

# Roundabout



**The Cotteridge Church  
Witnessing at the Heart of the Community**

**September 2018**

# Mike's message ...

## 100 Days of Prayer

One hundred years ago Europe, and because of colonialism much of the world beyond, was embroiled in a bitter, bloody war that had already ensued for four years. Millions had died. Communities had lost men and women of a whole generation in the bloodshed. In France and Belgium whole villages had been wiped from the map. It was in this context that, on 4 August 1918, King George V called a National Day of Prayer. 100 days later the fighting ceased and 'The Great War' came towards its end.



The last soldiers went 'over the top' at 4.20am on 11th November 1918. Forty minutes later at 5.00am, in a railway carriage deep in the Forest of Compiègne, north of Paris, the Armistice was signed. It agreed that the guns would fall silent at 11.00am. In the time between the signing and the implementation 2738 soldiers died on the Western Front. The armistice would be renewed three times in the following months before the Treaty of Versailles was signed on 28th June 1919 and the war was formally brought to an end.

This year Remembrance Sunday is 11th November, exactly one hundred years to the day since the Armistice. The time from 4th August, the centenary of George V's National Day of Prayer, to Remembrance Sunday is being observed as 100 days of Prayer. Prayer and meditation resources are online at

<https://www.remembrance100.co.uk/100-days/>

and we're making some printed copies available week by week in The Pennine Way.

There's a danger that occasions such as this can become merely times of reminiscence or, worse still, that events can become some sort of national jingoistic occasion.

The theme of 100 Days of Prayer seeks to use history in the right way. It helps us to reflect on the past and, using what we learn, to strengthen us to bring hope for the future. The material encourages us to be instruments of reconciliation, crossing borders and barriers, radical in our generosity and welcome.

You can visit the railway carriage in which the Armistice was signed. It's in the Forest of Compiègne where the event happened. It hasn't always been there though. It went back into service before Hitler took it back to Compiègne to use it for the French Government to sign a surrender in 1940. It then moved around Europe in 'safe keeping' until it was destroyed, either by the SS or an



RAF bomb, accounts vary. The one you see today is a bit like 'Triggers Broom' in Only Fools and Horses - it's had new everything. Well except for the bogies (wheels and chassis) which are said to be original.

It may seem disrespectful to mention a comedy programme but that series included a very poignant quote. In an early episode the character 'Grandad' is reflecting on his memories of the end of The Great War. He recalls Victory Celebrations from which the horrifically wounded were excluded or hidden away. But he remembers seeing them arriving at the station, including those who were blind or lacking limbs. Then he said: "They promised us homes fit for heroes. They gave us heroes fit for homes". That scene, and the final slow motion scene in 'Blackadder Goes Forth' when the characters go "over the top" and the screen fades to poppies, always bring tears to my eyes.

Let us reflect on the horrors of the past, and the causes of them, and use them to bring hope for the future as we renew our commitment to bringing peace and reconciliation.

Revd Mike Claridge

## **Friends & Family**

We are sad to record the deaths of Margaret Morgan in July, and of Judith Hogben-Smith in August. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends.

September is a month for celebration: Susan Claridge will be 50, Laurie Brown will be 60, and Mike & Susan Claridge celebrate their silver wedding anniversary. Congratulations to Pat Walker who is now a great grandmother. Daisy arrived on 23rd August.

Suzanne Bunn has been working in Sierra Leone, training teachers with the charity Street Child. We heard all about her experiences during the morning service on 26th August, and she will write an article for the next edition of Roundabout. Thank you Suzanne.

Did you happen to watch BBC Midlands Today on Wednesday 8th August? They visited our Holiday Club and Food Bank, and interviewed several participants and helpers. It is good to know that our community work is much appreciated, and our thanks go to all the volunteers.

2018 commemorates the hundredth anniversary of the end of World War I, and I think it would be fitting to have some tributes to local people who were involved. If your family or friends have any memories or tributes of that time which they would like to share, particularly of people from our area, please get in touch with me, so that they can be published in the November edition. Thank you.

