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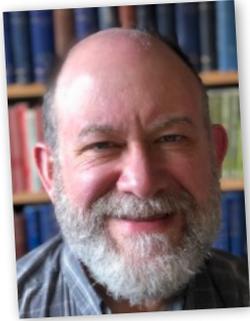
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# MY PERSPECTIVE



We can still use hymns to teach and encourage

## Worship without singing

It is the strangest thing to worship without being able to sing. As we have resumed worship in our meeting places singing is just not an option if we want to continue to suppress the virus.

As someone who has been involved in singing all my life in some capacity, I understand the problems with singing and the coronavirus. Singing does present a serious problem for transmission of this disease. When you sing you are sending out droplets from your mouth, which are being sent out with more force than when we speak. Also when we sing we are inhaling deep breaths to allow us to sing the next phrase. It would take just one person in a normal worship assembly to infect almost everyone who is there! And so singing is not possible just now.

It is reported on the CDC website that a choir practice took place in March in Skagit County, Washington, USA. The choir practice lasted for 2½ hours and was attended by 61 persons. One of these had COVID-19. The result of their practice was that there were 32 confirmed cases, 20 probable secondary cases, with three hospitalised and two died. (<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6919e6.htm>) I believe it is quite easy to see the danger of singing at this time.

We need to realise that there are quite a number of ways of singing and these have been utilised through the centuries. The four-part singing that most of us have grown to love is actually a ‘new’ innovation in the history of singing.

The Jews and first Christians would most likely have sung antiphonally, with a leader singing a phrase and the congregation responding or two groups singing alternately. Psalm 136 may be an example of this. Paul mentioned “*When you come together, each one has a psalm, a teaching, a revelation, an unrecognisable language, an interpretation. Let all things be for edification*” (1 Corinthians 14:26 McCord). That could imply even one person singing to the congregation. Later in history came what we often call Gregorian chant.

Although we cannot sing as we normally do ‘congregationally’, there are ways that we can still be encouraged through the words of “*psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit*” (Ephesians 5:19 NIV). We can still use songs to “*teach and admonish one another with all wisdom*” (Colossians 3:16).

Many congregations are playing recorded hymns during their worship as a means of teaching and encouraging each other. At East Kilbride we are learning songs in British Sign Language – after all, this is the way our deaf brothers and sisters sing. We also have someone read the words to hymns. Although we enjoy the tunes and harmonies is it not the words which do the teaching and encouraging?

By being creative we can find ways to continue to teach and encourage each other through the words of hymns. But, I must admit, it will be good to sing together again!

Jon

# Resuming worship assemblies after lockdown

**Different – but nice to be together**

*We are featuring what some congregations are doing in resuming worship. We realise not all congregations have been able to begin meeting again because of attendance and numbers restrictions due to the size of their meeting place. We hope by highlighting what these congregations are doing that it might give other congregations ideas as to how they can resume worship when they are able to do so.*

## **Ilkeston**

The Ilkeston congregation has carefully followed Government guidelines believing very strongly in the teaching of Romans 13. To prepare ourselves for returning to worship Christians came to our chapel, at different times, to tidy, clean and sanitise wherever we could.

Tables are put around the worship area in a sort of circle and chairs put with them for family 'bubbles'. Those able and willing to share a table were distanced by more than 5ft. Both front and back doors are open during worship allowing a flow of air through and people may only enter the chapel one at a time in order to sanitise before going further.

The first week each family were directed to where they could sit. Communion is prepared before the meeting and put on each table. No one has to touch anything but what they need. Each person is encouraged to

bring their own water if wanted, their own Bible and anything else needed.

All side rooms and kitchen are off limits to all but those allowed. At the end of worship brethren are urged to leave the chapel fairly quickly and sanitise again on the way out. Church leaders then collect and dispose of any communion left over, tables are sanitised and rubbish disposed of. This is the only meeting held during the week.

