, using their talents for the glory of God, offer fun and creative workshops enabling you to connect with God and each other through art. For more information: https://docs.google.com/document/d/
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1st-5th September – Christian couples' retreat. Free rest and respite week for couples working with congregation, subsidised by 'Double Honor Ministries'. Visit our website for details. Contact us for sign-up information: elite.not.elitist@gmail.com.

Jerry Jones



Three Minute Videos by Tony Coffey

Baptism (1) https://youtu.be/mfm2MTFdHHE

Baptism (2) https://youtu.be/BXyuRJxrrc8

Baptism (3) https://youtu.be/wJ2HOK9cZao

Help Is Available https://youtu.be/ZdLyG1eqqVE

The Mission of Jesus https://youtu.be/NK9|WkZ68Yw

Family News

We hope this message finds you well and excited for the 2025 European Vision Workshop! We are thrilled to announce that this year's event will take place in Wroclaw, Poland, and we hope you are making plans to join us. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Mark Blackwelder, who will undoubtedly bless us with his inspiring message.

European Vision Workshop 2025



Scandic Wroclaw Wroclaw, POLAND



LODGING/EVENT LOCATION:

The 2025 European Vision Workshop will

be held from 30th September to 3rd October 2025, at the Scandic Wroclaw Hotel in Wroclaw, Poland. We will handle hotel arrangements for all registered attendees. Your room will be ready for check-in on Tuesday, September 30, and check-out will be on Friday, October 3, after breakfast. Please note that you are responsible for any personal incidental charges during your stay. Upon arrival, simply provide your name to the hostess and mention that you are attending the European Vision Workshop. Our team will be there to assist you with the check-in process.

MEALS:

Breakfast is included daily with your room reservation. Additionally, we will provide dinner on Tuesday night, as well as lunch and dinner on Wednesday and Thursday as part of the workshop.

TRAVEL INFORMATION:

Wroclaw is served by Copernicus Airport Wrocław, an international airport. Various public transportation options are available from the airport to the hotel. For those driving to the conference, paid parking is available at the hotel. Please note that you are responsible for arranging your own travel.

REGISTRATION:

Registration is now open! Click the link below to register today.

There is a nominal all-inclusive fee to attend the European Vision Workshop. This modest charge helps offset the costs of hosting the event, allowing us to continue providing outstanding speakers, networking opportunities, and an invaluable experience. Registration includes access to all workshop sessions, meals, lodging, and networking opportunities for each attendee. Guests are responsible for their own transportation and incidental expenses. Pricing is per person, with options for single or double occupancy available.

2025 Pricing:

- \$200 per person (age 12 and above) Single Occupancy
- \$150 per person (age 12 and above) Double Occupancy
- \$50 per child (under age 12, rooming with parents)

THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS 12th SEPTEMBER https://www.shelbygiving.com/App/Form/94338a2f-498a-450b-8cec-ad1e8453d0d1

We look forward to seeing you at the 2025 European Vision Workshop! If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out. kristin.hagins@sunset.bible



STORY OF REDEMPTION FILMS UPDATE

As more congregations and individuals are using this free resource, I wanted to give an update on what is happening and what we are looking forward to.

The Story of Redemption films originated from printed material becoming scripted for radio use. They were then made into films for television presentations in Croatia. This has now led to the films and study guides being made available over the internet. The Covid Pandemic then led to studies being conducted over Zoom. This now means that wherever there is an internet connection anyone anywhere in the world can study the Bible with groups and individuals. Whilst this is a paid subscription in the USA, it has been made freely available to those outside of the USA thanks to generous sponsors. This means that those of us in the UK have this resource for free. However, if anyone would like to contribute it will ensure others can have the films made available.

Benefits in the UK

Congregations have used this material in their Sunday Bible classes for adults and youth. Others have used it to teach their mid-week Bible classes. In Northampton the teens and young adults meet on Tuesday evenings over Zoom to watch a film and engage in discussion. The discussions and any questions arising continue in their

Sunday Bible class study face to face. Grandparents have found it an engaging way to study with their grandchildren. Providing quality time to spend together and offering a relaxed way to talk easily and openly about their faith.

Individuals are also finding this a beneficial way to study with friends and work colleagues. It has proven to be a good introduction for people who have visited worship services. Inviting visitors to meet up and watch a short film together is somehow quite appealing.

There is room for more studies in the UK – the only thing that would restrict the numbers would be having enough teachers available.

Benefits from the UK around the world

Currently there are three studies each week conducted from the UK with groups of young people in Kenya. We hope to shortly begin studies in India. Imagine studying with people around the world from your desk or kitchen table. There is no need to imagine it – it is already happening! The only restriction will be having enough teachers available.

How about you?

