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CONGRATULATIONS!

Wembley News

For the last four years, we have been helping families in the local community by giving out groceries, books, and toys. By working with local schools, we have been able to build relationships and share the good news of Jesus with families in need. On Saturday 10th February we rejoiced when the parents in one of those families were baptised into Christ. Please keep them in your prayers as we continue to help them grow in their faith.

John Griffiths

Elders appointed in Dublin

We are pleased to announce that last month the congregation in Dublin appointed three elders: Mick Maguire, Liam MacNamara, and Tony Coffey.

Please pray for our new leadership.

Tony Coffey

MILTON KEYNES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Cordially invites you to the:

ORDINATION OF ELDERS



**10:00 am
5th May 2024**

10 PLAISTOW CRES
MONKSTON PARK
MILTON KEYNES
MK10 9PN

RSVP: 07985205561 /
07778458915



**85th Anniversary Meeting
13th -14th April 2024**



Saturday 13th April Sunday 14th April

12:00 Open Chapel

9:30 Sunday School

1:00 Anniversary Worship

10:45 Breaking of Bread

Guest Speaker:

Guest Speaker:

Trevor Williams

Trevor Williams

Minister 1996-2009

2:30 A Walk Down

1:00 International

Memory Lane

Fellowship Meal

with Geoff Daniell

3:30 Anniversary Tea



BRITISH BIBLE SCHOOL NOTES

**Study
Weekends
throughout
the country**

Our teaching year is off to a good start! In addition to our online evening classes we are back teaching in congregations with a pretty full schedule.

This past month saw the first of our study weekends take place at Northampton. During the first weekend Patrick Boyns and John Griffiths taught 1 Peter to a large class of students. The second weekend looked at 2 Peter and Jude with Patrick Boyns and Jon Galloway leading the sessions. Those who attended commented on how much they had learned and could apply in their lives.

Two more study weekends are planned for the spring in opposite ends of the country. The first two weekends in April (5th-6th and 12th-13th), the book of Hebrews will be taught at the Wembley congregation by Patrick Boyns and John Griffiths.

Later in April we will be in Aberdeen to look at Ezekiel. Patrick Boyns and Jon Galloway will be leading the study of this exciting book. The first weekend will take place 26th-27th April with the second weekend being 7th-8th June. All are welcome to join us for either or both of these studies.

We also have a new round of online classes starting next week to continue for twelve weeks. On Monday evenings John Griffiths will be leading a study of 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus, while on Thursday evenings Patrick Boyns will be leading the study. Links to login to these Zoom classes can be found on the BBS website and social media pages.

Jon Galloway

britishbibleschool.com

HEBREWS

One of the most significant books in the New Testament in helping us understand the work of Christ in the context of the calling of Israel.

Here we take a thorough look at the arguments presented for the supremacy of Christ – as vital today as when first written.

Wembley

92 Barnhill Road
Wembley
HA9 9BS

Friday, 5th April 7.00 to 9.00 pm
Saturday, 6th April 9.00am to 4.00 pm
Friday, 12th April 7.00 to 9.00 pm
Saturday, 13th April 9.00am to 4.00 pm

Teachers: Patrick Boyns, John Griffiths
www.britishbibleschool.com



Ezekiel

Aberdeen

393 George Street
Aberdeen
AB25 1EQ

Friday, 26th April 7.00 to 9.00pm
Saturday, 27th April 9.00am to 4.15pm
Friday, 7th June 7.00 to 9.00pm
Saturday, 8th June 9.00am to 4.15pm

Teachers: Patrick Boyns and Jon Galloway
www.britishbibleschool.com

Thought by some to be a difficult book, this module shows the writings of Ezekiel to be both clear and full of excitement, as well as very relevant to the work of mission today.



All are welcome to either or both weekends!

For more information please visit our website or look for us on Facebook.

THE LORD'S DAY

I wonder how many people remember going to chapel three times every Sunday. In my case we had 10:30 am 'The breaking of Bread' service lasting about 1½ hours. Then we had Sunday School from 2:45 pm for about an hour and the Gospel Meeting at 6:30 pm for about an hour. All this was at a time when few had cars and we travelled backwards and forwards often on two buses each way. Life was busy on Sundays but often quite fun. Sometimes we ate our afternoon tea in the chapel which gave us chance to talk, arrange programmes, etc.