Our time of worship is still a little strange because we do not sing, no more than 30 can attend, Bibles are not given out – all in accord with current Government guidelines. Each week a different brother will lead the service which has included a large number of psalms and prayers. With the differing gifts among us we may have a story for the younger people, or a



discussion which has been introduced by the leader. No pulpit is used and leaders lead from the table where they sit. We often encourage our members to share what is on their heart which lets us all know of concerns or joys received.

Resuming worship is something which smaller congregations can do easily. For some time we have not taken a collection during the service and a bowl is normally left for those who wish to give. Most people now give by direct debit and for those not using this method their offerings are put into an envelope and simply left on the table where they sit.

Each family in the congregation were sent a letter before 4<sup>th</sup> July giving directions of how things had to be, and the risk assessment also included that if they did not feel comfortable attending or it was unwise to attend we would understand. Not everyone is able to be there and we miss their fellowship.

There are no refreshments after our worship, no fellowship meals, no hugs or handshakes. Some wear face coverings, and although we do not encourage walking around the chapel we still get to talk to each other at a distance. One of our older sisters said she knew it was different but it was still so nice to see everyone and be able to worship together.

The ordinary now seems so special.

Trevor Williams



### East Kilbride

We were overjoyed when the Scottish Government announced that we could begin worship a week earlier than planned. Consequently we met for the first time since lockdown on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> July for a one hour period of worship. We have not yet resumed Bible classes but plan to do so after the summer.

Before our first meeting several spent time cleaning the building to get it ready for use again. I then set out the seats throughout our auditorium and GP room so that social distancing can be maintained. I also sent out several pages of information to the families in the congregation detailing what we would have to do in order to comply with the government guidelines. This includes entering by households, using the hand washing stations that have been set up, following the meeting to leave by households, and always maintaining two metres distance from other households. Thus far, all this is going very well.



We are fortunate that our building has more than sufficient space for the congregation to be socially distanced and our numbers are such that we could all meet together. In Scotland our numbers are currently restricted to 50 at worship and, of course, no singing. We have put out 17 seats which can seat three people spaced 2 metres apart throughout our building. Although socially distanced, it is still close enough to catch up with those we haven't seen for a while.

For the Lord's Supper, those present walk by household groups to get the bread and grape

juice. We have placed three tables in such a way that no one has to walk within two metres of any other household group. We have individual pieces of bread and individual cups which each person takes back to their seat – we are using disposable cups so they can be thrown away following the meeting.

We are fortunate at East Kilbride to have Iain Cameron with us, who is a British Sign Language interpreter at South Lanarkshire College. Each week Iain has been teaching those present the signs to a verse or two of a song. We have started learning “Jesus Loves Me” in BSL and have been impressed with how expressive sign language can be. We are able to take some of the signs we learn and use them as we listen to other hymns.

We are trying to limit our meetings to one hour of worship in order to discourage the use of the toilet due to the need to wipe down everything that is touched in a toilet every time it is used.

We have encouraged those who feel safe to come and worship with us but emphasised that we realise that not everyone will have enough confidence to venture out yet. We have also invited congregations near us who cannot yet meet in the community centres they use to feel free to join in with us. The first week we met there were five present and this past week there were eight.

We have had over half the congregation as part of the ‘shielded’ group due to health issues. With the shielded restrictions being lifted the first day of August we are hoping that many will feel safe enough to join us in the coming weeks. We anticipate our numbers at worship continuing to grow in the coming weeks as more feel confident coming out of lockdown.

Thus far, although our worship is different than what we are used to, those present are thankful that we can meet together and have expressed how good it is just to worship – some even commented how nice it was with being able to ‘sign’ the songs.

We do look forward to the day we can once again join our voices in song in praise of our Saviour. In the meantime, we praise him with our hands.

Jon Galloway

## Livingston

Like many congregations we have relied on Zoom during lockdown to help us meet together each Lord’s Day and for our midweek Bible study. On Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> July, we met in our building for the first time since March. Much work had gone into ensuring the building met the government guidelines, and indeed it was good to be together again.

Some felt, however, that the restrictions impacted our worship experience and fellowship: notably, limitation on numbers, no singing, the wearing of face coverings, and social distancing.

