



# Keswick Ministries

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## Newsletter

May 2020

## Welcome

Dear Friend,

We have some exciting news to share with you!

This Summer, we will be holding an exciting, new five-day online event called Virtually Keswick Convention.



The virtual Convention will run from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July and will focus on the theme of Hope. It will feature teaching, sung worship and seminars for adults, youth and children. All the sessions will be held online, and we'd love you to join us.

It has been organised following the cancellation of the usual Keswick Convention due to the current Covid-19 crisis.

While we can't be in Keswick this year, we can meet together online. What an encouragement to be part of something bigger – we're not alone or isolated – but together. People from all backgrounds and age groups. "All one in Christ Jesus". It promises to be a great time to meet with God through His Word, together.

The theme of Hope has been chosen as, at this time of great uncertainty and sadness, there is hope in Jesus Christ. A Christian is not a prisoner of the present moment. Even in the midst of struggle, hardship, suffering, pain, tears, we can, by the power of the Holy Spirit, know joy and peace from the God of hope.

We are pleased to welcome back Christopher Ash, Writer-in-Residence at Tyndale House in Cambridge, who will be the Bible Reader. He will speak on 'Hope in Jesus' from the Psalms.

More details of the programme will be published on the Keswick Ministries website in coming weeks.

We would appreciate your prayers as we prepare for this week of ministry. We would also value your help in making this exciting opportunity known to your family and friends, through your church and other contacts. Finally, we are immensely grateful for the generous financial support that makes it possible for Virtually Keswick Convention to run. In particular, it is because of the regular giving of many of you that we are running this event. Thank you.

Please keep an eye on our website for more information, and do follow us on social media, share and like our posts - the hashtag is #KesConv20 - and subscribe to our YouTube channel.

Every blessing



James Robson

Ministry Director



## May Prayer Day

We are looking forward to holding an Annual Prayer Day on Wednesday 13th May - and we'd love you to join in.

This is a wonderful opportunity to pray for different aspects of Virtually Keswick

Convention as well as the Teaching and Training Programme and the Derwent Project. A number of prayer points have been put together to help pray for these topics. These are available on our website.

This year we have launched a new webpage through the 24/7 Prayer website so supporters across the UK, and beyond, can sign up for prayer slots for Wednesday 13th May.

### Here's your guide to get started!

- 1) [Click here](#) to go onto the 24/7 Prayer website.
- 2) Choose the time that you'd like to pray and book your slot.
- 3) You will receive a confirmation email on completion of booking.
- 4) You will also receive a reminder 24 hours before your prayer slot.
- 5) Prayer points about the current Covid-19 situation, Virtually Keswick Convention, the Derwent Project and Teaching and Training are available on our [prayer page](#).

Thank you so much for your prayer support! It'd be great if every hour could be filled. Why not fix up to pray with friends via Zoom?



## Two podcasts coming soon!

We are launching not just one, but two podcasts for you to soak up a variety of interviews and talks related to Keswick Convention.

It's exciting times as we launch the Keswick Convention Podcast. It will be hosted by James Cary, who is involved in Keswick Unconventional, and has written for a number of tv and radio shows.

The first podcast interview will feature Ministry Director James Robson - and it promises to be a real treat. Listen out for further interviews with a selection of contributors involved in Virtually Keswick Convention.

We are also launching KesTalks. This is a selection of the talks given over the past 20 years at the Keswick Convention that we pray will be particularly encouraging to you at this time. We have such a rich archive of talks that are very relevant to people today, and so we are looking forward to pointing you to those.

The podcasts will be available from Wednesday 13th May via a host of media service providers including Spotify, iTunes and the Keswick Ministries website.

Do put the date in your diary for when they go live.

## Persevere: Food for the Journey devotional

Hot off the press! Our new 30 day 'Food for the Journey' devotional *Persevere* is now available.

In these uncertain times we need perseverance more than ever - perseverance to press on in faithfulness when we are riddled with doubts or crippled by grief, perseverance to pursue Christlikeness when lockdown breeds a spiritual inertia. We can't avoid the challenge of these days but we can cultivate perseverance as we put our trust in God and are held in the grip of his grace.

This new devotional guides us through a variety of Bible passages, written to believers wrestling with many of the same issues we face. It encourages us to press on by refocusing on the gospel and the hope of glory. With insightful teaching and application from Michael Baughen, David and Ian Coffey, Jonathan Lamb, Nigel Lee,



Ivor Poobalan, Andy Prime, Matthew Sleeman and Rico Tice, this is a timely call to keep on going in difficult days.

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