Then more people started to have cars and Sunday School was moved to the morning before worship, which left those teaching little time to prepare themselves for worship leading. It went from teaching to preaching in a matter of minutes. But no matter, almost everyone had a car so we could go home and rest before going back for 'The Gospel Meeting'. But not too many would go and over the years this meeting in many places just grew smaller. Then came Covid. Worship and classes had to stop for a while and in many places evening worship has

stopped completely. In a few places people will arrive late for Bible Study and so the Lord's Day is somehow or other reduced to The Lord's hour and is sometimes expressed as 'The Worship Hour.' So, what do we do with the rest of the 24-hour period?

Some have decided to use either the afternoon or evening to have small home groups. These may include a meal together provided either by the host or a fellowship tea when everyone brings something to share. This either starts or finishes with an act of worship involving singing, praying, sharing and Bible study. The aim, though, is fellowship. Simply going to church, arriving on time, and leaving with the last 'Amen' does not always allow for getting to know our fellow Christians.

Now I am only too aware that more and more people are having to work on Sundays. I presume this was the situation in the first century, with slaves or soldiers and farmers having to see to their work. But do we avoid sharing ourselves? After all we do have computer games to play,

television to watch, and still get everything ready for the school run, work preparation, etc – and some of us are so old that to go out more than once a day is too much.

Far be it for me to judge anyone but I sometimes wonder if running for the bus six times on Sundays and dashing from one meeting to another did not make us think that the Lord's Day was indeed completely devoted to the Lord.

Trevor Williams





FAMILY NEWS

WEMBLEY

We have enjoyed more fellowship activities in recent months with a curry and singing evening, a New Year's Eve fellowship, and Sunday fellowship meals being held every three months.

Some of our sisters have attended a 'Make Disciples Training Programme' taught by two young sisters, Lydia and Kayley, to help develop skills in evangelism.

We are looking forward to hosting two British Bible School study weekends in April (5th-6th; and 12th-13th) when Patrick Boyns will be with us teaching on the letter to the Hebrews. If you are interested in coming or would like to find out more, please email at: griffiths.jhg@virgin.net

John Griffiths

ILKESTON

More Than Music Workshop

We held our first more than music workshop with Alan Dod assisted by his wife Sarah. We learned to start to read music, sing in various parts, and learned new songs. It was a lovely time! Even though we started out a bit croak, we finished up by singing a new song with four parts after just a short time.

We encourage other congregations to invite Alan and try to improve themselves to the glory of God. We also found out just how important the basses are as well.

Trevor Williams

NORTHAMPTON

Having thoroughly enjoyed attending an afternoon of singing with the congregation that meets in Reading last

year we wanted to do the same at Northampton. Please join us for an afternoon of Spring Singing on Saturday, 18th May, from 1.00–6.00 pm. Venue: The Christian Fellowship Centre. Shadowfax Drive. Northampton. NN3 8DB. What3words: credit.scans.buns

There will be a selection of songs from various song leaders with breaks and refreshments. This will be suitable for every age group, both genders, singers and non-singers. Come along to encourage and be encouraged.

The Northampton Congregation

DUBLIN

We are pleased to announce that last month the congregation in Dublin appointed three elders: Mick Maguire, Liam MacNamara, and Tony Coffey. Please pray for our new leadership.

We also have three minute videos on the Authority of Scripture available to view on YouTube at the following links.

The Authority of the Scripture - Part 1
<https://youtu.be/GzBOc6VyVwk>

The Authority of the Scripture - Part 2
<https://youtu.be/u5zB4IdQdOo>

The Authority of the Scripture - Part 3
<https://youtu.be/WlKRoP-s464>

Tony Coffey

THERE'S SOMEONE AT THE DOOR!

Yes, they still go around the doors, but now you find them in town with their literature carts. Some say, "They're everywhere!" You have to hand it to them, the Jehovah's Witnesses are dedicated to their mission. Just like you, they are sincere in their belief, hoping to convince others. We may see them as victims of a cult, while they see us as victims of Satan's system and Babylon the Great's apostate religion. You won't change them by being confrontational; it will only confirm that you are not a truth seeker – their truth that is.

Their religious terms may sound the same as yours, but they have a different meaning. God is just Jehovah, the Word who became flesh was his first created being, and the 'spirit' is simply God's force by which he operates. While on earth Jesus was nothing more than any human; when he died God atomised his body and 'resurrected' him as just spirit. His bodily manifestations were not him in permanent form. Therefore the Word, who was a god, became just a man, died, did not exist, then appeared as spirit.