## **Pennine Way Trips**

It's nice to know that when we go on a Pennine Way trip, we not only enjoy ourselves, but also help other people. The Methodist Church in Stratford provided a lovely high tea for us and the profit made is going to buy solar lamps for children in Kenya so that they can do their homework even if it is dark

That really says "Let there be Light"

Rita Sutton



## PRAYER POEM, WITHOUT ANY VERB

Of poverty, a dearth, everlasting peace alway on earth,  
Kingdom here, on the way, at the dawn of every day.  
Burdens, sorrows on Jesu's shoulder, redemption gifts young and older.  
Spirit twinkles, starry light, Christ ineffable, awesome might.  
No risks in such security, protection of holy purity.

Chief primate of own creation, master of time and tide,  
In sacred silent space, in stillness alongside.  
Parachute to heaven, on another plane,  
In solemn joy of genuflection we, over and over again.  
Bold humility, passionate calm, peaceful potentate, untruths slayer,  
Almighty Son of Father, Saviour, Redeemer, ransom payer.

Life very fragile, origin from where ?  
Songs of praise instruction, to the Lord in prayer.  
Mercy, grace, forgiveness o'er us, your embrace of love,  
We, part of realms of glory, minds on treasure above.

By Gordon Parsons, (Honorary Withybed Poet.)

## Still Boldly Going: Rome – Copenhagen. May – June 2018



For those who read my earlier Roundabout article last September you will know I started on a long distance south-north Euro-Velo cycle route (EV7) from Malta and reached the town of Orte, about 100 km north of Rome before coming home. This May I returned to Rome and continued cycling north.

My route took me along more of the Italian west coast passing through towns like Livorno and Viareggio. I diverted a little bit inland to visit Pisa again and see their famous leaning tower. Up to that point the weather had been cloudless blue skies but while I was there the skies opened and the streets flooded for a few hours. Italy is a mountainous country, especially on the west coast, and I had to turn inland and climb a pass over 1 000 metres to reach Parma, before turning north to reach Lake Garda. Continuing further north I headed towards the Alps and climbed the Brenner Pass, and at that crossing I had cycled the whole length of Italy. I then crossed into Austria and reached Innsbruck. The name of the town is clear, it has a bridge over the R Inn. I followed the R. Inn all the way down to Passau. That was a significant

crossing point for me. An earlier cycle ride (the EV6) had connected St Nazaire with Constanza on the Black Sea. The German town of Passau sits on the Danube, meaning the EV7 crosses with the EV6 at Passau.

I missed out the Czech Republic then continued north to reach Dresden, now much rebuilt after bombing raids in WW II and stagnation in the GDR until the Berlin wall fell in November 1989. The central Frauenkirche (church of Our Lady) has been rebuilt and opened in 2003. After Dresden I cycled to Berlin then continued further north to the sea port of Rostock where I caught a ferry to Denmark, and after two more days I reached Copenhagen. There I stopped my ride at the Little Mermaid, the bronze statue representing Hans Christian Andersen's fairytale of the same name. The weather along the whole route from Malta to Copenhagen was sunny and dry. As I write at home in early July we have



the same clear blue skies with a hot and sunny heat wave, but I have cycled in the same condition starting last August. I haven't had a single wet day in seven weeks on the road. The ride Rome-Copenhagen was 2,000 km and took four weeks.

Peter Childs

## Can You Help?

I never cease to be amazed and grateful for the efforts of so many in so many different ways that allows The Cotteridge Church and all its community activities to run. But we ALWAYS need more helpers somewhere. Below are just some of our current needs for volunteers. Please contact me or the coordinator listed directly if you might be able to help:



- **Coffee Bar:** With a number of 'retirements' from coffee bar we are in particular need of weekday volunteers and occasional stand-in help. (Contact Linda Mann)
- **Bumps and Babes:** Help is needed for this is a new group meeting on Tuesday mornings to welcome people, serve refreshments and supporting coordination/organisation (Contact Jane Jones)
- **Supporting worship:** Various roles are required during the Sunday service - currently we are short of men to read and lead prayers - duties less than once a month (Contact Mike Meadows)
- **Flower arranging:** For those who want a bit of creativity on Saturday morning - frequency is very flexible. (Contact Lin Brown)
- **Fundraising events:** Can't make a regular commitment? Help on the day with fundraising events might be for you (Contact Chris Pascal or Celia Lester)

There are many more opportunities available, so please feel free to discuss what might work for you with me or with Sue Clayton or Jane Jones, who oversee recruitment of volunteers.

