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MY PERSPECTIVE



Christians
are to
be an
example
for good

The best and the worst in people

What a difference a month makes! Last month we were hearing about COVID-19 in other countries; today we are hearing about what is happening here. And we are all on lockdown in an effort to stop the spread of the virus and not overtax our health system.

Nicola Sturgeon, our First Minister in Scotland, said last week that this crisis was bringing out the best in people and the worst in people. From my observation, that is a very true statement.

Most of us have seen some of the worst, particularly in hoarding during the early days. And what was it about toilet paper that caused everyone to stock up so they have enough for the next few years? In shopping the past few weeks it has been strange to see shelves bare and some items are now difficult to find to purchase. Yet there is no reason to hoard – deliveries are continuing daily (and lorry drivers by the very nature of their work are self-isolating!).

Then there are those who ignore the government guidelines on staying home, social distancing, and groups no larger than two. While out today I saw a group of four young men walking together in a tightly packed group, apparently thinking that none of this applied to them.

But we are seeing the best in people as well. The nation came together last week to applaud the NHS and care workers who have to be at work and possibly exposed to this virus. My wife is a trainer for a care company so she is at work each day, travelling throughout

Scotland to train new workers to go into the work force.

The Prime Minister asked for 250,000 volunteers to help the NHS – 750,000 answered the call. He asked retired NHS workers to come out of retirement to help – and they answered his call. We see people helping people all around us.

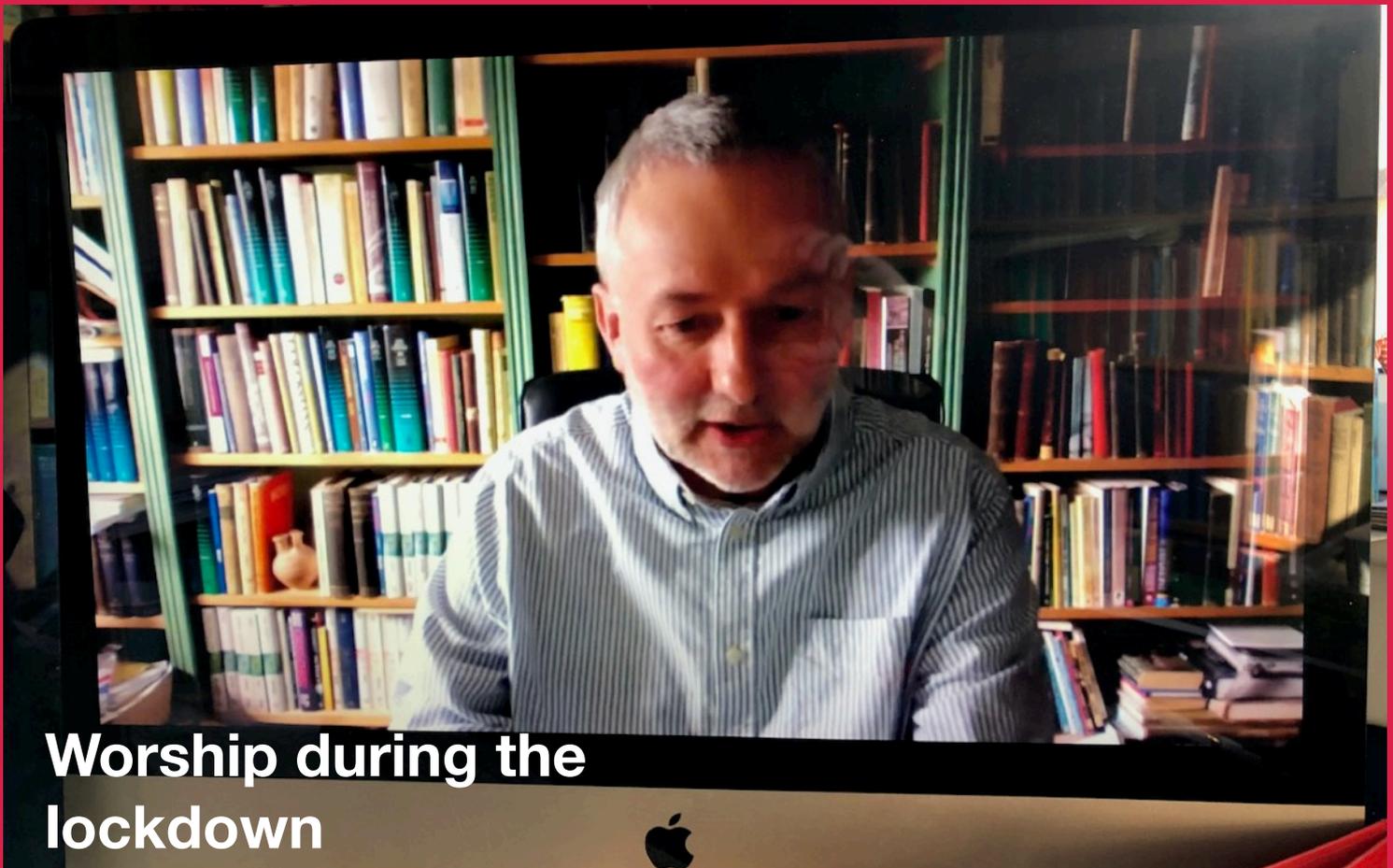
But isn't this what we are to be as Christians – those who help others and especially the people in need? Paul wrote to the Galatians: *“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers”* (Galatians 6:9-10 NIV).