We have decided to consider this first Sunday as a “learning experience” and implement some changes which we hope will mitigate some of the disadvantages. These include wearing face coverings only when moving around the building, playing some *a cappella* music and “making melody in our hearts” rather than singing out loud.

Thereafter we will make a decision on the way ahead. We are assured that whatever we decide, the Lord will go on blessing His people, just as He has been doing.

John Mooney





# CONGRATULATIONS!



Enoch and Clarissa Kabalo

## A wedding after lockdown!

We are happy to report that, after some delay due to the pandemic, **Enoch Kabalo** and **Clarissa Coupland** were married – outdoors, in a beautiful garden area on Corstorphine Hill – on 4<sup>th</sup> July. May they have a long life together in the service of our Lord.

John Mooney  
(Livingston)

## A new Christian at Denmark Hill!

We want to share the news of a new babe in Christ at Denmark Hill, London, in spite of the lockdown. **Edima Inyang** accepted Christ as her Lord and Saviour and was baptised into Him on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June in our back garden.

Kufre Inyang



Edima immersed by her father Kufre

## Two new Christians in Livingston!

We rejoice in the baptisms of two of our young people: **Tristan Cass** on 12<sup>th</sup> June, and **Rachel Kinghorn** on 30<sup>th</sup> July. In both cases their fathers had the joy and privilege of conducting the baptisms. We know the Lord will bless these young souls in their decisions for Christ.

John Mooney

## Happy birthday!

Congratulations to **Frank Worgan** who has just celebrated his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday! Frank preached his first sermon at the age of 14 and entered full-time work with congregations when he was 17. His sharp mind still enables him to preach occasionally and anyone who knows him will be constantly encouraged by his clear, concise and passionate delivery of the gospel. He now has great difficulty reading and he told me recently that he uses a 50 inch screen to help him see when using the computer.

I remember hearing Frank for the first time in 1959 just after I had been immersed and his presence and personality has been a measuring stick to me personally through the years. When as a student at NIBS (the forerunner of BBS) and Frank came as a visiting teacher to Belfast, where the school then was held, he started the lesson off by quoting Isaiah 6; even now when reading that chapter I hear Frank's voice.

Thank you Frank for your service to Jesus and to us all.

Trevor Williams



Tristan immersed by his father Basil



# BRITISH BIBLE SCHOOL NOTES

## Acts study week to proceed

Following a spring and summer of cancelled or virtualised events, it was beginning to look as if nothing was going to be able to go ahead as planned for the remainder of the year. However, we are delighted to make it known that our Autumn Study Week is to take place as planned, albeit with necessary precautionary measures in place.

This year we are pleased to offer you three full days of intensive classroom-based teaching on the book of Acts at our annual Study Week in the north of England. We have four teachers planned for the event which begins on the evening of Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November and concludes on the morning of Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November. We would love to have you join us.

Those of you who are familiar with Bassenfell Manor in the northern Lake District will know that it is not only an ideal setting for an event of this nature, but also well suited for such under the current conditions, being particularly

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Patrick Boyns  
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# ACTS

## British Bible School Autumn Study Week

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# COVID-19 EXPERIENCE

**“Treat others as we want to be treated”**

In the lead up to Christmas I remember hearing about a new virus that was taking hold in China. Although concerned at the time it seemed far removed from life here in the UK. After the New Year though it became apparent that this new virus, COVID-19, was much more infectious and deadly and by March had spread to other nations and was overrunning the health services in countries such as Italy and Spain. I remember this being a very anxious time as our local hospital began putting in contingency plans for dealing with regional outbreaks in the Bristol area. The most significant concern was ensuring we would not run out of beds or ventilators. A new Nightingale hospital was built and the hospital where I work began significant training, redeployment of staff to essential areas and reorganisation of the bed base within the hospital. Physiotherapy colleagues were transferred if they had respiratory skills and were sent to work in ICU to manage the ventilated patients providing respiratory care and rehabilitation.

