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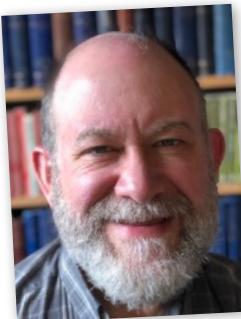
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MY PERSPECTIVE



Perspectives from Paul's letter to Roman Christians

How can I best serve?

In Paul's writings he often compared a group of Christians to a body. Just as a body has varying parts, each with a unique function, so a group of Christians has various people involved who have various abilities that can be used in the service of Jesus. By all working together, it helps the group to function and grow.

"For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully." (Romans 12:4-8 NIV)

I know we read that, believe that, but do we really 'get' it, especially when the text says that the various parts "*do not all have the same function*" and "*we have different gifts*"? From my observation many Christians and congregations have a mould they want everyone to fit into – and it is usually what the leader or leaders do best and not what a person may be best suited to do. But that is not what the Holy Spirit revealed through Paul.

What Paul described here as 'gifts' are abilities that we have. We are reminded that these are from God, according to the grace he has given to each of us. These are now to be used in the service of Jesus and his people. If our gift is serving then we should be serving. If it is teaching then we should be teachers. If we excel at encouragement then this is what we need to be involved in.

Others are generous or leaders – this is what they need to be doing.

Rather than trying to get everyone to do the same thing we need to be discovering what each Christian does best, what they excel at. I believe it was William Barclay who said that when Matthew left the tax office he brought his pen with him – and wrote one of the accounts of Jesus' life. He was good at writing and brought his gifts and used them in the Lord's service.

This aligns with what Paul wrote to the Christians in Corinth. *"If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be"* (1 Corinthians 12:17-18).

We should be thankful that we are not all the same with the same gifts and abilities. I learned long ago that there are some things I can do fairly well and others that if I were to do it would make things worse rather than better. I've learned to steer clear of what I can't do and to spend time on what I can do.

Having said that, this doesn't mean that we can't learn how to serve in new areas. We realise that part of growth is to take on new responsibilities that may help us to develop new abilities. These then are our gifts that we can use to serve God.

Let's encourage others to develop in those areas in which they are gifted and in this way help to build up the body of Christ. Let's help people to discover how they can best serve.

Jon



CONGRATULATIONS!

New Christians in Wembley

We are happy to share news of three recent baptisms at Wembley: **Charissa Monney** (on 19th February), **Tamanna Mulaparthi** (on 2nd April) and **Richard Nagy** (on 9th April).

We pray that they will grow in their faith and love for the Lord as they begin a new life in Christ.

John Griffiths

AT REST

Tony Smith (Northampton)

5th October 1958-22nd March 2023

We report the passing of Tony Smith of Northampton. Born on 5th October 1958 Tony passed from this life on 22nd March 2023. Please keep in prayer his wife Denise, daughters Gemma and DeeAnn, sons-in-law Wayne and Alex, grandchildren, and siblings.

Denise and Tony were among the first-fruits of the campaigns that were held as a congregation was established in Northampton. He was one of the first trustees and with others remortgaged their homes to help fund the purchase of land to build a meeting place. He and Denise were instrumental in ensuring we have the benefit of a wonderful building today. Tony's interest in the well-being of the congregation and the upkeep of the building would continue through the rest of his life.

I first got to know Tony when the Loughborough, Corby and Northampton congregations used to arrange football matches against each other in the early 1980's. What I learnt about him then,



and stayed with him, was an interest in people. In conversation he was interested in your life.

Tony had several business interests and helped charities in the town. He was particularly interested in helping the Afro-Caribbean community using his knowledge and experience to advise and help.

The congregation in Northampton benefitted greatly in its early days and is in a good situation now because of all that was done by Tony. We pray that his wife Denise will be sustained by her faith in God and that the whole family will find comfort at this time.

Mark Hill



Mission to Croatia

It was my privilege to be invited by Next Generation Ministries to help with an annual camp held in Crikvenica hosted by the Varazdin congregation in Croatia. Phil Brookman, from the Memorial Road congregation in Oklahoma, was the speaker each evening.