Pam Waddell (Volunteering Promotion Co-ordinator)

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# **The Cotteridge Church**

## **Joint Church Council**

### **Summary of Proceedings 19th July 2018**

#### **Key Decisions**

1. A recommendation was adopted that Children should be admitted to Communion if their parents agree and after lessons in the meaning of the ritual were given.
2. It was agreed that the alarm system should be maintained on an annual basis.
3. It was agreed that the Catering Strategy Group should prepare a full proposal based on their interim strategy.
4. A new Church privacy policy was adopted ready for inclusion on the Church website.
5. It was agreed that Saplings could use the Malvern Room on Thursday evening and Friday Mornings.
6. It was also agreed that a new Bumps and Babies group could use the Clent room on Tuesday Mornings.
7. It was agreed to fund The Cotteridge Church stall at next year's CoCoMAD.
8. A proposal to allow under eleven birthday parties on Saturday mornings in the Clent room was agreed.
9. The Holiday Event Coordinator, Holiday Event Helper, Bumps & Babies Coordinator and Bumps & Babies Helper rôle outlines were approved with a few changes.
10. It was agreed that a repeat of last year's summer Food Ministry events would take place this year in in the Malvern, Clent and Cotswold rooms.
11. A request from the Building Steering Group to fund an application for planning permission to change a Malvern Room window into a door, a sum of £1,345, was approved.

#### **Summary Proceedings**

1. It was noted that two USB charger sockets had been installed in the Pennine Way and were being used.
2. It was also noted that the new position for the choir was working well.
3. The treasurer reported that the Church payroll would change to the Diocesan team when all the paper work had been forwarded from the current provider.
4. Graham Jones presented the interim findings of the Catering Strategy Group on a strategy to ensure that catering was central to the ongoing mission of the Church and self-supporting. The JCC gave their thanks to Graham and the CSG for the excellent work.
5. A report on the concerns raised at the Sunday Forum were discussed and the Governance Group was tasked to look at Articles of Commission for the Worship, Pastoral Care and Spiritual Growth group to try and address these spiritual matters.
6. It was noted that the Foodbank had moved into its new warehouse on the Kings Norton trading estate.
7. It was also noted that the Foodbank van had been damaged in a minor collision and would undergo repair.
8. Steve Audley volunteered to join the Catering Services group.


The next meeting of the Joint Church Council will be on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 19:30.  
This Summary is authorised by: Neil Walters (Chair of Joint Church Council)

## Which Hymn? Answers to the July Quiz.

1. All people that on Earth do dwell  
*The Lord, ye know is God indeed.*
2. Away in a Manger  
*The cattle are lowing*
3. Brother, sister, let me serve you  
*We are pilgrims on a journey*
4. My song is Love unknown  
*We came from his blest throne*
5. Colours of day dawn into the mind  
*Go through the park, go into the town*
6. The Day thou gavest Lord, is ended  
*We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping*
7. One more step along the world I go  
*Round the corners of the world I turn*
8. Dear Lord & Father of mankind  
*In simple trust like theirs who heard*
9. Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound  
*Twas grace that taught my heart to fear*
10. The Spirit lives to set us free  
*Jesus promised life to all*
11. From Heaven you came, helpless babe  
*There in the garden of tears*
12. Moses, I know you're the man  
*Don't get too set in your ways*

Rita Sutton

## Services for September and October

	2nd September	9th September	16th September	23rd September	30th September
9.00 am HC	Revd R. Collins	Revd M. Claridge	Revd R. Collins	Revd M. Claridge	Revd M. Claridge
10:30 am	Revd R. Collins	Revd M. Claridge/M Thompson PYC	Revd R. Collins	Revd M. Claridge HC	Life & Soul
6:30 pm	Revd M. Claridge HC	Café Church	Revd M. Claridge HC	Mrs S. Knebel	Political Night Prayer <b>7.30 pm</b>
	7th October	14th October	21st October	28th October	
9.00 am HC	Revd M. Claridge	Revd R. Collins	Revd M. Claridge	Revd R. Collins	
10:30 am	Revd M. Claridge P HF	Revd R. Collins HC	Ms Sue Spencer MS	Revd L. Dixon HC	
6:30 pm	Revd R. Collins HC 	Café Church	Revd B Calvert HC	Miss Hazel Nash	

