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Front cover and above: the beauty of spring in Netherburn



MY PERSPECTIVE



Time waits for nobody

A few months ago as I was listening to music while driving I heard a song by the late Freddie Mercury: "Time waits for no one". That phrase (and melody) became stuck in my head and has continued to reverberate.

Arlene and I spent almost a month in the USA over April and May and, as we travelled, that phrase kept coming into my head. We were able to visit my remaining aunts and uncles and it very much struck home that *time waits for nobody*. In my memory they are far younger than the people we saw.

Even my own siblings brought this to my mind as I saw a brother dealing with the early stages of Parkinson's Disease, and my other two siblings struggling with quite severe arthritis – *time waits for nobody*.

One of the themes that we discussed as I visited my supporters was when I can draw my pension (not that they brought it up – I did). I find it hard to believe that this month I've now been living and working for the Lord in Scotland for forty years. In less than two years I can draw my state pension. I've often asked, 'How did this happen?!' I think the answer has to be '*time waits for nobody*'.

I spent time in the USA visiting a few cemeteries where I have ancestors buried. Names that I had only seen on paper were now seen on gravestones. I wondered what type of people they were – many I know were Christians and actively involved in their local congregation. Yet they are no longer here. *Time waits for nobody*.

The lyrics of the song written by Freddie Mercury emphasise this sentiment:

*Time waits for nobody
We all must plan our hopes together
Or we'll have no more future at all
Time waits for nobody*

*We might as well be deaf and dumb and blind
I know that sounds unkind
But it seems to me
We've not listened to
Or spoken about it at all
The fact that time is running out for us all
You don't need me to tell you what's gone wrong
You know what's going on
And it seems to me we've not cared enough
Or confided in each other at all
It seems like we've all got our backs against the wall
Time waits for nobody
Time waits for no one
We've got to build this world together
Or we'll have no more future at all
Because time, it waits for nobody*

Although his emphasis was very much on this world I think we can see an application for our lives as Christians. The only time we have is now – we are not guaranteed anything else, not even tomorrow. Whatever we need to do we need to do it now, because *time, it waits for nobody*.

This is what Paul emphasised when he wrote: "*I tell you, now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of salvation*" (2 Corinthians 6:2 NIV). Jesus emphasised the same thing: "*As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no-one can work*" (John 9:4).

May we make the best use of our time on the earth so that we are prepared for eternity. *Time waits for nobody*.

Jon



DIRECTORY UPDATE

UPDATED INFORMATION

Aylesbury (lately meeting at Mandeville Road)

Christians: 22

Meeting Place: The Fairford Leys Centre, Hampden Square, Aylesbury HP19 7HT (send all correspondence via email or phone)

Address: churchofchristaylesbury@gmail.com

Meeting Times: Sunday, 10.00 am

Contact: Kevin & Jane Nicholson (07940 021917)

CHRISTIANS MEETING IN NORWICH

Norwich

Christians: 2

Meeting Place: NR5 8RS

Meeting Times: Sunday, 9.00 am

Contact: Bismark Ansah Anim (07425 741639) or Swintabel Agyei (07425 741489)

Three uplifting events you won't want to miss at La Maison de Perrine, France!

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-nJzSpTudD4i65Hk_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/1Zl6wPFI BXwdGenMwS6GiVPlxZjqKOnYebjFakw7MD7U/edit?tab=t.0>

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 Jerry Jones for sign-up information: elite.not.elitist@gmail.com.

Another of our
Evening Online Lectures

Saturday, 7th June 2025 at
7.30 pm

Presenter: Jon Galloway

See website for details
britishbibleschool.com

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OUR VICTORY PARADE

Over the past month or so many people around the world have been celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Victory in Europe is now remembered by fewer and fewer people who were present each year. Many this year would have seen the King, the parades, military bands or been part of the celebrations one way or another. There were times of sadness and times of rejoicing. One thing for sure is that mankind needs to remember the past to go forward into the future.

The story is told of a faithful Christian believer who went to the first World War, willing to help but refusing to fight. William Coltman was born in 1891 and was a professing Christian and believed that it was wrong to fight. When called up to fight he refused to take a gun but said that he would serve on the battlefield as a stretcher-bearer. William became one of the highest decorated soldiers of the war and never shot a bullet. He received The Military Cross and Bar, Distinguished Conduct Medal and Bar, various other medals and eventually was awarded the Victoria Cross. William was willing to work as a stretcher-bearer with someone else when necessary but often went out onto the field and carried the wounded on his back. He was only 5' 4" (1.63m) but by going beyond the call of duty he saved hundreds of men. He never considered himself a brave man but believed it was important to serve the Lord Jesus wherever he could.