The theme for the camp (which is actually in a hotel) was 'Follow Me'. Croatians and Ukrainians studied together. A friend I made in Russia nearly 30 years ago, Joel E. Petty, translated for the Ukrainians through a whisper mic set. It is amazing how technology can allow us to work with different languages and people groups all at once. Phil spoke in the evening and then the following morning the various groups studied that topic.

Friendship and forgiveness were poignantly discussed. One Ukrainian proverb is: a true friend is revealed in crisis. They certainly have gone through crisis but we saw God had been at work over the past year and how God has brought them new friends through the church.

I was able to give a testimonial to the whole group about how all the different nationalities and cultures have come together by God's grace in Northampton, to give them hope of how the church there can be united in Christ no matter the background of each group.

There were three baptisms mid-week – Adam, Una, and Lana. Una made this decision first, which was announced, and her decision helped spur others to think about and consider this. It is a courageous decision for youth to make these days.

Joel Petty gave a great testimonial about the suffering that is happening right now due to war. Though an American missionary he made his home in Russia, married a Russian girl, and had children there. Due to the war he and his family were forced to leave. Ukrainians and others were touched by what he said and had tears in their eyes. Joel's presence at the camp, was useful not only for his Russian language skills but his experience helped us connect and serve even more with the Ukrainians.

Of the 25 or so teens who were there only three were Christians (these are mainly teens from the community), and now three more have been added! Sara, a teen who became a Christian last summer, gave a great testimony.

God is doing great things in Croatia and Next Generation using "storyoffredemptionfilms.com" are going a long way to helping. Please get in touch if you would like more information on how you could be involved or use this wonderful tool in your home congregation, internationally or personally.



Three immersed in Croatia



Modernisation & Christianity

(Romans 12:2)



2023 Workshop

Organised by Edmonton Church of Christ

Date: Saturday 8th July 2023

Time: 10:00am – 4:00pm (BST)



Venue:

Zoom

Meeting ID: 830 5148 5139

Passcode: workshop

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BRITISH BIBLE SCHOOL NOTES

How can the British Bible School help your congregation?

At the end of 2 Peter we find these words: *"Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."* (2 Peter 3:17-18 NIV)

Notice the contrast made here. On the one hand they needed to be careful not to be carried away by those who were distorting the Scriptures (2 Peter 3:16) but the contrast to this is the need to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus. This applies as much to our living in the 21st century as it did to Christians living in the 1st century. To make sure that we are not led away from the healthy teaching found in God's word we need to have the *knowledge* of Jesus found in God's word.

This is why the British Bible School exists. What we do is based on the words of Paul to Timothy: *"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others"* (2 Timothy 2:2). Teaching others to teach others so they can teach others. This is the way Christians grow and also help others to grow.

The Bible School offers opportunities to study God's word and grow in our knowledge of and service for Jesus. Central to our teaching programme is our Applied Bible Studies

Curriculum. Modules covering all the books of the Bible and many related topics are available. In recent years teaching has taken place in congregations throughout the length and breadth of the UK as well as our annual Residential Study Week held at Bassenfell Manor in the Lake District. Congregations host

most of our studies which allows us to teach a module over two weekends. Why not consider hosting a module that would help your congregation? The list of possible modules can be found on our website. Study weekends have already taken place in Northampton and are planned for East Kilbride and Bassenfell later this year. Join us if you can!

The recent pandemic gave us the opportunity to offer Bible studies online. These continue to take place on Monday and Thursday evenings from 8.00 to 9.00 pm. This is ideal for those who do not have access to a mid-week study or just want to learn more from God's word. Those attending come from all over the world. There are no obligations nor requirements. Consider joining us for one of these studies – links can be found on our website and in our social media. We are also offering our modules through online teaching during various times of the year. We plan to offer the next module on line next year. Contact us for more information.

Also on offer are Training Weekends for congregations to look at an aspect of their service. Popular training events have been those on leadership, congregational growth, and missional outreach, although other sessions are available. One of our teachers comes for a Saturday to spend around four hours discussing various ideas that will aid us in our serving. Further information and how to book a training event can be found on our website.