### Service types:

HC - Holy Communion      P - Parade      YC - Youth Commissioning Service  
HF - Harvest Festival      MS - Mission Sunday

**Communion Services** are held each week at 10.00 am on Tuesdays



## **Cotteridge Mission Action Group (CoMAG)**

We held our first meeting of CoMAG (Cotteridge Mission Action Group) after the service on 29<sup>th</sup> July at which we endorsed the purpose of the group as:-

Supporting all mission activities carried out by Cotteridge Church, and identifying and working to rectify any areas of concern.

For this purpose Mission is defined as expressing God's love by serving, confronting and alleviating injustice amongst communities locally, nationally and globally. The work of CoMAG is very much the outward manifestation of the Cotteridge Church.

We are guided by the proclamation in the letter from James 2:14:

"...So it is with faith: if it is alone and includes no actions, then it is dead".

Without doubt, we were all inspired at the morning service on Sun 26<sup>th</sup> August, by Suzanne Bunn's account of her work teaching teachers in Sierra Leone during her Summer holiday. This is one of the poorest countries in the world, lacking so many of the resources and facilities more affluent countries take for granted.

We plan to conduct a short survey with the church's congregation and other stakeholders to identify what mission activities are already carried out by our church family either individually or as part of a group. Also to identify what else we could be doing. We would like everyone's views on this, which will help us to draw up an action plan.

I attended 2 mission conferences earlier this year. Firstly the MWM (Methodists for World Mission) conference at Swanwick, of which the theme was 'Africa – Gospel and Culture'. Archbishop Josiah Idowu Fearon from Nigeria in his reflection on African Christianity made these observations:-

“Culture is learnt not inherited

Culture must be tested by the Gospel – the word of God is eternal

Churches should be in bondage to the Gospel, not to culture.

It is impossible to understand people without understanding their world view.

Language is fundamental to culture and society. When believers possess the scriptures in their own language, they are empowered.

No matter how long you spend in a garage, you don't become a car – no matter how long you spend in church, you don't become a Christian.”

The second conference was the USPG (United Society, Partners in the Gospel, of which I am a Council member, and Birmingham Diocesan Representative) conference at High Leigh. The main theme was the churches' role in achieving the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. USPG has recategorised the goals under the 5 Ps – Prosperity, People, Planet, Peace and Partnership.

This was the first conference for the new General Secretary, Revd Duncan Dormer, who gave a very rousing and inspiring presentation focusing on the importance of world mission.

The centre of gravity of Christianity has shifted decisively to the majority world in the Southern hemisphere. He talked about the negative and positive legacies the Western Christian church has given to the developing world.

“Stretching and challenging encounters give us fresh eyes on our faith. It is no coincidence that many of our most dynamic churches are those that are alive to



worldwide mission. There are cases in which engagement with global mission has reignited the embers of congregational life in decline.”

Blessings (Dr)Peter Rookes Mission Coordinator



*Birmingham Council of Faiths*

*Speak with pride, listen with respect*

## **2018 Annual General Meeting 7.00pm Wed 12<sup>th</sup> September**

Unitarian New Meeting Church, 31 Ryland Street, Five Ways, Birmingham, B16 8B  
Presided over by our Lord Mayor, Councillor Yvonne Mosquito, Honorary President  
As the Chair rotates between our member faiths, the meeting will see the handing over of the Chair from Jimmy Suratia, Zorastrian to Andy Salmond, Baha'i

Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **National Interfaith Week – Birmingham Programme**

The 10<sup>th</sup> National Interfaith Week, this year occurs between Sun 11<sup>th</sup> and Sun 18<sup>th</sup> November, for which the Birmingham Council of Faiths will again coordinate the Birmingham programme. The aims of Interfaith Week are to strengthen interfaith relations at all levels; increase awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK, in particular celebrating and building on the contribution which their members make to their neighbourhoods and to the wider society; and to increase understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs.