It is times like this that Christians should excel at doing good. Helping each other and helping others is what we are to always be doing.

It is easy to get frustrated at the queues, the lack of items, not being able to do what we want. As easy as it is to add our voices to those complaining, Christians are to be different. Jesus said, *“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot...In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven”* (Matthew 5:13-16).

Make sure our light is shining so those around us can glorify God!

Jon



Worship during the lockdown



With the lockdown in place for what appears to be many weeks, if not months, congregations are having to find new ways to provide a time of worship. Many local assemblies are hosting their own times of worship, usually on Zoom, YouTube Live or Facebook Live. For those wishing to break bread but don't have access to communion bread, it is very easy to bake it (mine is on the front cover). Recipes can be found online. If grape juice is difficult to come by, you can always juice grapes, either with a juicer or pressing grapes (we juiced grapes last Sunday, providing some of the freshest we have ever had!).

Here is a list of some who are providing online worship and study. We will place these on our Facebook page – if you would like yours added to the list, e-mail me (jdgalloway@mac.com).

From the UK:

Aberdeen: Sunday worship – <https://zoom.us/j/258613371>

British Bible School: Sunday message – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkIxLiDuK79HWVIEVPVZOHA>

Classes through the week on Zoom: James, Job, Ecclesiastes, Galatians and Ephesians; links are

on the website – <http://britishbibleschool.com/news-and-events/online-events>

Corby: three hymns and a lesson by Frank Worgan – <https://www.facebook.com/Graeme-Bible-Resources-111596180225734/> or https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCF4I0_UtKgd514EUKITW7Jg

Cumbernauld: Worship on their YouTube channel (search for Cumbernauld Church of Christ).

East Kilbride: Weekly lesson – www.youtube.com/channel/UCRS16tzz3JzqdtXgKPfjYg

Hyvots Bank (Edinburgh): Sunday worship – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHGhhjh3hBe3VOi5dFGKzlw/featured> lessons – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgibxjpkb3gE67HuQ1wVyuQ>

Leicester: Contact Paul Hill for a weekly mp3 file – paulh41@hotmail.co.uk.

From North America:

Bibletalk.tv – lessons from Canada

<http://www.jimmcguigan.com>

<https://free365.polishingthepulpit.com/start/>

Jon Galloway

April 2020



BRITISH BIBLE SCHOOL NOTES

So far
but yet
so near

One moment we were just getting into our round of Spring study events, and the next moment everything came to a grinding halt as the nation shut itself down for the duration. And it had all started so well! We had had a splendid first Study Weekend in Aberdeen, delving into the book of the prophet Ezekiel, followed by a most encouraging Study Day in Glasgow, dipping into the letter from James. Our return to Aberdeen was governmentally curtailed, leaving us all to enjoy the confines of our own homes.

Far from wanting to allow such things to be a hindrance, we set about looking at ways in which we might be able to



Jon Galloway teaching in Glasgow

provide some encouragement and teaching in a virtual environment, especially for those who might be feeling particularly isolated. So just a day before the nation was told to stay at home, we live-streamed our first **Sunday morning message** on YouTube and were joined by brothers and sisters in Christ from up and down the country.

We are planning to continue this for the duration, at 11 o'clock each Sunday morning, so if you are interested in joining us then please do feel free. Many local group leaders are also understandably

looking at ways in which they can continue to nurture their own local spiritual communities at this challenging time as it is vital that social distancing does not lead to spiritual deterioration.

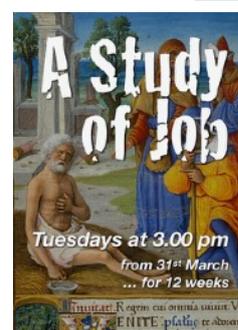
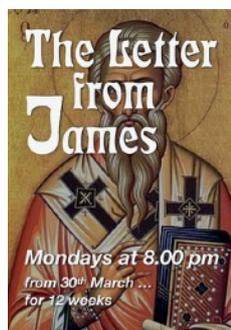
In addition to our Sunday morning message, the British Bible School is hosting a number of **weekly Bible classes** online. These are open to anyone who wants to be a part of a live, online class, and who has access to a computer or similar object. And you are free to be a part of whichever and however many classes you may choose.

