

Reflections



Bringing you news from the **British Bible School**

Winter 2014/15

Looking good ahead

Looking ahead to 2015 we have a growing programme of events and activities. In addition to what have become regular annual Study Weekends at East Kilbride and Wembley, we have four additional study events - two each at Aberdeen and Northampton. These will be exploring the New Testament Letters of Peter and Letter to Ephesus respectively. Please see elsewhere for details.

Study weekends

Our recent Study Weekends in East Kilbride and Wembley saw a good attendance with both regulars and newcomers too. These events provide great opportunities for more serious study with experienced teachers and in a focused classroom setting. If you have not yet come

along, we encourage you to make the time to do so. They are deliberately intended to be short, but intense periods of study, and offer the option of additional coursework if desired.

Where many study events might revolve around a general topic or theme, our Extension Class Programme is specifically designed to deliver a single Module from our Applied Biblical Studies curriculum. So not only do our Study Weekends present the opportunity to work towards a British Bible School award, but they are also structured as part of a balanced curriculum that students can access and build up over time. Do please visit the Biblical Studies/Curriculum section on our web site.



John Griffiths teaching during one of our recent Study Weekends at Wembley.

BiBloS - the magazine

As part of our desire to promote interest in the study of God's word, we are to be launching a new teaching magazine in 2015. The magazine, *BiBloS*, will be in e-format and initially available by signing up for a free subscription to the three issues we plan to publish each year. There will be a variety of styles of articles, word studies, reviews and special features. The first issue is planned for March. Do please look out for further details as we get ready to publish.

Diary dates ...

Study one of our Modules within a classroom environment at our Study Weekends.

East Scotland Study Weekend

Aberdeen, Scotland

Letters from Peter

with Jon Galloway and Jack Paton

20th to 21st February 2015

20th to 21st March 2015

East Midlands Study Weekend

Northampton, Northamptonshire

A letter to Ephesus

with Patrick Boyns and Mark Hill

27th to 28th February 2015

27th to 28th March 2015

Training options

We are looking to continue and increase provision for in-house training opportunities around the land. Persuaded that all of us can benefit from regular training in many areas (and yes, we provide training among BBS governors and teachers too) we feel that there are aspects of the lives of local assemblies which could be significantly improved if appropriate training was given.

Some are called upon to lead in worship or in other areas, but given no training other than simply what they have observed others do in the past. Others might be tasked with a responsibility for outreach or working with young people, but again not be given training which would make their service more effective and valuable.

The British Bible School has a number of training options which we offer on an 'in-house' basis. That is, we come to where you are and generally work with a single group, addressing particular needs and issues faced by the local congregation. We have put together a number of options, any of which would be tailored to meet your particular requirements.



- Missional outreach
- Back to basics
- Congregational growth
- Leadership
- Good stewardship
- Youth issues
- Praise and worship

None of us has all the answers, but we do have lots of experience that we are eager to share to help others in the service of the Master. We believe that every congregation should have at least one practical training day each year. Please take a look at our website for further details and suggestions of how you might implement training for your local needs: <http://www.britishbibleschool.com/training>



Trevor Williams presenting training during a recent session in Antwerp, Belgium (above) and attentive listeners (below)!

A matter of funding

And finally, we would like your help. The School exists primarily for the benefit of God's people here in the U.K. and its work is funded by voluntary donations from congregations and individuals within the U.K. Though we would willingly accept gifts from overseas, we believe that the principle of indigenous funding is essentially a good principle for the work of mission. As the work continues to grow, so also do our costs and we want to encourage as many as are able to share with us in helping on a monthly basis. If you would like someone to come to visit your congregation to talk about the work of the school, we would be more than happy to arrange this. For more details please get in touch or visit our web site: <http://britishbibleschool.com/community/supporting-the-school>.

As we proceed through another year filled with new opportunities, we ask that God may bless us all that we might be a blessing to this world in which we live.

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