We all had a concern for those colleagues having to work in clinical areas where the virus was most virulent and seeing some become significantly ill did have an impact on us all. We were also concerned about bringing the virus home to our families and many considered not returning home but locating themselves in alternative accommodation.

I work as a Physiotherapist within a community rehab team providing therapy for stroke patients after their discharge home from hospital. Although a community service, we are hospital based, so we were part of these

preparations. Our service quickly changed from being a rehab team to a rapid response service. Rather than provide rehabilitation in patients' homes our remit changed to assessing stroke patients in A&E, taking them straight home if appropriate and setting them up with equipment and exercises to carry on with independently.

Every day there were new updates and changes that we all had to adapt to, such as extra shifts on the weekends to facilitate hospital discharges, as well as evening clinics to prevent hospital admissions. The intensity of the change and constant new information meant we had to be repeatedly updating our practise and changing the way we worked, which was stressful and exhausting at times. We thought that admissions due to the virus would peak around late April so the lead up to this period was the most intense. Patients who required follow-up home visits had to become familiar with therapists arriving in full PPE. Family members had to locate themselves in another room to ensure social distancing and therapists had to limit contact with patients to minimise the potential transmission of the virus.

Due to the physical effects of a stroke many patients require hands on assistance during therapy. Having to limit our contact with our patients was very alien to us and felt less caring at times. Along with the physical effects of a stroke, patients can also experience communication and cognitive changes. The wearing of face masks did have an impact on our ability to communicate as easily as usual and build rapport with these patients, as they were not able to see our facial expressions or recognise

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us as easily as before. It was hard to not be able to provide the same level of input and support as we would usually have done, but now we know more about the virus it is encouraging to see services being re-established as safe systems of work are put in place to enable this.

In times of crisis, although difficult at times, you do see the best in people. I have been amazed at the many kind gestures extended to NHS staff by the community but also within the work place. Laundry bags have been sewn, hair bands made to protect our ears from the face masks and free hot meals have been provided. Colleagues and families have supported each other and friendships have been strengthened. As

Christians, we have had an opportunity to be lights in our community during a time of great uncertainty, setting a calm, patient example, being prepared to go the extra mile for our community. Now more than ever we need to be applying the principles of treating others as we would like to be treated, and trusting that God will provide for us helping us through this time of uncertainty.

Sasha Woodham

*Sasha originates from Australia and has lived in Bristol since her marriage to Leigh. She is a physiotherapist and they have two sons. She is part of the Bedminster congregation in Bristol.*

## IMMUNOLOGY OF COVID-19: CHALLENGES & PROGRESS

The emergence of the novel coronavirus which is scientifically called Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (**SARS-CoV-2**) has changed our world. The unprecedented burden of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by the virus on global health has led to drastic responses by governments around the world and intense research activities from the scientific community to find a solution to end the pandemic.

Viruses are obligate infectious particles, which means they need a living cell or host to multiply and cause infection. Coronaviruses are made up single-stranded RNA covered with a lipid/fatty envelope, with a crown of club-shaped spikes, which gives it the name 'corona' on their outer surface<sup>1</sup>. The presence of the fatty envelope that surrounds the nucleic material is what makes coronaviruses susceptible to soap and alcohol-based sanitisers. Essentially, the soap or alcohol-based gel dissolves the fatty layer leading to the elution of the viral nucleic acid and eventual death of the virus<sup>2</sup>. Also, the presence of the spike protein which enables the virus to gain entry into human cells, serves as one of the targets for host immune response.

Currently, there is no definitive cure or vaccine for COVID-19. According to the World Health Organisation's draft report of COVID-19 candidate vaccines, as at 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020, there are 25 candidate vaccines in clinical evaluation at various stages of trials and about 140 vaccine candidates at preclinical stages<sup>3</sup>. These vaccine candidates are being developed using either parts or the whole virus, albeit weakened, with the aim of eliciting immune response in the host; that is, preparing the body's natural defences should it encounter the virus later.

