

# Reflections



Bringing you news from the British Bible School

Summer 2018

## Make a note in your diary ...

We have a number of **Study / learning** opportunities coming up over the next few months, as well as an additional venue for another family retreat event in just a few weeks.

### Additional Family Retreat

Our third annual family retreat in January, in the Lake District, was yet again fully booked and proved to be a most encouraging way to start the New Year. However, things are about to change with the introduction of a second family retreat, in September, in the county of Norfolk. We will be continuing to run our January weekend in the Lake District, in addition to this late summer event in East Anglia.

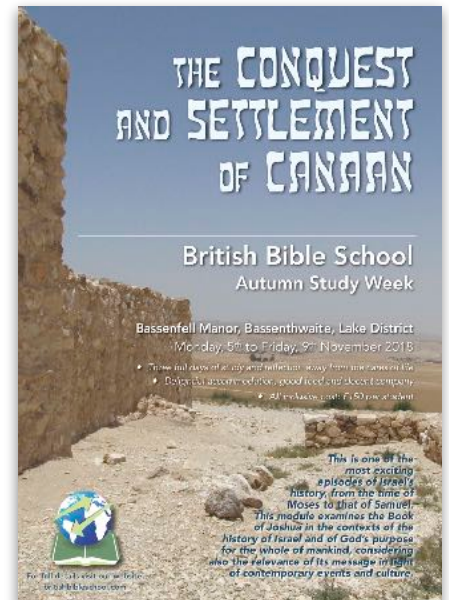
We have intentionally continued with themes centred around Jesus, emphasising him as our common bond, holding us together as one loving family. These are not intended to be intensive times of study, but rather opportunities to 'get away from it all' in the company of fellow believers – both young and old.

The theme for our September weekend in Norfolk is *"I want to know Jesus"* in which we will be thinking about how we might grow to know him, not simply learn about him. The event is being held from Friday, 14th to Sunday, 16 September 2018 in the rural setting of Letton Hall.

And yes, as we write, there are still some places available – but please get your bookings in as soon as possible. You can find details on our website.



Letton Hall: the venue for our next Family Retreat from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September.



## Not to be missed!

We are particularly excited about our **Autumn Study Week** which is to be held again at Bassenfell Manor, in the Lake District (yes, that's the same venue in which we hold our Late Winter Family Retreat). This year we shall be presenting our module on the book of **Joshua: The Conquest and Settlement of Canaan**.

This is one of the most exciting episodes of Israel's history, from the time of Moses to that of Samuel. This module examines the Book of Joshua in the contexts of the history of Israel and of God's purpose for the whole of mankind, considering also the relevance of its message in light of contemporary events and culture.

You can find full details on our website, along with a syllabus you can download.

# Other bits and pieces

Those involved in the work of the Bible School are, of course, also involved in other areas of service within the U.K. and abroad. As followers of Christ we are involved with our local assemblies in teaching, preaching or leadership roles; and in the wider field through teaching and speaking at other assemblies and various events.

Recently the School has been represented at the European Christian Workshop in Lancaster, various leadership seminars in the London area, and we continue to have a regular slot at ABSS in Gemünden, Germany. All this means that most of us are generally very busy, most of the time, and some things take longer to accomplish than they otherwise might. But the work of God takes many forms, we all – all of us – serve as he has enabled us to do so.

## Distance Learning Programme

Even though our Distance Learning Programme has taken something of a back seat in recent times – at least as far as preparation of new Modules is concerned – we have had a number of new enrolments over the last few months, with students continuing their studies. It is still our intention to make our introductory modules fully available online and accessible to all.

Most of our students are accessing our modules through our Extension Class Programme, either through Study Weekends or our now annual Study Week in the north of England.

The relatively few enrolments for our Distance Learning

Programme over the last number of years has persuaded us to adopt a different approach in providing teaching for both individuals and small group studies. This new project will involve much more in the way of online video presentations, and therefore require more in the way of video production.

## Production filming

We are not yet ready to properly announce our new project, but we have begun production on our pilot series which should be available to view by the end of the year. For a number of reasons we have moved most of our production work to Northampton which has enabled us to experience a better production workflow.

We would be very interested to hear from anybody, in any part of the country, who has interest in video production work. We have need to expand our production team and though experience is always useful, we are very happy to provide on-the-job training. If this sort of thing appeals to you, then do please get in touch.

## Thank you

To all those individuals and congregations who continue to help with our funding, we give you our thanks. Our outgoings continue to exceed our regular incomings, so we urge you to continue and invite others to help us whenever they might be able. Please get in touch to see how you can help.

We thank you for your prayers and ask that you continue to remember the work of the School both in private and within your assemblies.

## Diary dates ...

Study one of our Modules at our Study Events or come to our Family Retreats (more on website) ...

### Letton Hall Family Retreat

*Dereham, Norfolk*

**'I want to know Jesus'**

14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018

### East Kilbride Study Weekends

*East Kilbride, Scotland*

**Hebrews**

with **Patrick Boyns, Jon Galloway and Jack Paton**

21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018

26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### Wembley Study Weekends

*Wembley, London*

**Isaiah**

with **Patrick Boyns and John Griffiths**

2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

30<sup>th</sup> Nov. to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018

### Bassenthwaite Study Week

*Lake District, England*

**The Conquest and Settlement of Canaan ~ Joshua**

with **Patrick Boyns, Jon Galloway and Mark Hill**

5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### Bassenthwaite Family Retreat

*Lake District, England*

**'Anywhere with Jesus'**

18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019

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