The anointed (144,000) go to heaven to rule with Christ; the 'other sheep' or 'Great

crowd,' not part of the new covenant, stay on earth. Jesus died to take away the result of Adam's sin; your death is payment in full for sin; if resurrected from God's memory, since you no longer existed, you will be sinless. You spend 1,000 years being perfected by Witnesses before facing a final test by Satan to determine if you are worthy of eternal life. If you fail you will become non-existent, annihilated. No one will suffer for an eternity.

They view the Watchtower organisation as God's only channel by which he reveals his truth. The guardians of truth are the Governing Body in Wallkill, New York, USA. All publications are sanctioned by them after production by a team of vetted writers. It has been proven that they cannot be trusted to honestly quote other scholars, selectively quoting to make it appear favourable to their doctrine. The vast majority of Witnesses you meet will be ignorant of any flaws in the organisation as they are discouraged from any research not supplied by the Watchtower. They will not read your literature. Know what you believe and why you believe it before you venture to engage a Jehovah's Witness, otherwise they will run circles around you.

Their *New World Translation* is biased by adding or changing words to fit their doctrine. Indicating an added word in a translation to bring out the meaning is fine, but adding to change the meaning is not. Because they believe the Word was created they insert 'other' in Colossians 1:16,17 (four times) and Philippians 2:9, but they missed John 1:3. Added words were once in italics, but now it looks part of the original text.

The prospect of living on earth forever is their reward and joy.

A. Spicer



JOIN US TO VISIT BIBLICAL SITES IN TURKEY

We're just back from a truly inspirational trip to the Bible Land of Turkey. After arriving in Istanbul, we spent our first day touring the city before travelling down through western Turkey (Biblical Asia Minor) to our various stops. It is safe to say that this part of Turkey boasts diverse and awe-inspiring landscapes. We saw scenic coastlines, rugged snowcapped mountains, and fertile plains. History also met us at every turn in this ancient land of the Hittites, Persians, Greeks, Romans, and Ottomans.

Stunning as all this was, the goal of our trip was to embark on a spiritual journey as we visited Biblical sites associated with the apostles Paul, John, and their fellow workers. Such places as Troas, Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea, and Hierapolis. The ruins of these cities gave us a glimpse of life in ancient times helping to us connect the dots between the past, the Biblical text, and our own spiritual journey. If I could sum up the experience of our group, it would be that this trip left an indelible mark on our hearts.

God willing, we will be back in this fascinating land in November this year. Everything is

organised and we already have a group ready to go. However, we have a few spaces left. So, if you would like to be a part of this unique spiritual journey in the company of fellow disciples of Christ please contact me for further details.

Ian Starrs

*See the poster for basic details.

***Click this link for a full itinerary:
<ianstarrsturkeyitinerary.pdf>

***Call or email me for the booking link.



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4th-12th November 2024

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NOTICES

**Field of Refuge
Women's Renewal 2024**

"From His abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another"
John 1:16 NLT

Venue: Tulliallan Castle, Alloa FK10 4BE
Theme: New Beginnings, when Grace abounds

Date: 19th - 21st April 2024
Arrival time: 16.00 pm (no earlier)

Price: Single room £170.00
Double room £155.00 per person
Deposit: £45.00 (non-refundable)

Should you require registration forms, please feel free to contact us via : Fieldofrefuge@hotmail.com

NORTHAMPTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

Spring Singing

18TH
OF MAY
2024

TIME:
1PM - 6PM

SHADOWFAX DRIVE,
OVERSTONE LODGE NORTHAMPTON,
NN3 8DB

HEALTH TALK
PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS

Date:	Saturday 20th April, 2024
Venue:	Wembley Church of Christ 92 Barnhill Road Wembley, HA9 9BS
Time	11:30 AM - 2 PM
Zoom Meeting	<u>Health Talk Zoom Link</u> Meeting ID: 843 1343 8142 Passcode: 799076

Cancer is a silent killer that creeps into our lives without us knowing it. But we shouldn't be silent about discussing it.

This health talk on pancreatic cancer will be presented by our sister Olivia Adu-Anti, a Macmillan UGI/HPB Clinical Nurse Specialist with ten years' experience working for the NHS. Recently, she attended a 'Cancer Prevention Workshop for Health Professionals' organised by The World Cancer Research Fund in association with the NHS.

During this presentation Olivia will share vital information about pancreatic cancer:

- ❖ What is pancreatic cancer?
- ❖ What are the early warning signs?
- ❖ How does it manifest itself?
- ❖ Available treatment(s)

There will also be an opportunity to ask questions. It is hoped that at the end of the presentation we shall better understand pancreatic cancer, but above all, NOT be afraid to talk about it.