Of the 25 candidate vaccines currently undergoing clinical evaluations, six of them, including the one being developed by University of Oxford/AstraZeneca, have entered Phase 3 trials<sup>3</sup>. The Oxford vaccine candidate called ChAdOx1 nCoV-19, which is currently one the most promising candidates, utilises genetic sequence of the spike protein on the outer surface of the coronavirus. The genetic material is put into a special vehicle which does not cause a disease itself, called chimpanzee adenovirus vaccine vector (ChAdOx1), so that when the vaccine is injected, spike proteins will appear on

# COVID-19 EXPERIENCE

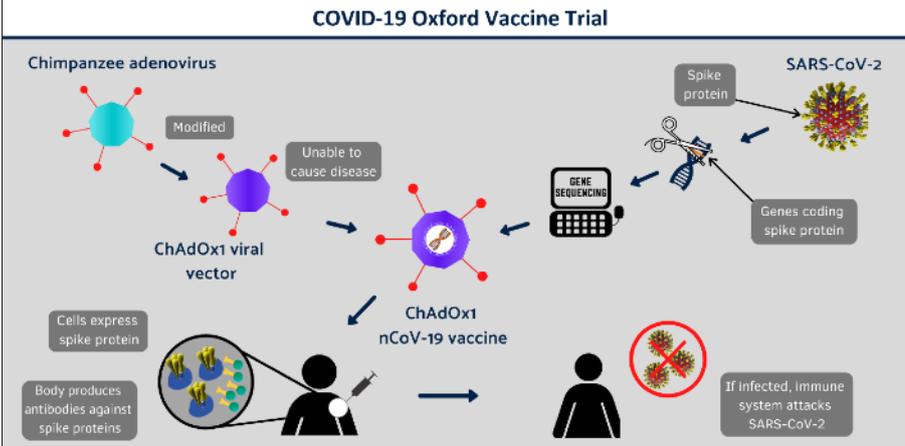


Figure 1: Graphical demonstration of the development of ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 vaccine candidate by the University of Oxford/AstraZeneca. Figure taken from Oxford Vaccine Centre's COVID-19 webpage<sup>5</sup>.

the vehicle<sup>4</sup>. Antibodies and T-cells, the body's immune cells, will then be produced against the spike protein and protect against any future 'real' coronavirus (Figure 1).

To ensure the safety of vaccines, their development undergo many stringent evaluations called clinical trials. Phase 1 trial mainly investigates the safety of the vaccine including the safe dose range and potential side effects in a small number of healthy volunteers. Thankfully, the ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 has passed both Phase 1 and Phase 2 trials in the UK, which also evaluated the safety of the vaccine in a range of people including children and older people. It is currently undergoing Phase 3 trial in Brazil and South Africa to assess its effectiveness in a large number of people.

Although there is still some way to go, there is a positive indication that we are closer to getting an effective vaccine as well as therapies to overcome the coronavirus. Yet, it is important to emphasise that at this moment there is no definitive cure for the disease which therefore requires all of us to:

- Remain calm, take care of ourselves and be considerate of others.
- Wash your hands regularly with soap under running water.
- Use alcohol-based sanitisers.

- Use appropriate face coverings and avoid touching your face.
- Avoid large gatherings and maintain a distance.
- Eat well.
- Drink more water.
- Get enough rest.
- Stay safe.

Philemon Gyasi-Antwi

*Philemon has his MSc (Oxon) and PhD in Immunology. He is a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow and is with the School of Health Sciences, University of Nottingham. He is part of the Nottingham (Stapleford) congregation.*

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## Churches of Christ Men's Open Forum

Date: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2020

Hosted by **Edmonton Church of Christ**

**Theme: Building Bridges (1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 13:1-7)**

Time 10:00 – 13:00 GMT+1:00(London)

Mode of Meeting Zoom: Meeting ID: 89255693744

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# THE PURPOSE OF BAPTISM

Our church fellowship loves to study the Bible and we love to teach and preach from the Sacred Word. We love to see people give their lives to Christ and to see them immersed. We presume that the one being immersed has heard the gospel that Jesus gave his life for them and is resurrected from the dead for them. We would expect that they would have been taught the purpose for being immersed and so we come to the point of the actual baptism.