Unlike our Sunday morning messages which we are hosting on YouTube, we are hosting these weekly classes on Zoom. You can find full details on our website and frequent updates on our social media pages, but you might want to take a look at the listings here:

- Monday, 8.00 pm ~ The Letter from James
- Tuesday, 3.00 pm ~ A Study of Job
- Tuesday, 7.00 pm ~ Ecclesiastes
- Wednesday, 8.00 pm ~ A Letter to Galatia
- Thursday, 8.00 pm ~ Paul's Letter to Ephesus
- Friday, 3.00 pm ~ A Letter to Galatia (rpt)
- Friday, 8.00 pm ~ Bible Quiz Time!

We look forward to seeing you. And thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Patrick Boyns
britishbibleschool.com





FAMILY NEWS

KIRKCALDY

Due to the coronavirus outbreaks and travel restrictions, we have decided to cancel the Kirkcaldy social event which had been planned for Saturday, 11th April. We look forward to seeing you, Lord willing, next year.

Alan Moyes



GREAT BARR (BIRMINGHAM)

In spite of the media hype on Covid-19, we had a tremendously insightful Bible Seminar which was focused on “Spiritual Leadership” on Saturday, 14th March with 30 people in attendance.

The first lesson was presented by Mike Glover who works with the Liverpool congregation. He took the audience through the New Testament models of leadership, highlighting the servant-leader example of Jesus with special emphasis on Matthew 14:13-21. He also explored the inclusive leadership style of the apostles as they helped the early Christians to make informed decisions when various situations arose. The final part of Mike’s lesson explored different ways by which congregations are organised, with a persuasion to UK churches to aspire to becoming scripturally organised by appointing elders and deacons.



The second lesson was presented by Paul Hill from the Leicester congregation. Using Acts 20:17-31, he suggested in his discourse that most congregations in the UK do not have elders because of a lack of spiritual enlightenment and preparation – most have failed to give attention to adequate teaching or to prepare Christians to be matured for spiritual leadership. This is evidenced by very weak teaching and half-hearted weekly sermons in some congregations.

In addition, we had an interesting group discussion session where participants considered various aspects of both of the lessons presented. There were two large groups, with the speakers changing groups halfway through.

Our thanks are offered to all Christians of the Great Barr Family who served in various ways to ensure a successful seminar; the speakers for their efforts in putting great lessons together; and also to all those who encouraged us by attending the programme.

Sola Adeosun



MORLEY

On Saturday, 29th February the congregation in Morley organised an International Night. This included eating food from all around the world

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from countries such as Italy, Lithuania, Germany, USA, Zimbabwe, Brazil and many more.

We also had a quiz to test the knowledge of different regions of the world and a great playlist of music from around the world. We were blessed to have a brilliant turnout and an extremely fun evening. Thanks go to Dylan for encouraging me to help plan and organise this event and to all who came, brought food and made it a great evening.

We encourage everyone to keep an eye out for the next one, we hope to see you there!

Declan O'Donovan

WEMBLEY (LONDON)

Sunday, 22nd March was an extraordinary day for the congregation as our church building was closed and we conducted our first ever Bible class and worship online using the conferencing facility Zoom. Whilst it was an unusual and novel experience which encouraged everyone who participated we were very much aware of the reason why we were meeting in this way instead of being together at the church building. By following government advice on public gatherings and social contact we know we are helping to slow the spread of the coronavirus and protect the vulnerable members of our communities. We are thankful that the technology is available for us to continue to worship and fellowship with one another in this alternative way.

We shall be holding all of our Bible classes and worship online for the foreseeable future. We have a Bible class on Wednesdays starting at 7.30 pm and a Bible class and worship on Sundays starting at 10.00 am. If anyone would like to join us please email griffiths.jhg@virgin.net or look on our facebook page for details.

People have been showing incredible acts of love and kindness to one another in their offers of support and encouragement at this time. We continue to pray God's blessing on all who are affected by this situation and those who are working so hard to protect us and save lives.

John Griffiths

LEICESTER

Due to the current situation of not being able to assemble, a service is in place that enables all members to access a full Sunday worship and midweek study class without the need of computers or tablets. We started this with our own congregation and it worked so well that we wanted to make it available to any isolated members.

