

The logo for Virtually Keswick Convention features a stylized crown icon on the left, composed of three teal figures. To the right, the word "VIRTUALLY" is written in white, uppercase letters on a blue brushstroke background. Below this, the words "Keswick" and "Convention" are stacked in a large, blue, sans-serif font.

# VIRTUALLY Keswick Convention

Welcome to the Convention special!

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,  
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit"  
(Romans 15:13).*

It was wonderful to join with you for Virtually Keswick Convention last week as we looked together at hope in Jesus Christ. May Paul's prayer be answered in each of us, that we'd be filled with all joy and peace, and would overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.



You can catch up on all the sessions and the different contributions in a variety of ways, including going to our website [vk.keswickministries.org](http://vk.keswickministries.org). There are more details below. Do continue to share the links with your friends and family.

In this edition, you can enjoy reliving the event with a whistle-stop review. There's an update about finances as a number of costs have been incurred to run Virtually Keswick Convention. We're so appreciative for all those who give towards the cost of this event. Thank you.

This year, we've been inundated with comments and photos of your online Convention experiences. It's great to see so many of you enjoy the Convention! Look out for a selection of them below.

Thanks so much for your partnership and continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Robson".

James Robson

Ministry Director



## Virtually Keswick Convention goes world-wide

Peru, USA, Belgium, Beirut, Iraq, Nigeria and Hong Kong are just some of the places that Conventioneers have joined us from for Virtually Keswick Convention.

Thousands of people from around the world watched the online Convention, either live, or via catch up. They, like so many of you, joined from home or in church groups for a week to meet with the Lord through his Word, to hear more about what the Lord is doing, and to respond with prayer and praise.

There was a real Keswick feel with fantastic drone footage of the hills and the town, and filming from within the Pencil Factory.

Daily prayer times were led by Matt Searles and Jodi Whitehouse. They focussed on topics including the persecuted church, world mission and our own situations.

The Lord spoke clearly, powerfully and personally as Christopher Ash unpacked Hope in Jesus from Psalms 2 to 6 in the morning Bible Readings.

Daily seminars looked at a different aspect of hope, including our future hope (Mike Reeves), grief and hope (Jo Jackson), hope and lament/prayer (Rico Villanueva), sharing hope with friends (Andy Bannister and Kristi Mair) and a panel discussion about hope in and through the local church (Adrian Reynolds, Robin Ham, Sonia Crossley and Efrem Buckle). It was very encouraging to hear practical topics talked about in a sensitive way that ultimately pointed to Jesus and the hope we have in Him.

It was a great blessing to have daily Count Everyone In devotions. Accessible to all, these devotions enabled adults with learning disabilities to encounter God, whether for the first time or to grow in their faith and understanding.

The gospel continued to be proclaimed in the Evening Celebrations as Mike Cain, Andy Prime, Amy Orr-Ewing, Graham Daniels and Jeremy McQuoid looked at different scriptures relating to hope.

Emu Music led the sung worship, with some songs filmed in the Pencil Factory and others from previous Conventions. There were also contributions by Keswick Unconventional artists.

A concert by Awesome Cutlery helped families to worship Jesus together. And a packed Keswick Unconventional Night Shift featured regular KU contributors as well as comedian Milton Jones and actress Natali McLeary.



## Keswick 4 Kids Hope Hunters

Youngsters up to the age of 11 enjoyed this lively Hope Hunters programme.

The teaching matched the adult programme and looked at Psalms 2 to 6 in a creative and engaging way. Songs, talks and craft activities

were all part of this great programme as children learnt about Jesus. We've received lots of great photos of young Conventioneers with their crafts!



## Keswick Youth

Bible centred teaching, spoken word, quirky challenges and sung worship were part of a fantastic Keswick Youth programme.

Teaching was also based on the Psalms and really got to grips with the challenges, questions and uncertainties that young people face.

Our hope and prayer is that by looking at the same Scripture across the children's, youth

and adult programme that families can share and learn together.



## Finance Update

During Virtually Keswick Convention we shared a need for £200,000 to cover the shortfall arising from the loss of income due to Covid-19, and the costs of the virtual event.

We have been encouraged by the response so far to both the General and Derwent funds.

On the General Fund we are over half-way to the £200,000 and would appreciate your prayerful consideration to reduce or eliminate this either by a one-off gift or new or increased regular giving – all Gift-Aided where possible.



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## Catch up on Virtually Keswick Convention

If you've missed any of the live sessions, want to watch them again or share them with friends, then here are a few ways you can catch up.

- All the sessions are available via our [website](#). Go to the Daily programmes or Events sections to view the sessions.
- They are also on the [Keswick Convention YouTube Channel](#).
- Listen to MP3 versions [here](#) or on Spotify or iTunes via [Kes Talks Podcasts](#).
- [Buy](#) all the morning Bible Readings, Evening Celebrations and Seminars in audio format – all for £12.

You can catch up on individual element of the programmes, too, via our website or the YouTube channel.





## Your comments and photos!

It's been fantastic to receive so many comments and photos of your time with us at Virtually Keswick Convention. Here's a small selection of them:

"Old habits die hard! Breaking all the rules with dogs and hot drinks in the tent!" Volunteer Colin & family in Stockton-on-Tees (Photo top left)

"I'd like to thank my husband for coming all the way out into the garden to experience virtual Keswick Convention under 'canvas'. Happy 1 year anniversary!" From Athie, in Kent (photo top right)

"Thank you for the VKC! We loved it. It really brightened up our week with a sense of purpose and belonging. We have attended the convention since 1977 when we were expecting our first child! She has now attended with her family!" Kim and Sue Southgate

"Brilliant experience this week, watching together at Ladyfield Evangelical Church, Chippenham. Wonderful messages of Hope!"

"So wonderful to be able to join VKC even from afar and be encouraged by God's Word." David & Ann, Queenstown NZ

"Thank you to everyone involved in this week. Since my wife died last year, I have been living on my own but this convention has made me feel part of the wider Church and the theme of hope could not have been more relevant to me."

"I have benefited tremendously from Christopher Ash's exposition of the Psalms. His explanations are clear and easy to comprehend and I've looked forward to each morning's Bible readings since the first one on Monday." With gratitude from South Wales

"Thank you for enabling us to be at Keswick again this to enjoy virtual fellowship and be encouraged by God's word." John M Hong Kong

"My two daughters and I have really enjoyed the Hope Hunters series. Each morning we



grab a snack and Bibles and get ready for 30 minutes of singing and hearing about finding Hope was in Jesus. A big thank you to everyone involved!"



## Emerging Leaders course - places available

Called to lead in the workplace, in a charity or in a Church? In your 20's or 30's and wanting to make a greater difference for Christ? Wanting to learn from those who have been before and from one another?

The Emerging Leaders' Workshop is a structured blended learning space for you to engage with Christ, to be inspired and better equipped to lead radically and authentically now and in the future.

It's taking place online between Monday 5 and Friday 9 October. Check out the link for more details.

### Emerging leaders



## Online events coming up

A number of Keswick Fellowship events have recently been cancelled due to Covid-19, however, it is great news that some are planning online events.

In the first week of September, Shetland Bible Week will be holding four online sessions for people to join to be encouraged, strengthened in their faith and hear engaging Bible teaching.

Saffron Walden Bible Focus is also going online! There will be two sessions on Saturday, September 12th at 3.00pm and at 4.30pm.

These will then be available for catch up afterwards. The sessions will look at how God brings out his good purposes in spite of our disappointments and setbacks.

Organisers say: "Coronavirus may have put a stop to some things and forced us to change plans – but God's plans are always best!"

### Keswick Fellowship

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