As we consider how we can grow and better serve Jesus, both individually and in our local assembly, consider inviting the British Bible School to come and help. We are here to serve and through our service to give glory to God. As Peter concluded his second letter: *"To him be glory both now and for ever! Amen."*

Jon Galloway
britishbibleschool.com





FAMILY NEWS

HYVOTS BANK (EDINBURGH)

Jerry Rushford's Hymn Tour – visit to Edinburgh on Tuesday, 23rd May at 7.00 pm.

The Tour Group consists of forty brothers and sisters and will be a wonderful opportunity for an evening of fellowship and hymn singing, supplemented by Jerry's breadth of knowledge about the hymn writers and composers. As this may well be Jerry's last tour, it would be wonderful to join and support the Tour group for an uplifting gathering of singing and praise to God.

Helen Strang

WEMBLEY (LONDON)

Having a conversation about death, dying and funerals may not seem an appealing way to spend a Sunday afternoon, but this is what we did on 23rd April. About twenty people stayed behind after our worship assembly to use a resource called 'Grave Talk' which is designed to help people have conversations around the difficult subject of death.

Divided into small discussion groups we used the pre-set questions provided to begin conversations. Questions are open and have no right or wrong answers and cover such topics as things that are important to us in life, how we would like to be remembered, death and what we think it means, how our culture and society deals with death, our experiences of funerals, and experiences of grief. This is a conversation amongst friends in a relaxed atmosphere.

Those who attended, some of whom had recently been bereaved, said they found it helpful. It made us all aware of the need to show care and support to those who have been bereaved, and to feel comfortable talking about a subject many seek to avoid. We hope to continue to provide this opportunity in the future.

If you think you might be interested in using this resource more information about Grave Talk can be found on the website: www.gravetalk.org. The Grave Talk question cards and guide can be purchased from Eden.co.uk.

John Griffiths

VITAL INFORMATION

The Liversage congregation recently closed and sold their place of worship, but

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A LITERARY & HYMN PILGRIMAGE

EDINBURGH
St Andrew's & St
George's West
13 George Street
7.00pm Tuesday
23rd May 2023

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Family News

things have not worked out as easily as they could have done. Here is some vital information for congregations who own buildings.

1. **Trustees.** It is vitally important that congregations keep up to date having a full number of trustees. Liversage did not, and when it came to the point of signing documents a former member who was still a trustee, refused to sign. Quite often congregations have the incorrect number of trustees and problems arise. We must be good stewards. Trustees are in fact the guardians of the building and as such in effect the owners.
2. **Capital Gains Tax.** Liversage have been charged Capital Gains Tax because they failed to register the congregation as a charity. When a congregation is a charity they are requested to dispose of their goods, funds, etc. (in the event of a sale) to the nearest church in faith and practise.
3. **Registered charity.** By being a registered charity not only will Capital Gains Tax be kept at bay but those who contribute and are tax payers can considerably increase their offerings. Those who do not use this facility are wasting their money.

Thank you Sister Brown for sharing this information with us.

Trevor Williams

Enjoy one of the most beautiful places in Greece for wonderful Christian fellowship!

The event will take place in ancient Corinth from 28th June - 2nd July. The cost is €350 per person sharing a double occupancy room + about €24 to go from Athens to Corinth. The price include 12 delicious meals. There will be lots of time for fellowship and free time. The theme is Hebrews 6:19.

Fly out and stay for as long as you want to. A visit to the Omonia church in Athens will thrill your soul. Let me know if you would like more information or what to do in Greece. Please e-mail me at thesaint195@gmail.com

Trevor

JOIN US for a time of *Encouragement*.

A time to *Refresh* and *Restore*,

to *Reset*, *Focus* and *Re-ignite* the fire.

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AROUND THE WORLD

TURKEY

We have continued to work hard to help those who are suffering in Turkey because of the earthquakes. The official number of earthquake causalities is somewhere between 50,000-60,000. However, many experts believe this is a very conservative estimate and that in reality the numbers are much higher. A devastating amount of buildings were destroyed completely and many more were left uninhabitable. Thousands of people are currently living in tents and container houses.

Unfortunately, because of the degree of destruction, it may take several years to rebuild these cities.