Simply by using a mobile phone you will be able to join us in worship and study by downloading an mp3 file. The mp3 file is pre-recorded so you will not need to worry about logging in on time or video problems with slow internet – you can also play it at a time that works best for your family.

Midweek class will be added from 5.00 pm Wednesday. Sunday is a full service and will be added 6.00 am Sunday morning. You simply click on the mp3 that will be sent out to your phone, give it two minutes to download and then its ready to play anytime anyplace.

It is very important that you maintain the fellowship with your own congregation of whom you are a member and continue under the umbrella of your elders and leaders. If they have things in place then please support that congregation if possible. If you are isolated or your leaders feel this would help you or the congregation then please let me know, I will be happy to make the worship and study available to anyone. Contact me at: 07804 653690 (Whatsapp) or paulh41@hotmail.co.uk (Email).

Paul Hill



Around the World

INDIA – CORONAVIRUS

In this outbreak of coronavirus we have been thinking of you, following the news updates in the UK – you are in our daily personal and congregational prayers. We hope and pray that none of our you are directly infected by this virus.

In India, it is just starting to spread slowly to all the states. As I write this official cases registered are 415 as of today and seven deaths; in our home state we are in stage 2 of the spread of this virus – 53 have symptoms and awaiting test results, nine positive cases and one death. Our state government joined the rest of the states and declared holidays for all the private and government schools, hostels, homes and lockdown in many cities until the end of March, and most likely to be extended further. All international foreign travellers are banned from entering India and all domestic travel has been restricted.

We hope God will stop the spread of COVID-19 using Sun/Summer, otherwise the Indian situation will be far worse than China and Italy. There is a lot of panic among the people. So far



none of our children or elderly from the church are infected by it. Residential care of Bethsaida Child Care remains closed until there is further announcement from the government. Our foster care centres in three locations are continuing to care for the children both in our residential and daycare programmes. All our children are safe, by God’s grace.

Two weeks ago we distributed free preventive homeopathic medicine, prescribed by the government of India, to all the villagers of Gollaprolu and all our foster care children. Next week we are going to distribute the same again. From 22nd March onwards the government issued an order to avoid public meetings and nationwide voluntary self-quarantine. As a result we have suspended all congregational meetings at our building. The congregation at Gollaprolu continues to meet in various homes. The good thing is the entire family is worshipping at these house churches.

Let us saturate this Corona Virus with our prayers. Please keep the world and India in your prayers.



Home worship in India

AROUND THE WORLD

I know coronavirus is more dangerous to the elderly people than younger ones and requires social distancing. Most of the Christians here would be in difficulty as they continue their daily work. As these poor daily labourers do not have the option to 'work from home', they only know 'no work = no food'. As you know, not many of the Christians here are blessed to store food supplies even for a week. The story of the widow at Zarephath is a living reality for many of our people.

Last week, as a congregation, we have decided to help some of the Christians, villagers and elderly people with food, provisions and basic hygiene supplies, both in our congregation and also in some of the nearby congregations. We will and we are ready to use whatever little resources we have in our 'clay jars', but any help towards this initiative of 'Bags of Hope – Joining Hands to Help and Serve' and 'Bags of Hygiene (Safe Hands) – Joining Hands to Help and Serve' is highly needed and appreciated. If you would like help this cause please forward your contributions to Tony Tyson (tony Tyson@yahoo.co.uk).

Tony Tyson and Joel Madiki

PHILIPPINES – CORONAVIRUS

Life has never been this tough, at least for me here in Cavite. After Taal Volcano erupted on 12th January I was thrown into the middle of relief work to help those displaced by the eruption.

My home is less than 20 kms from Taal Volcano. I am the nearest mission volunteer to ground zero. Thankfully, I have family and friends, including you guys in the UK, who are quick to assist and work tirelessly to help the evacuees. For 4 weeks, we cooked and served 200 people from 4 different evacuation centres here in Cavite.

On 29th February brethren from many different places gathered in Ibaan, Batangas so we could serve together at least 1500 evacuees. We gave

out kitchen and other household items, played fun games, shared Jesus with the people, and 31 were baptised that day.

We are far from over serving the volcano evacuees. We hope to help them fix their homes; if not, help them settle somewhere safer. Most of them live within the 7-km permanent danger zone.

And now here comes a graver problem! COVID-19 virus has infected thousands of people in over a hundred countries, including the Philippines. To date there are 396 infected, 33 deaths and 18 recoveries in the whole of the Philippines.

My family and I are on the second week of lockdown. No public transportation. No incoming, no outgoing trips. No open shops, except those that sell food and medicines. ATMs have limited cash. Only one person from each household is allowed to go out to buy food. Curfew is from 8.00 pm to 5.00 am. We, as a family, however, continue to hold a time of worship.