I want to invite you to see what all the fuss is about. We can arrange training over Zoom which you can tune in to and see examples of the films and study guides and how to use them. I am also willing to conduct face-to-face training if there is interest and I am invited to where you are.

You are welcome to join an existing study just to observe, but feel free to join in a study in action. You can see how it operates



Story of Redemption Films Update

– but it is basically a Bible study. All you have to know is how to get on Zoom and play a film: it is nothing complicated – even I can do it!

There will be an opportunity to see how to use the website, films and discussion questions on Tuesday, 6th May, at 7.30 pm, which will last no longer than an hour. It will be on Zoom. If you would like to join please request the login details by emailing: northamptonchurchofchrist@gmail.com.

If that time is not convenient and you are interested, please use the same email address to contact me so we can arrange a better time.

In a nutshell:

- You can use this to study with family members
- You can use this to study with visitors to your meeting
- You can use this to study with your congregations Bible study groups
- You can be a teacher for groups that are started around the UK

• You can be a teacher for groups that are

established around the world

Mark Hill







APPEALS & UPDATES

MYANMAR UPDATE

Several brothers and sisters from the Philippines have gone to help out in this broken country. There are congregations of those we know there who constantly go through difficult times. As reported last month £2000 was sent from the CW straight away.

Since then some Christians from India were also anxious to help out and with

funds raised we have been able to help out with a further £2000. The situation is desperate. The country was literally cut in two by the earthquake – homes and livelihoods were destroyed in a matter of seconds. With the political military leadership in the country no one is safe. Please pray for kindness and mercy. (See photos on next page.)

Trevor Williams



A powerful 7.7 magnitude earthquake has struck Myanmar, devastating the regions of Mandalay. More than 3,000+ lives have been lost till date. and leaving many communities in ruins. The people of Mandalay are in urgent need of help. In times like these, we are called and compelled by love to reach out and care for our neighbours. **Thy Neighbour** is an initiative of the Christians in Gollaprolu, India to join hands to help and serve the people in Mandalay. Will you please help us help them? Even the smallest act of kindness can bring hope and healing to those caught in a hopeless situation. Thank You.

HUMANITY MATTERS

In Christ, Tony Tyson & Joel Madiki. tonytyson66@yahoo.co.uk +44 7473970143

> joelmadiki@gmail.com +91 9849998699

Appeals and Updates





PAKISTAN

Naeem Sabir (pictured above), a graduate of the British Bible School, is still in need of financial help. If you can help him and his family in their work for the Lord, please contact Barbara Fisher – blfisher888@aol.com.

Trevor Williams

CAN YOU ASSIST?

Cora Wiser, a Christian from Tennessee, will be visiting in the UK and would like to stay with Christians if possible. Her father is an elder and evangelist in Tennessee and she attend a Christian

High School and University. If you would like to help, please contact her: cora.e.wiser@gmail.com.

Trevor Williams





DIARY

May

- 1st <u>British Bible School</u> evening class: "The Intertestimental Period" 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.
- **3**rd **Newport**: Ladies' Day "Faithful Hearts, Fearless Lives", 9.30 am-4.00 pm; speakers: Ana Crowell and Annslea Pitts. Contact/RSVP: <u>np197ag@hotmail.com</u>.
- 3rd <u>Leicester</u>: 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.
- 5th <u>British Bible School</u> 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: <u>www.britishbibleschool.com</u>.
- **10**th <u>Wembley (London)</u>: Ladies' Day "Women of the Bible: Our True Influencers", 10.00 am-3.00 pm. Contact/RSVP: Anne Airebamen (07415 135166).
- 10th <u>Great Barr (Birmingham)</u>: 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 (<u>sola.adeosun@gmail.com</u>).
- **24**th <u>Stratford (London)</u>: Marriage Enrichment 'Before and After I say I Do', 7.00-9.00 pm. Zoom details meeting room: 8540976249, Passcode: sc2020. Contact: 07934 731219 or 07852 343010 or 07979 096293.
- **31**st-**1**st June <u>Stratford (London)</u>: London Lectureship 2025 "Let Them Be One", Saturday 10.00 am-4.00 pm; Sunday 10.00 am-1.00 pm. Venue: St.

Francis' Catholic Primary School, Maryland Park, London E15 1HB. Zoom details – meeting room: 8540976249, Passcode: sc2020. Contact: 07979 096293 or 07379 905463 or 07852 343010.