Because of your generous response to help our church with relief efforts, we have been able to provide thousands of people with assistance such as food, water, clothing, and container houses. Up to this point we have spent \$180,000 of gifts of support. This is amazing! This has only been possible through the generosity of you and your churches! And we stay committed to this project.

As a congregation, we have focused on helping the displaced people that have relocated to Antalya during this time. Currently we have eighteen people living at our church building. We provide meals for them and support their basic needs.

Additionally, we continue to help support the work going on in the cities of Hatay and Adiyaman. For these two cities, which have been left in shambles from the earthquakes, we have joined forces with other Turkish Christians and churches to bring assistance. We are providing food, water, clothing, and toiletries to the people in these areas. One of our goals is to provide more

container houses for people to have better temporary housing.

Every three weeks, representatives from our church go to the city of Adiyaman to help hands-on with the earthquake victims, and we have been building special relationships with the people there. Adiyaman appears (at first glance) a difficult place to reach for Christ, yet we have found the people there to be very open to us. There is not a Christian church in the city – as we have been working there, it has occurred to us that this is the ideal time to start a congregation in Adiyaman. We have begun to discuss this plan with several other Turkish churches in nearby cities. Our goal is to partner with them to plant this church if the Lord allows.

As you can see, it has been a fruitful time for the Turkish Christians to be able to use earthquake relief as a way to be a light to many unreached people in Turkey. It has allowed us to have a presence in cities and areas that we would really struggle to get into otherwise. It has also been a tool which has helped to unify the countrywide Turkish church as we come together to serve and help those in need.

In addition to the earthquake relief efforts, we have some other good news to share. Here in Antalya, we always take the opportunity as a church to use Easter as a way to reach out to unbelievers. This year we were able to host three different services at outside venues in the city. Guests came because they were curious about Easter and to hear musical performances, but we also presented the gospel message during these services. Approximately 800 guests came and heard the good news

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about Jesus and most of them also went home with a Turkish New Testament.

In the midst of all of this, by the grace of God, we were also able to start meeting at our church's third location in Antalya. After a large grand opening, the Turkish church held its first meeting in the new building on Good Friday. This coming Sunday the whole church will come together to have a special joint service at the new east location (in Konyaalti). It will surely be a time of great excitement and joy as we look forward to what the future holds the Christians here, as we begin to meet in three locations each Sunday.

Thank you all for your prayers, support and encouragement. We are grateful for all the ways that you have come behind us and have helped us as we seek to use every opportunity to spread the Good News of Christ in Antalya and to all of Turkey.

The Christians in Antalya
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AFRICA

CONGO

Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is the second largest country in Africa (Tunisia is the largest country in Africa in land mass). Kinshasa, capital of DRC, is the second largest French speaking city in the world. The population of DRC is more than 105 million and there are more than 250 languages and dialects spoken in DRC with French as the official language. Less than two percent of DRC roads are paved. DRC is rich in minerals including copper, Diamonds, Cobalt and Coltan.

I am both English and French speaking and this has



Previously abandoned children enjoying Sunday worship

assisted in outreach in Congo. From the seventies onwards we have held Bible workshops for Congolese converts and encouraged them to go wherever they can in DRC to teach people about Christ and start congregation. They have been independent and self-supporting in their evangelistic endeavours from their initial efforts. Several hundred congregations have been formed all over DRC. I have driven a pick-up truck over many bush roads and tracks in DRC and I have had confrontations on different occasions with a witch doctor and an armed militia group.

There is fighting between rebel groups and the DRC army especially in eastern DRC. One of the militia groups is affiliated to Islamic State. There was an attack recently by the Islamic State affiliate on an open air river baptismal service. There were fourteen killed and 114 wounded. However preaching of the gospel of Christ continues in DRC and every week we hear from Christians with the good news of more and more people in coming to Christ and being immersed.

ZAMBIA

Zambia is a landlocked country with a tropical climate and mainly on a high plateau to the South of Congo and to the North of Zimbabwe. Zambia is about three times the size of the UK and slightly larger than Texas. The population of Zambia is 19 million and the capital city is Lusaka with a population of 3.5 million. About 40 percent of Zambia's population live in towns.