Sometimes we may think that Heaven is a reward for being a faithful Christian, but we would be very wrong. To receive a reward means that we must attain a certain standard and work towards it. Ephesians 2:8-10 tells us that 'it is by grace we are saved through faith, and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works so that no one can boast'. For the

Christian it is easy to say they have believed, that they have repented, been baptised, and lived a faithful life – but we can end up thinking that because we have done all these things God ought to accept us.

Listening to the radio on VE Day there was a recording of John Major recounting the 50th anniversary. There was a large parade, and the Royals present were her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret. There came along a man who was poorly dressed and quite shabby. He was stopped and questioned by various people. There was a slight breeze, and his shabby-looking mac opened to reveal a Victoria Cross on his coat. A soldier saw this and went over to the man and saluted – all soldiers are required to salute the cross wherever they are. He was then asked: why have you come? The reply was simply, 'I have come to see my Queen'. The man was ushered onto the dais with the Royals.

When I heard this, I felt a thud in my chest. On the Day of Judgement if I am asked, 'why have you come here?', I think I could probably offer a reasonable theological discussion. But anything I could say would boil down to admitting that I have done nothing, but that Jesus has provided everything for my salvation. So rather than say anything else if I am asked why I am standing in the Judgment Hall of God, what I want to say is simply, 'I have come to see my King'. To see Jesus enthroned in glory will be the blessing that I have waited for all my life and the sight that can sustain me throughout eternity. We can do nothing to save ourselves, but Jesus calls us to follow him and as we follow, we are privileged to grow in understanding and obedience so that one day we can all stand and say, 'We have come to see our King'.

Trevor

AT REST

Celebration of Life

Date: Sat 21st June 2025
Time: 6pm – 11pm

Venue
Bounces Road
Community Hall
1 Foxglove Close
Edmonton N9 8LW

Dress Code: Black & Red

You are invited to celebrate the life of
Obaapayin Grace Akua Prah Nyarko

by Bro Paul & Francis
Nyarko, Sis Gladys
Mensah & the family


son daughter-in-law son

Contacts for further information
Bro Paul Nyarko: 07572998555
Elder Charles Banin 07506689396
Sis Gladys Mensah: 07852454701
Nana Kennedy: 07809408151
Deacon Desmond: 07852189966



Aughton & Liverpool Ladies Day

Saturday 7th June 2025
10:30am - 3:30pm (10am Tea & Coffee)

Seasons of Life



Younger Years
Speakers: Victoria Egege (Sheffield) & Rachael Asiamah (Tunbridge Wells)

Middle Years
Speakers: Nike Adeosun (Great Barr)

Older Years
Speakers: Sheila Daniel (Aughton)

Address: Liverpool Church of Christ, Picton Road, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 8QH

RSVP to Sis.Funmi on 07915389552



FAMILY NEWS

GREAT BARR (BIRMINGHAM)

The congregation in Great Barr recently held a Bible Seminar at the Beacon Church meeting hall on the theme 'Maintaining Godly Values in a Changing World'. The programme was well attended, and it was lovely to see our brothers and sisters from Summer Lane, Ilkeston, Shepshed, and Aughton.

Mike Glover of the Aughton congregation presented two lessons. The first highlighted the need for Christians to be fully committed following the example of the unchanging Christ in a dynamic world by shining as stars in this dark world of sin. He encouraged devotion to pleasing God in spite of the growing spate of ungodliness and the lying wonders of the devil, highlighting the need to avoid grumbling and to hold firmly to God's word.

In his second lesson, Mike highlighted how Christ led Satan to the cross and crushed him, fulfilling the prophecy found in Genesis 3. He invited Christians to also lead people to the cross of Christ for salvation, to lead by exemplary lives and to genuinely love God and people.

In addition to the lessons we had a great time of fellowship singing glorious songs, sharing good meals and getting updates as to events in various congregations.

Our thanks are offered to Mike Glover for his time and efforts in putting these great lessons together, to Funmi for her continued godly support for Mike, and also to all those who encouraged us by attending the Bible Seminar.

Sola Adeosun & John Onyebuchi

WEMBLEY (LONDON)

Over eighty women from fourteen congregations came together on Saturday, 15th May 2025, to have fellowship, meet friends and make new ones.

The theme for the day was "Women of the Bible: Our True Influencers and Jesus our Greatest Influencer".

