



# Keswick Ministries

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**Newsletter**

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*Join us for Virtually Keswick Convention – 27-31 July*

# Welcome

*"I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope." (Psalm 130:5-6)*



These are strange days. Everybody has been impacted by Covid-19, but no two people's experiences are exactly the same. One friend, whose wife was recently diagnosed with dementia, said that lockdown had been a "real blessing". Others have appreciated the novelty of a slower pace and different routines, a chance to hear birds singing. But for many there is grief, fear, anxiety, uncertainty, trauma and stress. Is there any hope to be found? The brutal fate of George Floyd is one grim reminder – among many – that a vaccine for Covid-19 is not the ultimate answer.

The Psalmist recognises that the only true source of hope is in God and his word. This isn't a hope that airbrushes out the difficulties. After all, the Psalm begins with raw honesty: "Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD". It's a hope rooted in God - his faithfulness, his action in history - and in his Word.

That's why, this year, in the new online **Virtually Keswick Convention**, the theme is Hope. Our Bible Readings in the morning with Christopher Ash will speak of Hope in Jesus from the Psalms. Every day there will be a seminar that explores hope from a different angle. One will look at hope amidst grief and trauma, another at hope and crying out honestly to God. In the evenings, a celebration will highlight a different aspect of the hope found in Jesus Christ. There's a great programme for children and youth, too. For more details, go to: <https://vkc.keswickministries.org/>

Welcome to the latest edition of the newsletter. You can find out much more about the Convention, and how to watch it, as well as about recent teaching and training events, the Derwent Project and more.



James Robson

Ministry Director



Programme launched!

Share with family & friends

Join us from 27 until 31 July at Virtually Keswick Convention!

Morning Bible readings, seminars and Evening Celebrations as well as a lively children and youth programme will be held, all based on the theme of hope. Prayer times and devotions for adults with learning disabilities will also take place. There will also be additional events – an Awesome Cutlery concert and Keswick Unconventional Night Shift.

The programme is available on our new Virtually Keswick Convention website. (<https://vkc.keswickministries.org/>) During the online Convention, sessions will be livestreamed on the website and also via Keswick Convention YouTube. The sessions will also be available to watch after the sessions have taken place.

From Tuesday to Friday, there will be prayer meetings each morning led by Jodi Whitehouse and Matt Searles.

The morning programme includes Bible readings by Christopher Ash and daily seminars by speakers including Jo Jackson, Rico Villanueva and a panel led by Adrian Reynolds.

Evenings feature our usual Celebrations, with faithful and engaging Bible teaching and sung worship led by Emu. Speakers are Mike Cain, Andy Prime, Amy Orr-Ewing, Graham Daniels and Jeremy McQuoid.

Mike Cain will speak on the theme of Why Hope? looking at the passage of 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17, while Andy Prime will preach about How can I hope? looking at 1 Peter.

Amy Orr-Ewing will speak about the Scriptures as a reason for hope, looking at Romans 15. Graham Daniels will preach on the theme of Our Hope: the appearing of Jesus Christ focusing on Titus 2.

Jeremy McQuoid will end this year's Convention, preaching on the theme of Our hope: The glory of God, focussing on Romans 5.

Short devotions for adults with learning disabilities will be held each day by Count Everyone In.

A lively programme for children and youth features Bible teaching that we pray will help the children and young people to know and love our great God more.

## Daily Programme

- 09:00AM [Prayer](#) (Tuesday - Friday)
- 10:00AM [Bible readings](#) by Christopher Ash on 'Hope in Jesus' from the Psalms
- 11:00AM Coffee break
- 11:15AM [Seminar](#) / [Keswick 4 Kids](#) / [Keswick Youth](#)
- 12:00PM [Count Everyone In](#) - a devotion for adults with learning disabilities
- 20:00PM [Evening Celebration](#): Various speakers
- 20:00PM [Keswick Youth](#)

### Other Events

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Be encouraged to join with us for five days of engaging biblical teaching as we look at the theme of hope in Jesus Christ.

Some churches are thinking (depending on regulations, of course) of gathering groups of children or young people together to watch the daily Keswick streams.

Others are looking at planning church-wide activities.

We hope that you will be able to join in too!

### Other dates for your diary:

On Sunday 26 July, the Keswick Convention will be featured on BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship. The service will include the feel of past Keswick Conventions as the programme will have Emu music recordings from the main tent in previous years. Chris Wright, International Ministries Director of the Langham Partnership, is preaching and the service will include a testimony and music from Cathy Burton, one of Keswick Unconventional's artists.



Take a look at this video by  
Andy Prime



Take a look at this video by  
Jeremy McQuoid

**Keep your eye on social media for latest updates about Virtually Keswick Convention and videos by our speakers**

**#KesConv20**

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## Finance update – a word from our Treasurer

I wanted to give you an update on our finances. I know that with all that has happened this year due to Covid many of our supporters have questions about how the Ministry is now placed.