Zambia's longest river is the Zambezi which is 2574 miles long and flows through Victoria Falls and Lake Kariba. The source of the Zambezi is in Zambia and it flows thru six countries to the Indian Ocean. The Zambezi is the longest east flowing river in Africa. We had our own canoe

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which was eventually sunk by a crocodile.

Victoria Falls is the largest waterfalls in the world with Zambia to the North and Zimbabwe to the South. The British explorer David Livingstone visited the Falls in 1855 and named them Victoria Falls after the British Queen Victoria. In Zambia the Falls are called Mosi- oa-Tunya which translates into English as 'the Smoke that Thunders'. The thunder from the Falls can be heard 25 miles away. Angela and I with our children have enjoyed white water rafting on the Zambezi just below the Falls. If you would like to go white water rafting at Victoria Falls, it is essential to get physically fit! Climbing up the cliff out of the river gorge after white water rafting is hard work!

Lake Kariba is the largest man made lake in the world and is the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. When baptising at Lake Kariba it is important to watch out for crocodiles!

There are many game parks in Zambia. Kafue Game Park is the oldest and largest and is about the size of Wales in the UK. Giraffes, zebras, elephants, antelopes, buffaloes, hippos and other wild animals roam freely. Wild dogs and black rhinos are endangered species and can still be seen here.

English is the official language of Zambia. There



Andries, an experienced preacher, is employed by the government as a local education director of schools

are 72 languages and dialects in Zambia. The two most widely spoken are Bemba and Nyanja.

Mission work among churches of Christ in Zambia has traditionally been amongst the Tonga tribe in the South of the country. We made our home for almost twenty years in the North of Zambia near the Congo-Zambia border with a focus on evangelism and helping start congregations in other provinces and areas. I have organised Bible workshops over the years which have assisted in the development of local church leaders and preachers for independent self-supporting congregations in Zambia. I continue to be in daily contact with church leaders in Zambia, many of whom I personally led to Christ many years ago or they are became Christians due to their work.

A country wide youth camp was held in Lusaka, Zambia, recently. There were 2,535 young people at the youth camp who came from 106 congregations in eight different provinces of Zambia and there were 55 who were immersed into Christ. Some of the organisers and congregations are the fruit of our mission work.

BOPHUTHATSWANA

Bophuthatswana, translated from the Tswana language, means "a gathering of the Tswana people" and is the name of a country given its independence by South Africa in 1977. The majority of Tswana speaking people were in Botswana or across the border in Bophuthatswana. Bophuthatswana is often called Bop in conversation.



Chester with a family of believers taught by him

Around the World

We lived for six years in Bop and about fifteen independent congregations were planted. The outreach was and is mainly amongst whites, Tswana speaking Africans and bushmen. An itinerant preacher has been employed by the Bop churches. A Christian school was established in the Kalahari Desert out of local finances.

We were in Bop when the South African military marched into and took over. We stayed below window level in our house as various armies and militias fired at each other. Bop was reincorporated into South Africa in 1994.

Bop had a population of about 2.4 million in 1990. Only about ten percent of Bop's land was arable. It has platinum mines with two-thirds of the world's platinum coming from here. South Africans would

go to Sun City in Bop for gambling at the casino. At that time gambling was illegal in South Africa but was allowed in Bop and was very profitable.

Bop had its own TV station and three radio stations and

Angela with Christian women



we would produce Christian programmes to go on air.

At present, a new congregation is being planted on the north side of Mmbatho/Mafikeng, the capital city of Bop and now of the Northwest province.

SOUTH AFRICA'S EASTERN CAPE

In 1994 the two homelands of Ciskei and Transkei, together with an eastern portion of South Africa's Cape Province, came together in the new South African province of the Eastern Cape. The Eastern Cape is the traditional home area of the Xhosa people. Nelson Mandela, South Africa's first black President, came from the Eastern Cape.

The population of the Eastern Cape is 6.9 million. The Eastern Cape is the hub of South Africa's automotive industry with assembly plants in East London and Port Elizabeth. There are 110 game parks and game farms in the Eastern Cape which collectively is a greater area for game than the Kruger National Park.