Some of the activities which have been successful in the past include interfaith discussions on topics of interest; exchange visits between different places of worship; open days in places of worship; interfaith walks visiting different faith buildings en route; events focusing around food; faith school open days; seminars focusing on health issues; and many more.

We plan to start the event with an opening ceremony at the Council House on the afternoon of Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November (to be confirmed). The week includes Remembrance Sunday on 11<sup>th</sup> November, which this year is the Centenary Armistice Day, with an opportunity to remember the service of soldiers and civilians of different faiths and beliefs. Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November will be Mitzvah Day, which is a Jewish led day of social action involving people of all faiths and none working together in their local communities.

The Interfaith Week Toolkit and the Interfaith Week flyer can be downloaded from [www.interfaithweek.org](http://www.interfaithweek.org). Hard copies are also available from the IFN Office.

We are keen to encourage even more organisations to organise an activity, including faith communities; places of worship; community and voluntary groups; interfaith bodies; youth groups; education Institutions; hospital chaplaincies; humanitarian organisations, museums; City Council and businesses. To ensure that activities are coordinated, avoid duplication, and that they are publicised, please contact me to discuss your suggestion.

*Peter*

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## Saint Theodore of Tarsus

Celebrated on 19th September

St Theodore of Tarsus was born in 602, and died on 19th September 690. He was archbishop of Canterbury from 668 - 690, and is best known for his reform of the establishment of the English Church, and for founding the famous school in Canterbury. He is mentioned in the famous work by the Venerable Bede, according to whom he was "the first Archbishop of Canterbury whom all the English obeyed". Much less was known about his early life, but research by Michael Lapidge using texts from the Canterbury school, have revealed that he was born in Tarsus, in a Greek speaking diocese of the Byzantine Empire. devastating wars between Byzantium and the Persian Sassanid Empire saw the loss to Byzantium of Antioch, Damascus, Jerusalem and Tarsus, when he was 11 or 12 years old. The Muslim conquest of Tarsus in 637 drove him west to Constantinople, where he undertook studies in numerous subjects including astronomy, astrology, medicine and law, and then to Rome.

The synod of Whitby in 664 confirmed that the Anglo-Saxon church should follow Rome. In 667 the see of Canterbury unexpectedly fell vacant and Theodore was chosen to be the Archbishop. His aims were the organisation of the church, and the encouragement of learning. He expelled Bishop Wilfrid of York, and established appropriate sees and dioceses. He managed to intermediate between the warring tribes in Mercia and Northumberland, preventing further escalation.

He founded a school in Canterbury which heralded a golden age in Anglo-Saxon scholarship. There he taught Latin and Greek, sacred music, and histories of eastern saints. From the school, pupils were sent as Benedictine abbots to various parts of southern England.

After 22 years as Archbishop of Canterbury, he died at the age of 88 and was buried at St Peter's Church - now known as St Augustine's Abbey - in Canterbury



St Theodore depicted in stained glass  
in Worcester Cathedral  
by Geoffrey Webb in 1937.

Celia Lester

### Collect for Theodore of Tarsus:

Almighty God, who called your servant Theodore of Tarsus from Rome to the see of Canterbury, and gave him gifts of grace and wisdom to establish unity where there had been division, and order where there had been chaos: Create in thy Church, we pray, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, such godly union and concord that it may proclaim, both by word and example, the Gospel of the Prince of Peace; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



## The Dark is Rising!

Recently I watch a Disney film with my brother with the intriguing title of *A Wrinkle in Time*. It was an interesting film based on an award-winning children's book of the same name written by Madeline L'Engle in the early nineteen-sixties. The basic premise was the battle between light and dark and the pivotal role in this fight of the main character's father. I will not enlarge on this but would recommend you watch the film, as it is very entertaining.

The only thing that spoiled my enjoyment was my wandering mind, which kept taking me back to my childhood watching David Wood narrate *Over Sea, Under Stone* on Jackanory. *Over Sea, Under Stone* is the first part of Susan Cooper's wonderful pentalogy of children's books known collectively by the title of the second, *The Dark is Rising*, the basic premise of which is again battle between light and dark.