Of course it is the faith of the one being immersed that is important but it seems to me that it is also important that the one baptising declares the purpose. I have seen a number of videos on Facebook recently that has caused me to be concerned. Some will declare, "I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". Others add "for the remission of sins" and still others will add to that "and for the receiving of the gift of The Holy Spirit".

We could of course say, well what would happen if the baptiser could not even speak? In that case there is no discussion, God bless that person as well as the one being immersed. However it is the usual practise for the one baptising to say something. I have personally baptised people and have seen many immersed and something is always said by the baptiser.

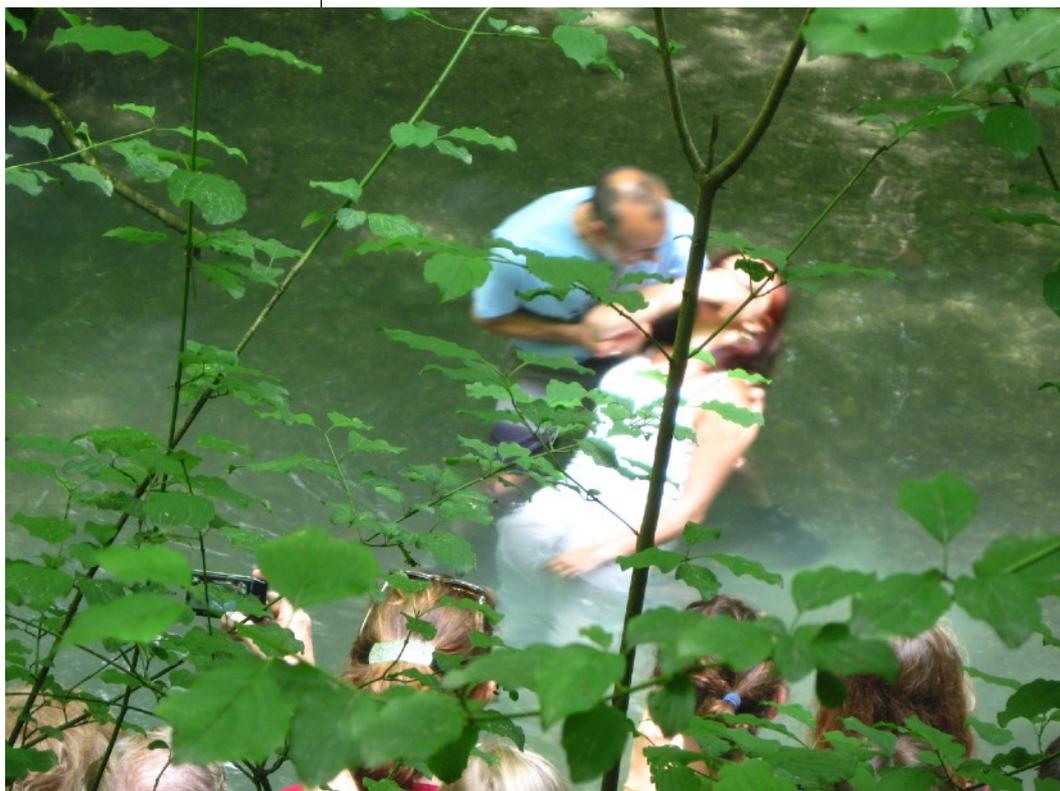
Can we go with any one of the three declarations that I have mentioned? A simple study of the New Testament shows us clearly the purpose of baptism. It is to become a disciple of Jesus (Matthew 28:18), salvation (Mark 16:16), to have sins forgiven and to receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38), to be united with Christ's death and in his resurrection (Romans 6:3,5), or to be clothed with Christ (Galatians 3:27). There are other passages we could consider.