The Eastern Cape is on the east coast of South Africa with KwaZulu Natal to the north, the Western Cape to the south and the Northern Cape, the Free State and the independent kingdom of Lesotho to the west. One can baptise those coming to Christ in the Indian Ocean, the rivers, swimming pools or baptisteries. Our emphasis is on encouraging all of the Christians to be soul-winners for Christ and to see churches of New Testament faith and practice established throughout the Eastern Cape.

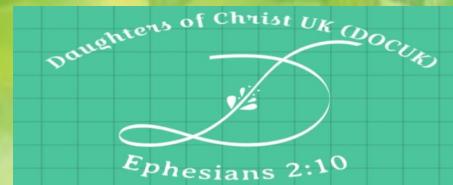
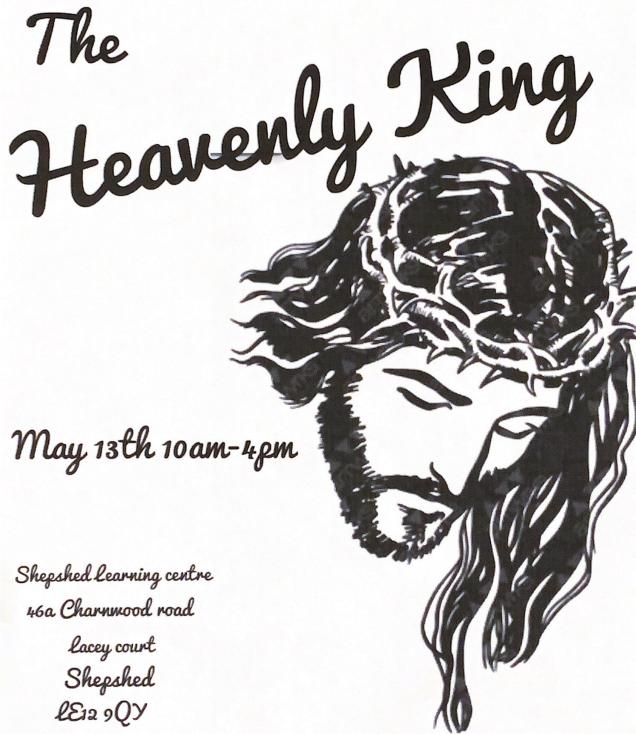
Thank you for your interest and your prayers for the outreach in Africa. Please keep us and our co-workers in your prayers.

Chester and Angela Woodhall

Angela with young believers



NOTICES



DOCUK LADIES' MINISTRY IS HOSTING A TWO-PART PROGRAM ON:

Monday 29th May 2023: 1:30- 5:30 PM UK Time

PART ONE

Lessons based on the theme:

SERVING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Focusing on Evangelism, Edification & Education, Benevolence, Youths

Speakers from: Trinidad & Tobago, Canada and UK

PART TWO

Launch of Sisters International Support & Referral Project

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ZOOM LINK: <https://bit.ly/3oqlEBc>

Meeting ID: 681 623 4697 Passcode: DOCUKlm21

Contact Bernie Wells: docuklm2021@gmail.com

The Book of Acts

(part two)

an introduction to Luke's second volume

Thursdays at 8.00 pm
from 3rd April ... for 12 weeks

THE HEART OF DAVID

Thursdays at 8.00 pm
from 6th April ... for 12 weeks

Links to join the classes can be found on the BBS social media and website: www.britishbibleschool.com



DIARY

May

1st – **British Bible School** evening class: “The Book of Acts, part 2” taught by Patrick Boyns each Monday, 8.00-9.00 pm. Links to join the class can be found on the BBS social media and website: www.britishbibleschool.com.

4th – **British Bible School** evening class: “The Heart of David” taught by Mark Hill each Thursday, 8.00-9.00 pm. Links to join the class can be found on the BBS social media and website: www.britishbibleschool.com.

5th – **British Bible School** quiz night: a light-hearted, educational Bible quiz hosted by Steve Whitehead, the first Friday of each month from 8.00-9.00 pm. Links to join the quiz can be found on the BBS social media and website: www.britishbibleschool.com.

13th – **Shepshed (Loughborough)**: Fellowship Day: The Heavenly King, 10.00 am-4.00 pm. Speakers: Mark Hill and Mike Glover. Venue: Shepshed Learning Centre, 46a Charnwood Road, Lacey Court, Shepshed LE12 9QY. Contact: Stephen Woodcock (stephen.woodcock@hotmail.co.uk).