As you know Keswick Ministry relies on the generosity of our supporters. It is through your continued faithful giving over the last 145 years that Keswick Ministries has been able to positively impact hundreds of thousands of lives not only in the UK, but across the world.

Several thousand children, teens and adults attend the Convention each year to join fellow Christians from around the world to study God's Word together. The Convention offers them

a special, much-needed time away from the pressures of every-day life and a place of great spiritual refreshment. Throughout the year Keswick Ministries also offers free resources, books, audio and video material, and Bible-centred training designed to equip Christians in their walk with the Lord.

We are very fortunate that many of you have set up direct debits, and are thankful to you for this. This provides a regular and reliable income, which goes a long way to covering the £1.3m of annual operating costs incurred in running the Ministry. Other income comes from car parking, the letting of facilities and, of course, the one-off giving, which would normally occur during the Convention.

As you will be aware the 2020 Convention, as a physical gathering, has been cancelled due to Covid-19 and so, whilst we have avoided much of the cost of putting it on, we are aware that our income will also be significantly reduced. There will be costs in staging the Virtually Keswick Convention, and so it is anticipated that there will be a deficit in our finances this year.

The purpose of this note is to ask you to prayerfully consider how you might be able to contribute to ensure that there isn't a shortfall in funds in 2020, and to ensure that the Ministry can continue throughout 2021 and beyond.

We greatly appreciate any gifts supporting the Ministry, but fully understand that in the current circumstances some will not be able to give. We are very grateful for everyone's ongoing support.

Thank you so much and God Bless you.

Steve Adam

Treasurer

Would you consider making a donation of £95 to help support and continue this long-standing Ministry? Thank you very much!

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*Did you know that regular monthly donations are a great help to our ministry? The reason is that they allow us to plan ahead and provide us with the necessary running funds to help us manage the ministry even during difficult times such as these. Please consider giving monthly, £15/£25/£30 to help us build up the body of Christ and create opportunities for thousands to find refreshment in the Word of God.*





## Teaching & Training via Zoom

A number of our Teaching and Training courses have been held online over the past month, due to the current Coronavirus situation.

Two preaching online workshops, an Influential Leadership Workshop and a Hebrew workshop have been held via Zoom.

Over 90 people attended each of the free one-hour preaching online workshops led by communications consultant Richard Garnett. Recordings of the previous sessions are available on our website.

A Hebrew workshop and a third preaching online workshop are running next week. Places are still available for the preaching online workshop, on Thursday 25th June, from 12pm until 1pm.

[Click here to apply.](#)

For more information about the Teaching & Training programme, click the link below

[Teaching and Training](#)





## New Food for the Journey devotional out now!

Joy is the latest Food for the Journey 30-day devotional to be published by Keswick Ministries.

It is an encouraging devotional - with teaching by a number of speakers including Alistair Begg, Steve Brady, Don Carson and Paul Mallard. All of the Bible can help us to find deep and lasting joy in Christ, whatever life throws at us.

Every day brings a different Bible passage and reflections to help us experience joy.

In the devotional, Joy is described as "the uncontrived expression of deep trust in God which gives rise to thankfulness and the delight that comes from knowing God is in charge and can be trusted".

For more info, and to buy the devotional, go to [IVP](#) and [10ofThose](#).



## Podcasts: Strong Bible teaching & insightful interviews

Nearly 1,400 downloads have been made of two podcasts, launched in May.

The Podcasts are available on the Keswick Ministries website.

You can also hear them through a number of Podcast platforms.

[Podcasts](#)



The Keswick Convention Podcast features speakers at Virtually Keswick Convention - including Dr Joanna Jackson, Rico Villanueva, Jeremy McQuoid and Gareth Loh (one half of music ministry duo Awesome Cutlery).



The Kes Talk Podcast, featuring talks for our times, has included Convention talks by Paul Mallard, Vaughan Roberts, Charles Price, Alistair Begg and John Stott as well as a testimony by Helen Roseveare.



## Progress on the Pencil Factory Site

It is great to see progress on the rendering work at the former Pencil Factory site. New windows are being put in the building.

Landscaping has started on the site and a chimney at the back of the site has been taken down by workmen.

A number of local contractors have been appointed to help get the site ready.

The work has been able to start following the approval of a bat licence for the site. It means work can now take place to get the site ready for the 2021 Convention.

We are so grateful that, prior to lockdown, a number of volunteers helped on the site. They removed sheeting from the back stores as well as clearing out the offices in the admin block/package hall. Items used during the Convention have also been cleaned and sorted. Thank you!







## Keswick Ayrshire 2020 Online

Keswick Ayrshire held a one-off online event in place of its usual event, due to the coronavirus situation.

People were invited to share in a time of worship and teaching at the event last month. Peter Maiden spoke about Jesus' ascension to heaven.

You can still view the event via YouTube [here](#).

Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, a number of Keswick Fellowship events have been cancelled or postponed. Take a look at our website for more info.

[Keswick Fellowship](#)

Looking forward to joining with you at Virtually Keswick Convention! (27 - 31 July)

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