We are okay for food for another week perhaps. The entire region of Luzon is on lockdown for 30 days! We have to send Gilbert to the town centre or the public market to buy fresh meat or vegetables. That is a 20-30 minute walk each way.



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Still, we are very thankful that we are COVID-19 virus-free here in our small town of Indang. Other towns in Cavite have infected cases already.

Please remember us in your prayers as we too pray for you and the rest of the world. This too shall pass.

God is in control. He always is. He will always be.

Gigie Carranza

MALAWI – CORONAVIRUS

Here in Malawi, we are fine. I phoned Lungster and we met in town. The problems we have are almost the same – mainly hunger, which has hit most of the households and especially brethren in the rural areas.

With the coming of the coronavirus, the situation has been worsened. The government has restricted travelling, schools and colleges have been closed. There should not be gatherings of more than 100 people at a funeral, church meeting or sport events.

As a congregation we have been also asked to take preventive measures by having sanitising materials like soap, buckets, masks and gloves on hand. When we consider these, very few if any of our local congregations in the villages can afford them.



If there can be help, we suggest to call all the village preachers for a day seminar so that we can invite the health officials to talk to us. Thereafter sanitising materials can be distributed so that each congregation can have it to use at the church building or in their homes.

You already know how poor our health system is and once COVID-19 gets here it will be a great disaster. Our neighbouring countries like Tanzania, Zambia and Mozambique have already reported some cases so we are at great risk as it will be in Malawi anytime.

Thank you for your concern.

Davison Ndhlovu

PAKISTAN – CORONAVIRUS

The situation is very bad day by day and food is getting very expensive. We have a total lockdown. As you know Christian are very poor here and those who only earn a daily wage are suffering.

We arrange worship for four people and we sit ten feet from each other.

We are praying regularly that God may save his people. If possible help and support those here to buy food items for needy and oppressed brethren. Please keep us in your prayers and we are praying that may God use us all more and more to glorify his name in Pakistan.



Naeem Sabir



RETREAT/TEACHING CENTRE

We are Jerry and Zoobi Jones, formerly Christian workers in the UK. We've purchased a former boarding school in a charming town in the north of France and we are opening our doors to retreats, conferences, reunions and Bible classes as well as to tell you about our summer courses for young people, and a creative writing class for adults. Our short courses are the perfect opportunity for young Christians to explore France and to develop a Christian worldview.

Located in the Pays de la Loire region, our site is two hours from a Channel port by car and under two hours from Paris by train. The famous Mont St. Michel, D-Day landing beaches and chateaux of the Loire Valley are near enough to explore on day trips, while only minutes away are a medieval village, and a Roman town with fortress, amphitheatre, baths and temple.

We can currently sleep up to 40, and our commercial-size kitchen and dining areas will accommodate even larger gatherings if additional people wish to camp in the grounds. Our chapel serves as a place of worship and teaching, and we're able to host concurrent workshops, classes, or sessions with our four classrooms and library. Our quadrangle, gardens and spacious outdoor areas double either as spaces for contemplation or as places to run and play.

We want to expand our network of teachers, leaders and youth groups – Christians seeking to deepen their faith and expand their horizons in a tranquil environment that puts first God's Word.

This Summer (health warnings permitting) –

7th-27th July – For teens and university ages:

- Highlights of French History
- Mass Media: Recording Tomorrow's History (broadcast journalism)
- Renaissance and Reformation: How the Rebirth of Learning Creates the Rebirth of Faith.

These classes incorporate formal classroom time with many field trips to outstanding sites related to the courses.

13th-22nd August – For adults:

Creative Writing retreat, conducted by an experienced Christian professional writer, from Dallas.

Over the course of the 11 day retreat there will be class time and plenty of personal writing time with a guarantee that a professional screenwriter or editor will read your synopsis. Includes three nights in Paris.

We want to encourage you to share your ideas with us, whether it's hosting your event in our space, planning one with us, or enrolling members of your congregation in one of our two upcoming programmes.

If you have a course to teach, teach it here. If you have skills to share, bring them here. If you have a retreat to plan, plan it here. We encourage you to come to La Chapelle au Riboul, France. This could be the place where you deepen your faith and strengthen your desire to serve God. Please get in touch with Jerry Jones, elite.not.elitist@gmail.com, if you want more information about the space, availability and pricing.

Jerry & Zoobi Jones

NOTICES

Ezekiel

Aberdeen

393 George Street
Aberdeen
AB25 1EQ

Friday, 6th March 7.00 to 9.00pm
Saturday, 7th March 9.00am to 1.00pm
Friday, 20th March 7.00 to 9.00pm
Saturday, 21st March 9.00am to 1.00pm

Teachers: Patrick Boyns and Iain Williams
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.