20th – **Great Barr (Birmingham)**: Bible Seminar (rescheduled from March) – “Growing in the Grace and Knowledge of Christ” (2 Peter 3), 2.30-6.30 pm. Venue: The Pheasey Community Hub, Hillingford Ave, Birmingham B43 7HN (about a two-minute walk from our old location at the Collingwood Community Centre). Contact: Sola Adeosun (sola.adeosun@gmail.com) or John Onebuchi (johnonyebuchi321@gmail.com).

20th – **East Kilbride**: Devotional Evening, 7.00 pm. Contact: christianwoman@btinternet.com.

23rd – **Hyvots Bank (Edinburgh)**: “A Literary & Hymn Pilgrimage: (escorted by Dr Jerry Rushford, professor of church history, Pepperdine University). Venue: St Andrew’s & St George’s West, 13 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PA, 7.00 pm (not the Hyvots Bank building and is located directly opposite the Dome Restaurant – parking: free on street parking after 6.30 pm). Contact: Helen Kerr (hkerr412@yahoo.co.uk).

June

3rd – **Great Barr (Birmingham)**: “An Evening of Psalms and Praise”, 7.00-8.30 pm. Venue: Zoom (Meeting ID: 879 9050 1513; Password: 484833). Contact: Sola Adeosun (sola.adeosun@gmail.com) or John Onebuchi (johnonyebuchi321@gmail.com).

17th – **Stretford (Manchester)**: Special meeting – “Who is Jesus?”, 1.00-4.00 pm. Speaker: Sam Appiah Anane. Contact: Pilomon Raja (dr_mpraja@yahoo.co.uk or 07963 876942).

17th – **Castlemilk**: Devotional Evening, 7.00 pm. Contact: christianwoman@btinternet.com.

July

14th – **Kirkcaldy**: “Evangelism Through Discipleship: An Ancient Method in a New Time”, 10.00 am-4.00 pm. Venue: Balmule House, Dunfermline (directions can be found at www.balmule.co.uk). Contact: Alan Moyes (alan.j.moyes@gmail.com).

23rd-28th – **Camp Tayside**. Location: Douglaswood Scout Camp near Dundee. Contact: Aubrey Boyns (a.boyns@gmail.com).

August

5th-12th – **British Bible Camp**: EPIC – the Greatest Fish Story Every Told. Location: Lockerley Water Farm, E Tytherley Road, Lockerley, Romsey SO51 0LW. Contact: Jason Snethen (07795 560990 or Britishbiblecamp@gmail.com).

September

15th-17th November – **British Bible School** Autumn Family Retreat at Letton Hall. Further details and registration will be on our website soon, but make plans now.

November

6th-10th November – **British Bible School** Autumn Study Week at Bassenfell Manor. Further details and registration will be on our website soon, but make plans now.



THE FINAL WORD



The Coronation

I was five years of age when my parents bought a television for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. I remember our tiny house being filled with neighbours fascinated to see such an event live. Nothing like this had ever been experienced live!

The day continued with a huge party in the street which was covered in bunting and Union flags. It was a day to remember and a day that has been watched over and over again on TV.

6th May will of course be an amazing day with pomp and ceremony. Many will be thrilled while some will grumble – such is life.

Coronations have gone on for millennia, and are included within the pages of scripture. Samuel the prophet anointed Saul and David, whilst Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anointed Solomon king. We are only too aware that while some kings in history have

been amazing characters others have been real scoundrels.

While we think of coronations only for royalty there is a coronation day for the Christian. We shall receive the crown of life by the hands of Jesus himself (Revelation 2:10) because our priesthood is royal. The tender hands that were nailed to the cross for our redemption will bless us at our great reception into Heaven.

For the sake of our American brethren can I add at this point that the King will not be coronated but crowned. Coronation is not a verb.

Let me encourage all to pray for the Sovereign of the United Kingdom that he may rule with wisdom for the benefit of the people. As we sing the national anthem pray also for his soul. And so we say once again, God save The King, Long live the King.

Trevor