June

- **7**th **Northampton**: Youth Day. Contact: Mark Hill (marks@uwclub.net).
- **7**th <u>Aughton and Liverpool</u>: Ladies' Day "Seasons of Life", 10.00 am-3.30 pm. Venue: Liverpool church building, Picton Road, Waterloo, Liverpool L22 8QH.
- **10**th <u>Edinburgh</u>: Singing Evening led by D.J. Bulls (Tyler, Texas), 7.00 pm. Venue: The Newton Church of Scotland, 13 George Street, Edinburgh (formerly known as the Church of St. Andrews and George West). Contact: D.J. Bulls (djbulls@mac.com).
- 14th <u>Thamesmead (London)</u>: Ladies' Afternoon of Songs, 11.00 am-4.00 pm. Contact: Sarah Dod (the_dods@hotmail.com).
- **28**th <u>Bristol</u>: BibleFest A day of Bible Quiz on the book of Acts, Fellowship, Activities, Prizes. All are welcome. Contact: Jason Snethen (07795560990).



Diary

July

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

10th-28th July – <u>La Maison de Perrine, France</u>: "Christian Faith and European Culture", a university-level course open to all adults. For more information: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1J0zjg8-nJzS-pTudD4i65Hk_SGQI0JoVOpzess61OwA/edit?tab=t.0

 12^{th} – <u>Edmonton (London)</u>: Men's Workshop. Contact: <u>info@edmontonchurchofchrist.org.uk</u>.

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

<u>August</u>

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).

9th-15th August – <u>La Maison de Perrine, France</u>: "Co-Create!" A faith-based, seven-night art retreat. Various artists, using their talents for the glory of God, offer fun and creative workshops enabling you to connect with God and each other through art. For more information: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Zl6wPFlBXwdGenMwS6GiVPlxZjqKOnYebjFakw7MD7U/edit?tab=t.0

23rd – Stratford (London): Foodbank, 10.00-1.00 pm. Venue: St. Francis' Catholic Primary School, Maryland Park, London E15 1HB.

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

September

1st-5th September – Christian couples' retreat. Free rest and respite week for couples working with congregation, subsidised by 'Double Honor Ministries'. Visit our website for details: https://www.faithworks-lachapelle.com/. Contact us for sign-up information: elite.not.elitist@gmail.com.

26th**-28**th – <u>Brandon</u>: 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 <u>tapitaruvinga@gmail.com</u>).

27th – <u>Stratford (London)</u>: Marriage Enrichment – 'Before and After I say I Do', 7.00-9.00 pm. Zoom details – meeting room: 8540976249, Passcode: sc2020. Contact: 07934 731219 or 07852 343010 3 or 07979 096293.

30th-3rd October - European Vision Workshop in Wroclaw, Poland. Contact: Kristin Hagens - kristin.hagins@sunset.bible.

October

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

25th – **Stratford (London):** Health Discussions, 10.00-2.00 pm. Zoom details – meeting room: 8540976249, Passcode: sc2020. Contact: 07934 731219 or 07852 343010 3 or 07979 096293.

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

<u>November</u>

3rd-7th November – <u>British Bible School Residential Study Week</u> at Bassenfell Manor – "Post-Exilic Israel". Contact: <u>study@britishbibleschool.com</u>.





THE FINAL WORD



We are no members of God's household

"Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow-citizens with God's people and members of God's household." (Ephesians 2:19)

At the time of writing many of us wander around, wondering what the next item on the news will be that leads us into despair. We see the Roman Catholic church trying to fit into a world where so many people do not know right from wrong. With its long history, which way will this worldwide group go – into deeper tradition or ever-increasing liberalism? The Church of England also has to choose a new leader, and seems to be struggling to find someone who can fit into the job and jump the hoops set out for him.

On the political front, on a daily basis, many wonder what the President of the United States will demand next, and we all wonder how Russia will retaliate. We ask, can there ever be peace in Israel and the nations around it? Many do not even know why they are fighting. Then we go further to countries in Africa or riots in Turkey?

Closer to home, what about Birmingham and the mounds of rubbish, and to our own town councils who struggle to find funds to fill potholes, and hospitals who

do not have enough doctors and nurses. Our minds are in a spin, and we cry out, 'Lord, for how long will all this go on?'

Many of the people who read these articles are gentle people who are trying to live a life of faithful service to Jesus, and weave a pathway of peace in a world that does not seem to know where it is supposed to be going. We desperately want Christian marriages to be successful, yet many are not. We want our children to become Christians, but many become weary and turn their backs on Jesus and his people.

The result is that many of us feel alone and like foreigners in our own homes. We seem like aliens, as if we are living in a world where few people recognise us or understand what we are talking about.

We must remember that this is our Father's world. We are fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household. Our traditions are those of Abraham, who walked in faith, and Moses, who led the people across the Red Sea and on to a promised land. There is still need for fire in our bones and the shout of Zion on our lips. Our eyes must see the glory of the Homeland even if it is far beyond Jordan.

There is still healing available through the precious gospel of Jesus, and sins are washed away in his sacred blood. We are no longer foreigners. We are no longer aliens. We are God's people, God's household.

Trevor

Lord, open the doors of Heaven and let its windows be opened wide that we might be filled with the sunshine of your glory.

God of love, hear our prayer.