Ezekiel

Northampton

Christian Fellowship Centre
Shadowfax Drive
NN3 8DB

Friday, 27th March 7.00 to 9.30pm
Saturday, 28th March 9.00am to 1.00pm

Friday, 24th April 7.00 to 9.00pm
Saturday, 25th April 9.00am to 5.00pm

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Church of Christ Adam Street Ilkeston

140th Anniversary

25th-26th April 2020

Saturday service at 3 pm followed by tea.

**Mike Glover will be the speaker
and will also speak at the service**

on Sunday at 10:30

followed by a fellowship lunch.

Come and be our guest.

RSVP please twilliams195@hotmail.co.uk

0115 8376895

Greece this summer: 26th-29th June

"I Am who I AM"

Four days and three nights at a beach hotel near Ancient Corinth at Cencrea, the port where Paul departed following his long stay in Corinth.

Six keynote lectures:

I am the light

I am the redeemer

I am the way

I am the Lord

I am the truth

I am the life

Also: devotional sessions, children's classes, fellowship, relaxation, and good food.

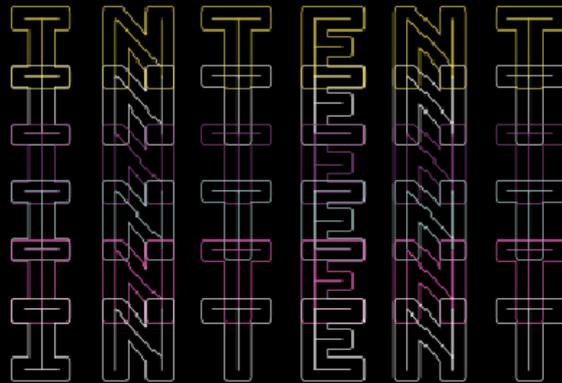
Extend your stay and visit the ancient sites in Athens or sail to some of the islands.

For more information and ideas for travel contact Trevor Willilams – twilliams195@hotmail.co.uk

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Location:
John's Lee Wood
Scout Campsite
Markfield Lane
Markfield
Leicestershire
LE67 9PS

**Price: £95 or £90 if
a deposit of £20 is
paid before April
30th 2020**



CAMP CHARNWOOD 2020

AGE 7+

Sunday 16th August-Friday 21st August 2020

**Join us for a fun
filled week of
games, singing,
crafts and Bible
study!**

For more information:

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guysandison@hotmail.co.uk**

or

**Simon Hardy on 07728028636
simonthehitman@hotmail.co.uk**

or

Debbie Hill on 07940160634

Trusting the Teacher

... taking him at his word

Autumn Weekend Family Retreat

Friday, 18th to Sunday, 20th September 2020
at Letton Hall in Norfolk

www.britishbibleschool.com

ACTS

British Bible School Autumn Study Week

Bassenfell Manor, Bassenthwaite, Lake District
Monday, 2nd to Friday, 6th November 2020

- Three full days of study and reflection away from the cares of life
- Delightful accommodation, good food and decent company
- All inclusive cost: £150 per student

This module begins to examine this key New Testament book within the context of God's purpose for mankind. The mission implications for the student are immense as the good news of Jesus continues to be taken across cultural boundaries throughout the world.

For full details visit our website:
britishbibleschool.com



DIARY

April

11th – **Kirkcaldy**: Annual Social Day, 1.30 pm. Speaker: Adam Barr. Contact: Alan Moyes (alan.J.Moyes@gmail.com). **Cancelled**

18th – **Liverpool**: Men's Fellowship, 10.00 am. Venue: 1 Picton Road, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 8 QH. Contact: Charles Yankiah (07891 262910 or cyankiah@hotmail.com).

24th-25th – **Northampton**: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: "Ezekiel" (part 2), teachers: Patrick Boyns and Jon Galloway. Contact: Mark Hill (marks@uwclub.net or britishbibleschool.com). **Postponed**

24th-26th – **Hindley & Skelmersdale**: Special meetings. Speaker: Gert-Jan van Zanten. Venues: Friday and Saturday evenings, 7.30 pm at Argyle Street, Hindley; Saturday afternoon at Hindley; Sunday morning, 10.30 am at Jubilee Hall, Roby Mill, near Skelmersdale; Sunday evening, 6.00 pm at Hindley. Contact: Stephen Daniell (07929 263021 or 01695 228760; stephen.daniell@hotmail.co.uk).