We had four excellent speakers who spoke on this theme and provided us with spiritual food – their messages were most encouraging and uplifting.

We also had a Question & Answer session with audience participation. The singing was sensational and uplifting. There was much fun and laughter.

We would like to thank all the sisters that came from far and near to support us.

Anne Airebamen



LADIES AFTERNOON
OF SONGS

Hosted by the ladies of Thamesmead

Saturday, 14th June 2025
11am - 4pm

A day filled with fellowship in song and praise. We will have congregational singing. Please let us know in advance if your congregation wish to prepare a song for the day. These will be limited and need to be prepared in advance.

For more information contact:
Tina - 07773 786411
Joyce - 07886 613926

Thamesmead Church of Christ
40 Manor Close
London SE28 8EY

A stylized illustration of a tree with colorful musical notes floating around its branches, and a butterfly at the bottom left.



APPEALS & UPDATES

PAKISTAN

Perhaps you have seen the name **Naeem Sabir** a few times reading the *Christian Worker*. This brother lives and works for Jesus in a land where Christians are persecuted on a regular basis.

Naeem needs to raise at least £200 a month to continue his work for the Lord. The number of Christians is growing and being blessed as a result of his work. Can the congregation where you are help financially? Could you be a part of that needed £200?

Please pray about this request and contact Barbara Fisher who is our contact with Naeem on blfisher888@aol.com. Thank you so much.

Trevor Williams

PHILIPPINES

Gigie Carranza taught a group of 725 women at a ladies' day held in Pangasinan, Philippines last month.

Gigie is asking for help to send the children in Philippines back to school in three weeks time with



new school bags and school supplies. The cost for each child will be approximately £10 and the congregation would like to supply enough for 100 children. If you are able, please help, however much you can.

Gigie Carranza

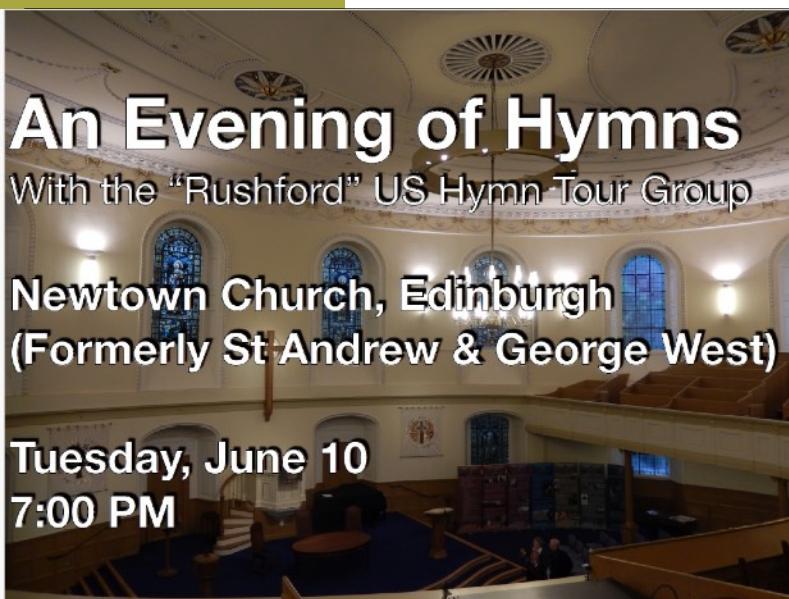
MYANMAR

Amongst the rebuilding, digging of new wells and gifts of beds and other supplies the people have been presented with the gospel. "It shows how our brethren, wherever they are, when they are equipped and empowered, they will succeed because of their passion for the Lord's work."

