



Study weekends, new magazine and funding

Since our last newsletter our Extension Class Programme has been in full-swing with Study Weekends being held in two new locations. Both were very well attended, and both locations committed to hosting similar events next year.

We have also published the first issue of our new magazine, *BiBloS*, which has been very well received. There's a little more about that below, but if you have not yet received your copy it can be downloaded from our web site.

Then, in addition to renewed development of our Access Learning Programme, we have a number of training events planned. And we have launched an appeal for funding as our

teaching and training activities continue to grow.

Two new venues

When we first launched our Extension Class Programme a few years ago, we anticipated Study Weekends being more regional events attended by small groups from several congregations within a certain radius of the location. Instead, most have been attended primarily by those from the host congregation with only a few coming from further afield.

This has led us to understand that, firstly, there may be a greater demand for more structured Bible study than we had first anticipated and,

secondly, there may be need for holding significantly more Study Weekends on an annual basis in more locations throughout the U.K. In addition, where initially we had envisaged the majority of students signing up to undertake further assignments as part of our full *Applied Biblical Studies* course, it seems as if the Study Weekends alone are filling a need, with the option for further study still in place.

The two new venues for events earlier this year were Aberdeen and Northampton. Jon Galloway and Jack Paton taught our *Letters from Peter* module at Aberdeen; whilst Patrick Boyns and Mark Hill taught that on *A letter to Ephesus* at Northampton.



Students listening attentively during one of the study sessions in Northampton.



Patrick Boyns teaching on Ephesians.



BiBloS - the magazine

We were delighted to launch our new magazine, BiBloS, just a few weeks ago and have received only favourable reviews! Published solely in electronic format - though we have heard of copies being printed and distributed locally - the magazine contains short articles to both inform and encourage readers.

The first issue focuses on the Word of God with a number of articles on matters such as the importance of Bible study, canonicity, the authority of Scripture - in addition to what will be regular spots on Biblical people and places. You can download the magazine as a pdf from our website, or read the articles there online. You can also find additional notes relating to some of the articles.

If you are not yet on our regular mailing list, do please sign up so you don't miss the next issue!

Ongoing training

As the British Bible School we are keen on training, so in 'practicing what we preach' the BBS governors, following their last meeting, spent the afternoon in training as part of development for the planned, new Access Learning Programme. Each lesson is to be in the form of a structured video presentation, so training was given in the process of script writing and formatting for filming. The plan is to film about 50 lessons during the autumn with a view to launching the programme by the end of the year, but before that takes place an immense amount of pre-production work must take place.

Believing that training is essential to improving every aspect of our service, we want to encourage congregations of whatever age or size to invest in at least one training day per year. This need not be more than half a dozen hours on a Saturday - or a Sunday - as a group focused on one area of congregational life.

You may well be aware of the training options that we offer, from *Missional outreach* to *Congregational growth* and *Leadership to Praise and worship*, but we encourage you to look at our web site for further details and to book an event.

Diary dates ...

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

North London Study Weekend

Wembley, London

Letters from Peter

with **Jon Galloway** and **Jack Paton**

2nd to 3rd October 2015
30th to 31st October 2015

West Scotland Study Weekend

East Kilbride, Scotland

A letters from James

with **Patrick Boyns** and **Ian Starrs**

2nd to 3rd October 2015
6th to 7th November 2015

Please see web site for more dates and more details.

Can You Help Us to Help Others?

Read the small print ...

Due to our increasing activity and our need to help fund our teachers - we're needing some help.

Please visit our website for details of ways in which you can help.

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Jack Paton teaching a class on 1st Peter in Aberdeen during one of our recent Study Weekends.