



## Getting back to basics

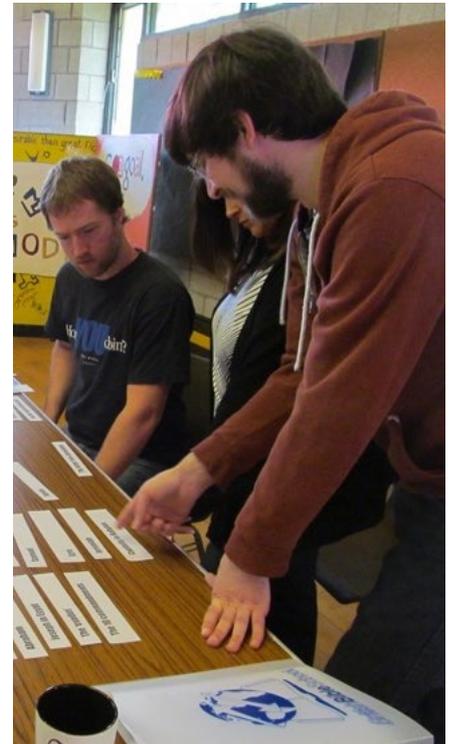
A couple of months ago we conducted a very useful training weekend at East Kilbride in Scotland. This was actually the first time we had presented our *Back to Basics* option and we were very happy with how it went. We have a total of seven **In-House Training** options, each of which can be tailored to meet specific local requirements.

*Back to Basics* basically does what it says on the tin. The day was spent looking at some basic facts about the Bible, how many books, how they are arranged, where they came from, and so on. We considered why this book should be of interest and importance to us, particularly in light of many recent trends. We undertook a number of exploratory exercises, which were not only entertaining but also very useful in ascertaining

current levels of knowledge and familiarity. And then we considered some practical ways in which we might engage more with the Biblical text and take realistic steps to being more of a *People of the Book*.

Partly as a result of this training, a number from this congregation have begun studying through our **Distance Learning Programme**, but in a local group environment. This is an interesting development which might prove to be a more beneficial means of accessing our curriculum, rather than on a solitary basis.

We are eager to promote our **In-House Training** options and you will find details on our website. Even though this might not be something which you have done before, we strongly recommend congregations considering at least one annual



*During one of the practical sessions.*

training event in which members of the body might be challenged to improve the effectiveness of their service. Do please get in touch and let's see what we can plan for 2016.

### Can You Help Us to Help Others?

Please read the small print ...

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

As much as possible we believe the British Bible School should be funded by British congregations and believers. We have a lot to offer, but we do need your help. Please visit our website for details of ways in which you can be a part of this work.



*The congregation at Scholars Gate, during the 'Back to Basics' training event.*

## BiBloS

Hopefully you have seen the second edition of our still rather new magazine, *BiBloS*, published a few weeks ago. If you have not, then you are missing a treat!

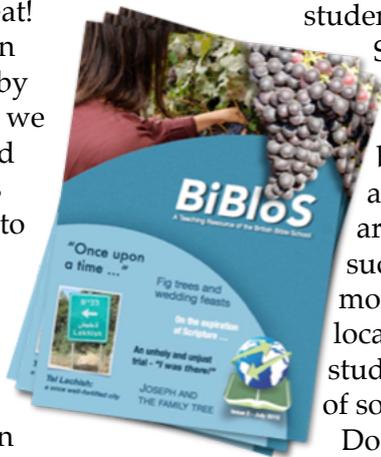
We have been encouraged by the response we have received from readers and pleased to see the mailing list continue to grow.

Published exclusively in digital format, it is written and designed to be read on both computers and tablets – or if you like you may print off a copy. We have tried to make it as accessible as possible with a variety of topics and writers. Inside you will find short word studies; reviews; articles to inform; pages to challenge your thinking; focus on people and places; and a regular fictional slot at the end.

If you have enjoyed it, please let us know or tell us what we can do to improve it. If you haven't yet seen it, you can download it from the website or read it online.

## Engaging with the Word

A couple of recent Study Weekends have taken place, one in the north and one in the south. At Wembley in north London we began looking at *Letters from Peter* (NEW18); and at East Kilbride in Scotland we began *A Letter from James*



(NEW17). Both of these Modules will be concluded in a few weeks.

Our **Distance Learning Programme** has attracted some fresh interest in recent weeks. We have a small group of students studying together in Scotland, and a few new individual enrolments from elsewhere. Studying by distance learning is always a challenge and we are finding much greater success at maintaining momentum where there is a local tutor able to encourage students to persist in the face of so many distractions.

Do please pray for our students - for those who have attended study events and those working on Modules through our Distance Learning Programme.

## Heading to the Lakes

We are delighted to announce our first **Family Retreat** to be held in the northern Lake District. Continuing a tradition of late winter retreats, it is open to everyone of all ages. We are returning to what proved earlier this year to be a popular, well-equipped venue for a start-to-the-year weekend of encouragement, aimed at recharging ourselves after the hectic holiday season!

Unlike our Study Weekends, this will be the opposite of intense, and will offer a peaceful retreat in a beautiful corner of England within a relaxed, welcoming family atmosphere. Places are limited, so do please look out for details in our advert and on our website.



*Bassenfell Manor in Bassenthwaite where our Family Retreat will be held*

## Diary dates ...

Study one of our Modules within a classroom environment at our Study Weekends or come to our first Family Retreat!

### North London Study Weekend

*Wembley, London*

**Letters from Peter**

with **Jon Galloway**

30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015

### Livingston Study Weekend

*Livingston, Scotland*

**Letters from Peter**

with **Jack Paton**

30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015

### West Scotland Study Weekend

*East Kilbride, Scotland*

**A letters from James**

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

6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> November 2015

### Bassenthwaite Family Retreat

*Lake District, England*

**'Learning from the Teacher'**

22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**Please see web site for more dates and more details.**

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