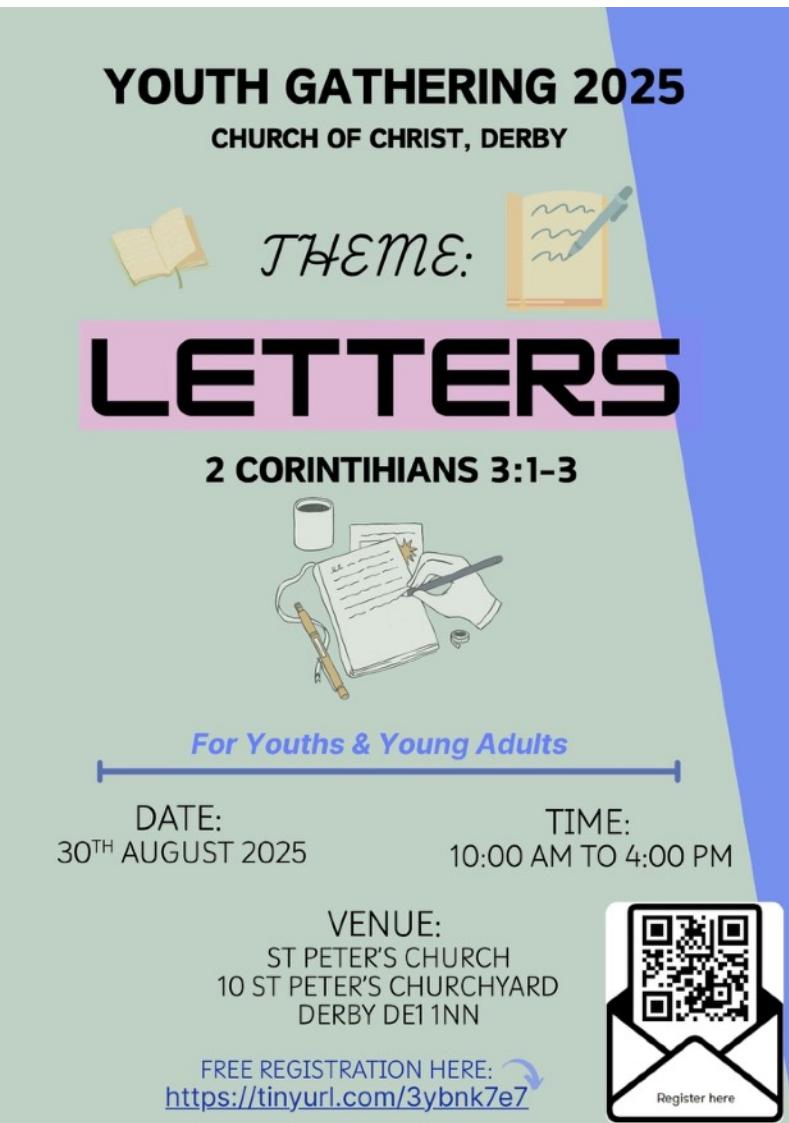
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NOTICES



An Evening of Hymns
With the "Rushford" US Hymn Tour Group
Newtown Church, Edinburgh
(Formerly St Andrew & George West)
Tuesday, June 10
7:00 PM



YOUTH GATHERING 2025
CHURCH OF CHRIST, DERBY

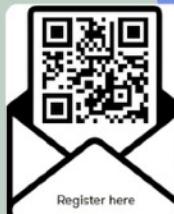
THEME: *LETTERS*
2 CORINTHIANS 3:1-3

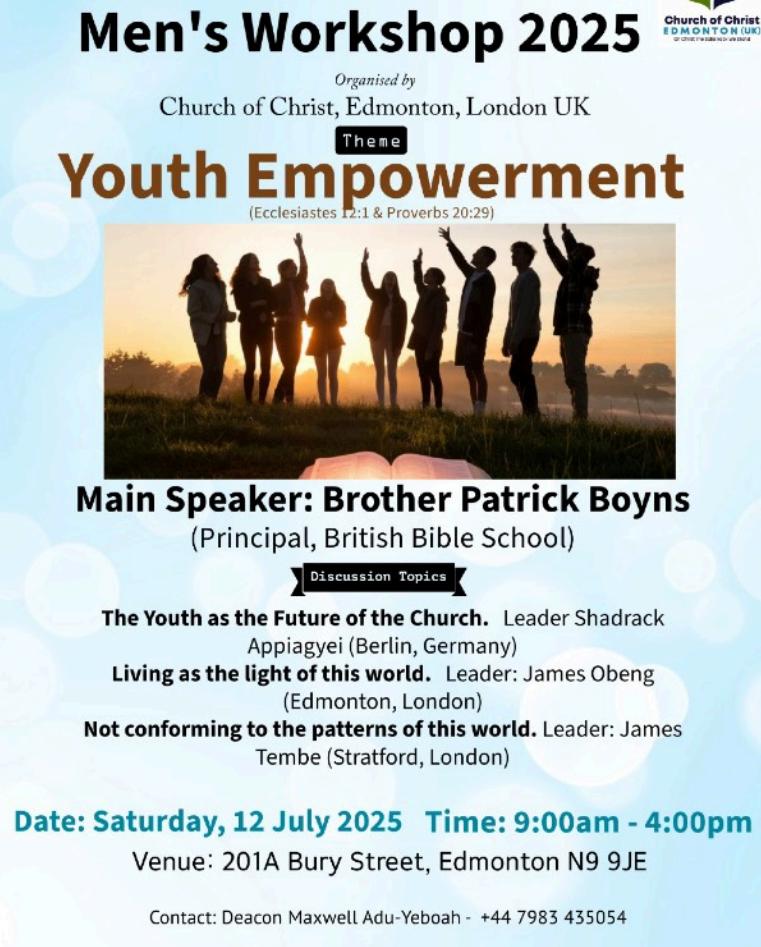
For Youths & Young Adults

DATE: 30TH AUGUST 2025 **TIME:** 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