If you would like to attend in person, please let us know by email: griffiths.jhg@virgin.net

Notices

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28th
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For further information: Elite.not.elitist@gmail.com



DIARY

April

5th-6th – Wembley: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: Hebrews. Teachers: Patrick Boyns and John Griffiths. Contact: John Griffiths (griffiths.jhg@virgin.net).

8th – British Bible School evening class: “The Letters to Timothy and Titus” led by John Griffiths each Monday, 8.00-9.00 pm, for twelve weeks. Links to join the class can be found on the BBS social media and website: www.britishbibleschool.com.

11th – British Bible School evening class: led by Patrick Boyns each Thursday, 8.00-9.00 pm, for twelve weeks. Links to join the class can be found on the BBS social media and website: www.britishbibleschool.com.

12th-13th – Wembley: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: Hebrews. Teachers: Patrick Boyns and John Griffiths. Contact: John Griffiths (griffiths.jhg@virgin.net).

13th-14th – Bristol (Bedminster): 85th Anniversary Meeting. Saturday beginning at 12.00 noon; Sunday beginning at 9.30 am. Guest speaker: Trevor Williams. Contact: Jason Snethen (jsnethen@hotmail.com).

19th-24th – Field of Refuge Women’s Renewal: “New Beginnings, When Grace Abounds”. Venue: Tulliallan Castle, Alloa FK10 4BE. Cost: £155 per person sharing a room (£170 for a single room); £45 deposit on booking. Contact: fieldofrefuge@hotmail.com.

20th– Wembley: Health Talk – Pancreatic Cancer Awareness, 11.30 am-2.00 pm. Presenter: Olivia Adu-Anti, Macmillan UGI/HPB Clinical Nurse Specialist and Christian at Wembley. In person or on Zoom ([Health Talk Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 843 1343 8142 Passcode: 799076). Contact: John Griffiths (griffiths.jhg@virgin.net).

26th-27th – Aberdeen: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: Ezekiel. Friday evening and all day Saturday. Teachers: Patrick Boyns and Jon Galloway. Contact: David Murray (dgmsem@gmail.com).

27th – Great Barr Bible Seminar: “Devotion to Fellowship” (Acts 2:42-47), 3.00-6.30 pm, at The Pheasey Community Hub, Hillingford Ave, Birmingham B43 7HN (about a two minute walk from our old location at the Collingwood Community Centre). Speakers: Stephen Woodcock and Mark Hill. Contact: Sola (sola.adeosun@gmail.com) or John (johnonyebuchi321@gmail.com).

27th – Liverpool: Evening of Songs (6.00 pm-8.00 pm) at 1 Picton Road, Waterloo, L22 8QH. Contact Charles on 07359 750645 or cyankiah@hotmail.com.

May

5th – Milton Keynes: Ordination of Elders, 10.00 am. Venue: 10 Plaistow Cres, Monkston Park, Milton Keynes MK10 9PN. Contact: Bright Kyei – 07985 205561 or kyei.bright@outlook.com or 07778 458915.

10th – 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.

11th – Kirkcaldy: Annual Social Day. Venue: Hayfield Community Centre, Hayfield Road, Kirkcaldy KY2 5DG. Speaker: Jon Galloway. Contact: Allan Hughes (allan580@virginmedia.com).

25th – Liverpool: Gospel Meeting (6.00 pm-8.00 pm) at 1 Picton Road, Waterloo, L22 8QH. Contact Charles on 07359 750645 or cyankiah@hotmail.com.

June

7th-8th – Aberdeen: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: Ezekiel. Friday evening and all day Saturday. Teachers: Patrick Boyns and Jon Galloway. Contact: David Murray (dgmsem@gmail.com).

22nd – Liverpool: All Day Fellowship (10.00 pm-4.00 pm) at 1 Picton Road, Waterloo, L22 8QH. Contact Charles on 07359 750645 or cyankiah@hotmail.com.

29th – Shepshed: Fellowship Day. Contact: Stephen Woodcock (stephen.woodcock@hotmail.co.uk).

July

13th – Edmonton (London): Workshop – “Communication in Leadership”, 9.00 am - 4.00 pm. Contact: info@edmontonchurchofchrist.org.uk.