In the fifth book of the sequence, *Silver on the Tree*, Cooper gives an example of what she saw as the dark. A young Sikh schoolfriend of Will Stanton's, the book's main protagonist, is subjected to racial abuse and has his violin stolen by some older boys. The violin is recovered by Will and his brother Stephen and returned to the youngster. In Susan Cooper's eye the dark was intolerance of the different.

This idea of the dark being analogous to intolerance was confirmed to me when reading *The Triumph of the Dark* by Zara Steiner, which is a history of Europe from the year the NAZI party were elected to government in Germany to the start of the second world war. The dark Steiner refers to was also the intolerance of the different and triumphed through the final solution and the murder of many Jews, Gypsies and others in extermination camps.

In contrast to this I have been re-listening to Neil MacGregor's magnum opus, *A History of the World in 100 Objects*, where he describes a fourteenth century brass astrolabe from Granada which is inscribed in Hebrew lettering, but with Arabic and Spanish words and explains how late medieval Granada was the last great multi-cultural society. Christianity, Judaism and Islam coexisting peacefully together not through the enforcement of one homogeneous Andalusian culture but by toleration of each other's.

If light is Tolerance and dark is Intolerance I think the dark is indeed rising, anti-Semitism is on the increase, islamophobia is becoming systemic and even the decision to leave the European Union seems to have been motivated by intolerance. We, as a congregation of believers in the Light of the World, should be on the streets now preaching the message of tolerance. For as Will Stanton was told, 'Tonight will be bad, but tomorrow will be beyond imagining.'

Oh, and finally if you haven't already read *The Dark is Rising* sequence go to Waterstone's as soon as you can to get copies.



Neil Walters

## Book Group

The next Book Group is on Tuesday 11th Sept. at 7.30 pm, 61 Bunbury Rd. We are reading "Sight" a debut novel by Jessie Greengrass. This is a look at a young girl's first motherhood & her relationships with her mother & grandmother. It is not a long novel. If you are looking for a book after the holidays, read it & join us on 11th. New members or visitors always welcome. Further details from Christine Adams 458-5607.



## Boys' Brigade



Our family outing in July was a huge success. Everybody had a great time on the beach at Barry Island on a lovely sunny day.

The company camp was held at the end of July at Dyffryn Ardudwy and despite the damp weather all the boys enjoyed themselves. Euan's tent won the boys' tent inspection competition while Dennis' team won the football. During the week there was a



swimming session at Harlech swimming pool, indoor rock climbing, camp Olympics, film night, quiz night and a last night party. All this would not be possible but for our company leaders who give up a week of their holiday to look after the boys. Next year we are returning to Honeyhill in Kent.

Congratulations and best wishes to Tom Bunn, who is off to Birmingham University in October to read Mathematics.

The new session starts on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September when we would welcome new members in all sections.

Bob Hotchkiss





# The Keswick Christian Convention

## Key Facts:

Founded: 1875

Location: Keswick, Cumbria, UK

Number of employees: 12

Number of volunteers: 650

(during Convention weeks)

Number of Convention weeks:

3 (from mid July to early August)

From its earliest days, Christian mission has been a core ingredient in the annual Keswick Convention.

It began very humbly in 1875 with

a prayer meeting, but interest grew and, in 1887, the Convention held its first official missionary meeting at which Hudson Taylor was the speaker. Over the years, many hundreds of young people have responded on the world mission evenings, indicating their willingness to serve the Lord wherever he called them.

Today, emphasis is now no longer exclusively on young people who want to serve in missions, but on believers of all ages and stages of their Christian lives who come to be refreshed and inspired by sound biblical teaching, worship, and a program of events and activities for all ages, promoting a sense of unity across generations and denominations and inspiring people of all ages to respond and serve God, all taking place in the beautiful setting of the Lake District, also perfect for all-age sports, rest and recreation.

Keswick Ministries is committed to the spiritual renewal of God's people for his mission in the world. There are three fundamental convictions which shape all they do: Hearing God's Word, Becoming like God's Son, and Serving God's mission.