VENUE:
ST PETER'S CHURCH
10 ST PETER'S CHURCHYARD
DERBY DE1 1NN

FREE REGISTRATION HERE: <https://tinyurl.com/3ybnk7e7>

 **Register here**



Men's Workshop 2025
Organised by Church of Christ, Edmonton, London UK

Theme
Youth Empowerment
(Ecclesiastes 12:1 & Proverbs 20:29)



Main Speaker: Brother Patrick Boyns
(Principal, British Bible School)

Discussion Topics

The Youth as the Future of the Church. Leader Shadrack Appiagyei (Berlin, Germany)

Living as the light of this world. Leader: James Obeng (Edmonton, London)

Not conforming to the patterns of this world. Leader: James Tembe (Stratford, London)

Date: Saturday, 12 July 2025 Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm
Venue: 201A Bury Street, Edmonton N9 9JE
Contact: Deacon Maxwell Adu-Yeboah - +44 7983 435054



STRATFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST
REJOICE AND CELEBRATE (1 Cor. 12:1)

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT Series

Theme: Before and After I Say I Do!

SAT. 22ND FEBRUARY, 2025 **SAT. 24TH MAY, 2025** **SAT. 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2025** **SAT. 29TH NOVEMBER, 2025**

7PM - 9PM

 **ZOOM** Meeting ID: 8540976249 || Passcode: sc2020
Contacts: 07934731219 || 07852343010 || 07979096293



DIARY

June

2nd – 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.

5th – 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.

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

7th – British Bible School evening lecture: “The Campbell Connection” presented by Jon Galloway, 7.30-8.30 pm, on Zoom. Links to join the class can be found on the BBS social media and website: www.britishbibleschool.com.

10th – Edinburgh: 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 – Thamesmead (London): Ladies’ Afternoon of Songs, 11.00 am-4.00 pm. Contact: Sarah Dod (the_dods@hotmail.com).

14th June – Stretford (Manchester): Special Meeting – “To Whom Shall We Go?”, 1.00 pm-3.00 pm. Lunch followed by speaker: Sam Appiah Anane. Venue: Green Hut, 538 King’s Road, Stretford M32 8JT. For further information contact Pilomon (07963 876942) or www.stretfordcoc.org.

21st – East Kilbride: Devotional Evening, 7.00 pm, at 1 Scholar’s Gate, East Kilbride G75 9JL. Contact: east_kilbride_coc@outlook.com.

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

30th – British Bible School evening class: “Another look at Job” led by Mark Hill 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.

July

3rd – British Bible School evening class: “The Letters to the Seven Congregations” led by Jon Galloway, 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.

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.

10th-28th July – La Maison de Perrine, France: “Christian Faith and European Culture”, a university-level course open to all adults. For more information: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1J0zjg8-nJzSpTudD4i65Hk_SGQI0joVOpzess61OwA/edit?tab=t_0

12th – Edmonton (London): Men’s Workshop – “Youth Empowerment”, 9.00 am-4.00 pm; speakers: Patrick Boyns, Shadrack Appiagyei, James Obeng, and James Tembe. Venue: 201A Bury Street, Edmonton N9 9JE. Contact: info@edmontonchurchofchrist.org.uk or Maxwell Adu-Yeboah (07983 435054).

19th – Livingston: Devotional Evening, 7.00 pm, at Garden Place, Eliburn, Livingston EH54 8RA. Contact: info@churchofchrist.co.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).

Diary

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).

9th-15th August – La Maison de Perrine, France: “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/1Zl6wPFI BXwdGenMwS6GiVPlxZjqKOnYebjFakw7MD7U/edit?tab=t_0

16th – Kirkcaldy: Devotional Evening, 7.00 pm, at Hayfield Community Centre, Hayfield Road, Kirkcaldy KY2 5DG. Contact: alan.J.Moyes@gmail.com.