I receive a number of emails from people around the world telling me of people

who have been immersed for '*the remission of sins*', but never am I told that it was just '*for the receiving of the gift of the Holy Spirit*'. It just might be that those actually performing immersions do not always think about what is being said. Acts 2:38 clearly teaches that baptism is for the remission of sins and for the receiving of the gift of the Holy Spirit. When the sin goes out God goes in.

Thank you for thinking about this.

Trevor Williams





# FAMILY NEWS

## EDMONTON (LONDON)

As part of the programmes lined up designed to equip the congregation for our spiritual growth this year, the men organised a lectureship on Saturday, 4th July on the theme, “Leading by Example” The scriptural text in support of the theme was from 1 Timothy 4:12.

### MEETING

The congregation extended invitations to all men in UK congregations and beyond. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the meeting was held via Zoom. At the peak of the meeting there were about 71 devices which joined the Zoom (the number of devices does not necessarily equal the number of participants as some families might use a single device or a single person may sign up to more than one device).

### SPEAKERS

Gary Smith, from the Leicester congregation, and James Obeng, from Edmonton, were the speakers. The scriptural text centred on five subtopics. Gary spoke on Speech, Conduct and Love; whilst James dealt with the last two: Faith and Purity. The two speakers did a yeoman’s job. Biblically, the topics were well-researched, and their mode of delivery was exquisite. The well-delivered topics generated lots of interests, questions and contributions from the participants. The speakers answered the questions to the admiration of the questioners. What is more, we have since sent all the resources which the speakers used in delivering their speeches to the participants through email and WhatsApp.

## MEN’S MENTAL HEALTH

Men’s mental health was equally well-led by a competent practitioner, Frank Okyere-Mireku (from Edmonton). He dealt well with the need for men to consider their mental health needs and not shy away from such – men seem to be the ones to refuse seeking health from the necessary information he provided.

### CONCLUSION

In summary, the lectureship was a success and that the organisers believe in all accounts the questions, suggestions and contributions from the lectureship will go a long way to spiritually uplift men to lead well in their local congregation.

S. Ofori-Dwumah

## LIVINGSTON

The church in Livingston has continued to be blessed during the pandemic. We rejoice in the baptisms of two of our young people: Tristan Cass on 12<sup>th</sup> June, and Rachel Kinghorn on 30<sup>th</sup> July.

We also were able to congratulate another of our couples, as Mike and Gwen Kirk celebrated their golden wedding on 11<sup>th</sup> April. Two of our brothers reached ‘milestone’ birthdays: Paul Leggatt turned 60, and Alan Cunningham 80.

Like many congregations we have relied on Zoom to help us meet together each Lord’s Day and for our midweek Bible study. On Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> July, we met in our building for the first time since March.

John Mooney

# NOTICES

## Central European Faith Talks

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# PATRICK BOYNS

August 7-8 @7pm (CET) (6 pm BST)

Patrick Boyns is principal of the British Bible School in Corby, England. Patrick has a special interest in trains, planes and Ancient Near-East archaeology, including first-hand experience as a volunteer at a dig in Israel. Patrick is a gifted expositor with a clear style, British wit and love of the Teacher.

And more to come:

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**Jim Baird** | Nov 6-7

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# DIARY

## August

27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> – **European Christian Workshop**: Lessons online. Theme – ‘AWAKE’. Contact: Stephen Woodcock (01509 768789 or [registration@europeanchristianworkshop.com](mailto:registration@europeanchristianworkshop.com)).

## September

5<sup>th</sup> – **Great Barr**: Fellowship Day. As our Community centre is still closed, we will be having an “online fellowship day” on Zoom with the theme: “Devotion to the public reading of Scriptures”. The day promises lots of scripture reading, prayers and games. The zoom details are as follows – ID: 879 9050 1513; Password: 484833 Contact: Sola Adeosun ([sola.adeosun@gmail.com](mailto:sola.adeosun@gmail.com)).

## November

2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> – **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](mailto:study@britishbibleschool.com).

7<sup>th</sup> – **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](mailto:cofceastwood@aol.com)).

## **European Events Calendar**

### February 2021

15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> – **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](mailto:brazle.paul@gmail.com)).

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