May

2nd – **Northampton**: Singing emphasis with Solus (afternoon workshop and evening performance). Contact: Mark Hill (marks@uwclub.net). **Postponed**

9th – **Eastwood (Nottinghamshire)**: Quarterly Outreach meeting – "Jesus – when you feel broken". Light refreshments at 6.00 pm and lesson at 7.00 pm. Contact: Adrian Limb (cofceastwood@aol.com).

16th – **Liverpool & Skelmersdale**: Ladies' Day. Venue: 1 Picton Road, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 8 QH. Contact: Maria Appiah-Anane (mgyaa5@googlemail.com).

22nd-23rd – **East Kilbride**: Gospel outreach meetings with Ian Starrs, 7.30 pm. Contact: Jon Galloway (jdgalloway@mac.com).

30th – **Wembley (London)**: Ladies' Day, 10.00 am - 3.30 pm. Contact: Anne Airebamen (07415 135166 or anne-andrew@live.co.uk). **Cancelled**

June

27th – **Liverpool**: Annual All Day Fellowship – "Faithfulness in Steadfastness"; speaker: Patrick Boyns, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm. Venue: 1 Picton Road, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 8 QH. Contact: Charles Yankiah (07891 262910 or cyankiah@hotmail.com).

July

3rd-10th – **Camp Heatherbell**: "Focus" at Auchengillan Outdoor Centre, Stockiemuir Road, Blanefield, Glasgow G63 9BA. Contact: Adam Barr (brujnr@icloud.com) or Graham McDonald (graham@gmcd.net).

25th-31st – **Camp Tayside**: Contact: Aubrey Boyns (a.boyns@gmail.com).

August

2nd-7th – **British Bible Camp**. Cost: £120. Contact: Jason Snethen (07795 560990).

8th – **Eastwood (Nottinghamshire)**: Quarterly Outreach meeting – "Jesus – when you feel forsaken". Light refreshments at 6.00 pm and lesson at 7.00 pm. Contact: Adrian Limb (cofceastwood@aol.com).

16th-21st – **Camp Charnwood**: John's Lee Wood campsite, Markfield Lane, Leicester, LE67 9PS. Contact: Guy Sandison (07791 101397) or Simon Hardy (07728 038636).

27th-29th – **European Christian Workshop**: Lancaster University. Theme – 'AWAKE'. Contact: Stephen Woodcock (01509 768789 or registration@europeanchristianworkshop.com).

DIARY

September

5th – **Great Barr**: Fellowship Day. Venue: Main Hall, Collingwood Community Centre, Collingwood Drive, Birmingham. B43 7NF. Contact: Sola Adeosun (sola.adeosun@gmail.com).

18th-20th – **BBS Family Retreat**: “Trusting the Teacher...taking him at his word”. Venue: Letton Hall, Norfolk. Contact: study@britishbibleschool.com.

26th – **Peterhead**: Annual Social Day, 1.00 pm. Speakers: Tony Coffey and Graham McDonald. To help with catering, please send number attending by beginning of September. Contact: William Strachan (wstrachan007@gmail.com).

October

2nd-3rd – **Wembley (London)**: British Bible School Study Weekend. Contact: John Griffiths (griffiths.jhg@virgin.net).

3rd-4th – **East Kilbride**: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: “Contemporary Christianity” (part 1 – exploring the history of churches of Christ), teachers: Jon Galloway and Mark Hill.

30th-31st – **Wembley (London)**: British Bible School Study Weekend, part 2. Contact: John Griffiths (griffiths.jhg@virgin.net).

31st-1st November – **East Kilbride**: British Bible School Study Weekend. Module: “Contemporary Christianity” (part 2 – exploring the practice of contemporary Christianity), teachers: Jon Galloway and Mark Hill.

November

2nd-6th – **British Bible School**: Residential Study Week at Bassenfell Manor, near Keswick; module: “Acts”. Teachers: Patrick Boyns, Jon Galloway, Mark Hill and Jack Paton. Contact: study@britishbibleschool.com.