Now in its 143<sup>rd</sup> year, the 2018 convention ran from 14<sup>th</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> August, during which approximately 15,000 Christians from around the UK and the world were in attendance. The theme of this years' convention was "SENT", there was a different speaker and worship group for each week, which meant that it was very easy to just attend for one week, as my wife and I did, and there was no loss of continuity as the daily bible teaching was different for each week. The bible teaching was fascinating and enlightening, and the corporate worship was gloriously amazing!

Week 1 evening speaker was Christopher Ash, with worship led by Colin Webster.

Week 2 evening speaker was Chris Wright, with worship led by Stuart Townend.

Week 3 evening speaker was David Cook, with worship led by Emu music.

The main tent, with a capacity for 4,000 people is located at the top of the town in Skiddaw Street in the middle of a residential area, whilst the "Base Camp" is situated at the lower end of the town. "Base Camp" is a series of smaller marquees where missionary organisations and all the youth centres and activities, etc, are located. There are video links and screens located in the Base Camp marquee so that the proceedings in the main tent can be watched in "Base Camp", as indeed they can be watched "live" all over the world.

Accommodation is plentiful in and around Keswick, whether it be in a holiday cottage, a lodge, B&B, caravan site, camping site, as all are in ample supply at reasonable prices. Oh! and speaking of cost, unlike other conventions, there is no fee for attending



Keswick Convention, it is left up to the individual to donate whatever they can either afford or feel they should give, with no pressure.

Keswick Ministries is engaged in a multi-million pound development project entitled "The Derwent Project", aimed at redeveloping the old Derwent pencil factory site in order to centralise all its activities in the lower end of town (Rawnsley) and moving out of the Skiddaw Street premises with all its problems, being in a residential area. God's provision in this respect has been amazing, and they hope that the 2019 convention will be in the new premises.

This has been my second year at Keswick and I can thoroughly recommend it for anyone, whether young or of maturing age like me! As the honey monster said..... "It's Grrreat!"

Article written by: Brian J Pearson

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You can also watch Keswick Convention and other teachings on TV by entering [www.clayton.tv](http://www.clayton.tv)

## Fund Raising Bulletin September 2018

### Activities during July & August:

Garden Party raised £294.69 for the garden

Book Sales have totalled £790.50 shared between the Church, Day Centre and Youth

The current Photo Competition has raised £50 for the Day Centre.

Event	Year to Date	Event	Year to Date	Event	Year to Date
Book Sales	£790.50	Photo Competitions	£172.00	Easter Bake Sale	£72.60
Pancake Party	£107.00	Burns Night	£381.50	Easter Cards	£31.91
Christian Aid	£3500.00	Big Brekkie	£100	Garden Party	£294.69
BB Quiz Night	£317.50	Church Urban Fund	£93.69	Food Ministry	£7.86
		Day Centre Collection	£28	July Bake Sale	£103.35
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£6000.6</b>

Recipients Internal	£ Year to date	Recipients External	£ Year to Date
Church Funds	£835.66	Church Urban Fund	£93.69
Church Youth	£263.50	St Mary's Hospice	£158.75
Day Centre	£566.25	Christian Aid	£3600.0
Church Food Ministry	£187.46		
Garden	£294.69		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2147.56</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£3852.44</b>

**Brain Teaser.** There is a large number of Old Testament Books which bear personal names. Can you rearrange the list below so that COTTERIDGE can be spelled vertically through them?

Books: Daniel; Esther; Ezekiel; Ezra; Haggai; Isaiah; Job; Micah; Ruth; Samuel.  
[Hint: Start with MiCah]

**To Amuse** And finally - whilst I haven't noticed this to be a problem at Cotteridge, you might like to share what Lin Brown found on Facebook

Translated from a French Church poster

“When you enter this church  
it may be possible that you hear  
“the call of God”.

However, it is unlikely that He  
will call you on your mobile.

Thank you for turning off your phones.

If you want to talk to God, enter,  
choose a quiet place and talk to Him.

If you want to see Him,  
send Him a text while driving.”

The New Life Church at Headley Heath had a notice board saying

No God, or Know God  
Come inside and find out!

In the porch at St Giles' Church in Hartington I found

Long standing problem?  
Try kneeling!

Found in a cupboard at the Cotteridge Church





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