26th-28th – Edmonton (London): Youth Lectureship – “Be an Example” (including a Singles’ Enrichment programme and Young Couples Night); ages 18-35. Early bird price (until 31st March): £60 for attendance only and £180 for attendance and accommodation. To register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/european-youth-annual-lectureship-tickets-741443757237>. For further information text: 07780 917590.

September

21st – Liverpool: Gospel Meeting (6.00 pm-8.00 pm) at 1 Picton Road, Waterloo, L22 8QH. Contact Charles on 07359 750645 or cyankiah@hotmail.com.



THE FINAL WORD



Forgive Us All Our Sins

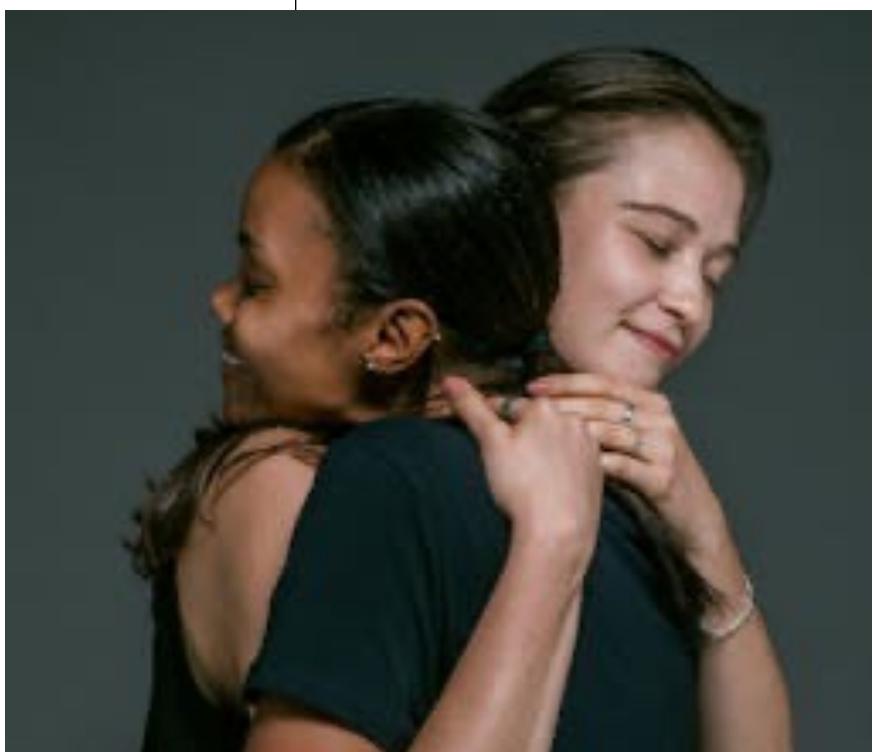
Praying for the forgiveness of sins is something prevalent in the Old Testament Scriptures. When a sin was committed an offering had to be given to the Lord. Every year on the great Day of Atonement the nation of Israel was to fast from food. The people needed to know they had sinned, and a life was required to have sins taken away.

The Christian believes that the blood of Jesus makes complete and absolute atonement for each person and nothing else is required. We rejoice in the blessing of Romans 8:1 – ‘There is now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death’. Or 1 John 1:7 – ‘But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin’. If we are walking in the faith of Jesus, we cannot hop in or out of salvation. Yet I hear in public prayers the phrase,

‘forgive us all our sins’. We are either forgiven or we are not.

Now I am very aware of my own failures and constantly seek the Lord’s pardon and guidance to do, to act, to think as Jesus would. Often, I fail. I seek with tears the forgiveness of my Christian brothers and sisters if I have offended or spoken out of turn. I am very aware that my mouth acts faster than my brain, but I do not believe that a quick ‘forgive us all our sins’, said in a public prayer, is the answer. I do think in public prayer we can say, ‘Thank you for forgiving our sins’.

We are forgiven – always and completely forgiven. We do not need to plead for forgiveness. If there is something we have done wrong, go and apologise to the Father of Lights and then put right what you can. Not everything we do needs to go before our fellow Christians. Private sins are private, public ones may need to be confessed in public. Matthew 18:15-17 gives a wonderful directive if we have problems with someone else. Basically, talk together.



We walk in a state of grace, moulded to be a light to the world around us. We are God’s people and his representatives here on Earth. We are not perfect but we are forgiven.

While we walk with Lord in the light of his word we march on in the victory of Christ, not perfect but perfectly forgiven.

Thank you, O great God of forgiveness for love which flows full and free and saves a sinner, such as me. Amen.

Trevor