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 – East Kilbride: British Bible School Study weekends. Module: Christian Evidences; teachers: Mark Hill and Jon Galloway. Contact: study@britishbibleschool.com or jdgalloway@mac.com.

30th – Derby: Youth Gathering – “Letters”, 10.00-4.00 pm. Venue: St Peter’s Church , 10 St Peter’s Churchyard, Derby, DE1 1NN. Register to attend at: <https://tinyurl.com/3ybnk7e7>. For further information, contact: Ubong Bassey (07721 954487), Kingsley Acheampong (07940 654996), Femi Olabanjo (07354 704624) or William Adansi B. (07459 934347), or e-mail us at derbychurchofchrist@outlook.com.

September

1st-5th – La Maison de Perrine, France: 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.

12th-14th – British Bible School family retreat at Leyton Hall: “At the Name of Jesus”. Cost for the weekend: £100 per person. To register and for further information: <https://britishbibleschool.com/news-and-events/upcoming-events/letton-hall-family-retreat-2025>.

13th – Castlemilk: Devotional Evening, 7.00 pm, at 465 Carmunnock Road, Glasgow G45 9PU. Contact: delboy82@ntlworld.com or llubder55@yahoo.com.

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 tapitaruvunga@gmail.com.

27th – Stratford (London): 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 – Loughborough: 184th Anniversary Meeting, 6.30 pm; speaker: John Griffiths; refreshments to follow. Contact: Jason Hill (j.hill147@hotmail.co.uk).

18th – East Kilbride: Devotional Evening, 7.00 pm, at 1 Scholar’s Gate, East Kilbride G75 9JL. Contact: east_kilbride_coc@outlook.com.

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 (merysthee1@aol.com).

November

3rd-7th November – British Bible School Residential Study Week at Bassenthwaite Manor – “Post-Exilic Israel”. Contact: study@britishbibleschool.com.

15th – Livingston: Devotional Evening, 7.00 pm, at Garden Place, Eliburn, Livingston EH54 8RA. Contact: info@churchofchrist.co.uk.

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THE FINAL WORD



The gift of friendship

'I no longer call you servants but friends.' (John 15:14-15)

Every now and again I have a phone call from someone I have not talked to for quite a while and what happens is that we seem to pick up where we left off. I love it. There is no embarrassment, no gasps of dismay – just a flow of love from someone I used to see often but now can only see once in a while. The blessing is that the friendship did not die, it simply remained to be picked up again.

Friendship is like a diamond that has many sides. We are always there for each other, wanting the best for each other in a relationship of care and compassion. We have each other's backs even if we have not seen each other for years. Friendship is a beautiful gift.

In Ecclesiastes 4:9 we find, 'Two are better than one because they have a good return for their work. If one falls down his friend can help him up'. Over the years I have found that when Christians actually work together their faith is made stronger. It may be working in some form of evangelism, or a community project, or on the chapel. When we get out of the Sunday morning 'going to church mode', we can really start to get to know each other. We can laugh together and be concerned for each other – it is then we have fellowship. In worship our attention is given over to praise, congregational prayer, and study – but in all honesty, there is not a real closeness of fellowship.

Psalm 133:1 records, 'How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!' How many congregations have broken up because of disunity. It is more than likely 9 out of 10 times when there is strife in a group it is not over a matter of scripture, but it is personality breakdown. The main leaders of the

distress do not really know each other, they have not played together, sat down and prayed together, or even drunk coffee and eaten cake together.

How often do we cry on each other's shoulders? At communion we eat the body of Christ and drink the blood although in symbolic form – it may sting our hearts, but does it break our hearts? Who weeps in remorse for their failures or who jumps for joy in the realisation that the price has been paid for us? The greatest friend the world has ever known is Jesus and in the very act of remembrance we can be dry and sterile.

When we move to Romans 12:10 we read, 'Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one another above yourselves'. That is friendship. Build each other up; do not knock each other down. But someone will say, I cannot get on with this or that person and it is true we cannot get on with everyone in a close relationship. But have we tried? Have we eaten together and spent time together? Then why can't we just respect each other as much as we can? Remember to greet one another with a holy kiss. Relationship can change and friendship can develop given time.

Friendship is a beautiful gift that can last for decades or until the Lord calls us home. Jesus no longer calls us servants but friends. We work together as diamonds in the crown of our Lord.

Thank you, Pat Gough, from the Northampton congregation for your encouragement when phoning us. Friends for 45 years.

Trevor

For the gift of friends and for the gift of love, we thank you Lord. Amen