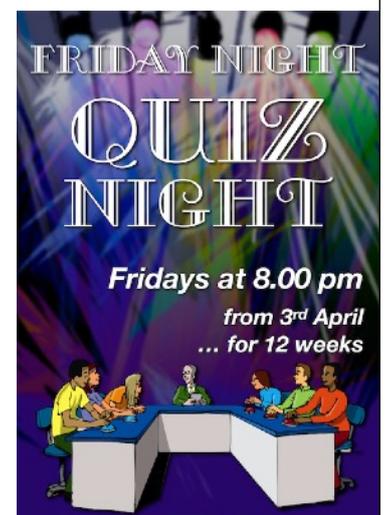
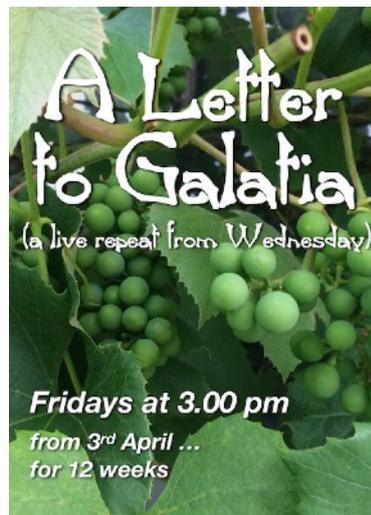
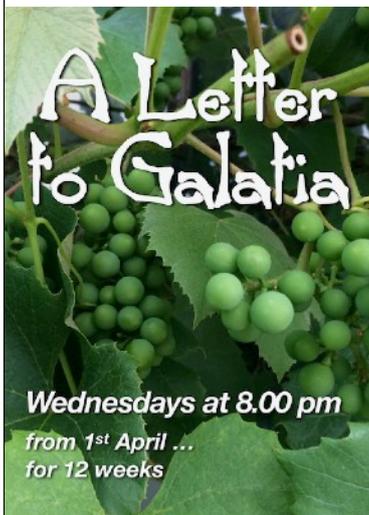
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European Events Calendar

February 2021

15th-21st – **Gemünden, Germany**: Advanced Bible Study Series. Arrive Monday evening for ABSS I, which begins on Tuesday morning. ABSS I – Tuesday-Friday; ABSS II – Friday-Sunday. Contact: Paul Brazle (brazle.paul@gmail.com).

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THE FINAL WORD



A Sabbath rest

I do not think that everyone will agree with me but please bear with me as I share some of the thoughts going through my mind at a time when our usual day-to-day life is totally changed. First of all I do thank our readers who are working harder and perhaps in more dangerous conditions because of COVID-19. We have a number of medical and other health care professionals in our fellowship, as well as front line workers in grocery stores, transport and other businesses still providing the essentials we require. Thank you also to those who are volunteering and helping support others in one way or another. Our meeting places are closed and many of us are isolated. Life is different.

The phrase 'Sabbath rest' from Hebrews 4:9 keeps coming to mind. As Christians we do not observe the 4th commandment. We may worship on Sundays, the resurrection day, but most active church members may find it hard work with preaching, teaching, leading, hosting, being a chauffeur and all the other one hundred things we involve ourselves in on the Lord's day. We and the world around us find little rest.

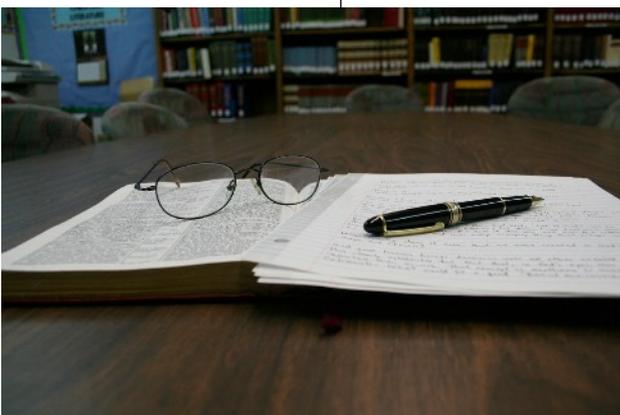
I understand that because of less traffic air pollution is improving in some areas, so perhaps some good may come out of the evil.

together and to worship as a family. For those living alone this may be more difficult but hopefully everyone will have a telephone and so can talk and pray with each other. We can even celebrate communion together, ordinary bread and wine can be used. In World War I our brethren in prison as conscientious objectors used cold tea at communion. Sometimes needs must be inventive – even King David ate of the sacred bread from the Tabernacle (1 Samuel 21), totally against the Law given to Moses.

COVID-19 is a frightening problem for the world. I cannot make light of it but every year something far worse happens – 500,000 die because of water pollution; 2 billion have to drink water with faeces present; 4,200,000 deaths are caused through air pollution; 9,000,000 die through hunger; 40-50 million babies are aborted (that is 125,000 every day). And all of these things happen every year. I am shaking with heartbreak thinking of these horrors which are constantly around us.

I do hope and pray that when the next CW is produced that we will all be in a happier place. Let us know what your church is doing to make a difference.

Trevor



For those with more time on their hands or a changed routine this may be a good time to read our Bibles more as a family, to pray

Jesus when you lived and walked among us you healed the sick, thank you.

Today we ask that you once again bring healing and health to many. Strengthen those who are ill and bless those who have lost loved ones. Let your people find rest in weariness and joy in sorrow; patience in anxiety and openness to your Holy Spirit. Amen