



Keswick Ministries

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Welcome

¹²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness (Lamentations 3:22-23)



Changes are happening fast, unpredictably, and there's a sense of foreboding as the dark clouds of Covid-19 and the economic, relational, and emotional storms swirl around.

Against that backdrop, next summer's Convention theme is "Faithful". Confidence in the faithfulness of God is not an act of make-believe. It's not something we have to twist God's arm for or hope for. Our sin doesn't thwart it. Our unfaithfulness doesn't jeopardise it. Our anguish doesn't diminish it. Those words from Lamentations, chosen to go with the Convention theme, are wonderfully comforting and reassuring, but they are not glib or trite. They come in the midst of "smoke, ruin and despair" (Dale Ralph Davis). No, faithfulness is rooted in God's character, and is seen in history, supremely in Jesus Christ. No wonder Lamentations moves from talking *about* God to talking *to* God: "Great is *your* faithfulness."

May we look to the faithful God, every day.

James Robson

Ministry Director



Keswick Convention 2021

Preparations are under way for next Summer's Keswick Convention (17 July - 6 August 2021).

We're looking forward to running an encouraging programme of Morning Bible Readings, Seminars, Evening Celebrations and Keswick Lectures as well as a thriving children's and youth programme - all based on the theme of God's faithfulness.

The theme is very apt, particularly in these challenging times. God willing, we are planning for a Convention in Keswick but recognise there may still be Covid related restraints.

It'll be a new chapter for the Convention as we join together for the first time as "all one in Christ Jesus" on the former Pencil Factory site.

Alistair Begg will be the Morning Bible Reader for week one (17 - 23 July) with Colin Webster and Phil Moore leading sung worship.

In week two (24 - 30 July), Simon Manchester will be the Morning Bible Reader and Ben Slee will lead sung worship.

In the final week (31 July -6 August), the Morning Bible Reader will be Mark Meynell and sung worship will be led by Olly Knight.

Keep an eye on our website ([link below](#)) for more updates.

Posters and postcards about the 2021 Convention have been sent out to hundreds of churches across the UK in a recent mailing. If your church hasn't received information, and would like to, please get in touch via partners@keswickministries.org

The Convention is a great opportunity for Christians from around the UK and further afield to meet together. It's also a great chance for church leaders to be refreshed and church groups to enjoy a holiday and fellowship. We hope you can join us!



[Keswick Convention 2021](#)

Catch up on Virtually Keswick Convention

If you missed any of the sessions at this summer's online Convention, or 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.



Finance Update

Take a look at this video (right) by treasurer Steve Adam about Keswick Ministries' finances.



Good News for the Ministry

We are pleased to say that many have given generously to support the ministry. This has gone a long way to overcome the shortfall which was created as a result of COVID-19. This is wonderful news and we are so grateful.

There is still a shortfall of approximately £50,000. Would you consider making a donation to help?

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More good news for the Derwent Project

Even during lock-down, the work continued. We have put a new roof on, new elevation in the front of the building, rendering and much, much more.

We are now going out to tender to help us get the building ready so we can use the ground floor - God-willing - as part of the physical Convention next year.



To help us keep things moving forward, would you consider committing to the Derwent Project for two years through regular, monthly donations? Regular donations are one of the best ways to support the ministry as they help us plan ahead and provide much needed stability in these challenging times.

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Updates on latest courses

This academic year is an exciting time for our Teaching & Training programme as we look at different ways of running courses, due to the current Covid situation.

It's a great opportunity to make a number of our courses accessible online.

Emerging Leaders

Next month we are holding an Emerging Leaders course online. Fifteen participants will be joining the course, via Zoom, with James Robson, Simon Barrington, Naomi Partidge, Simon Potter and Bishop Emma Ineson. The course is for those in their 20s and 30s in leadership, and will look at how they can be inspired and better equipped to lead radically and authentically now and in the future.

Also in October, at the request of previous delegates, we'll be starting monthly workshops in Hebrew for those at intermediate plus level. These sessions will be taking place for the next 6 months.

Workshops in Hebrew

Faith in the Second Half

Two free online events will be held on Thursday 15th October in partnership with Faith in Later Life.

Check out the video (right) by Carl Knightly, of Faith in Later Life, to find out more.



The first session - Enabling those in later life to flourish - is aimed at church leaders and those involved in leading ministry with older people. Topics will include the theology of old age (Garry Williams), empowering the ministry of the older person (Carl Knightly) and providing pastoral support (Debs Fidler with Carl Knightly). There will be time for Q&A.

The second session - Flourishing in later life - is aimed at the older person wanting to understand that God still has a plan for them (Ian Knox with Carl Knightly) and how they can be involved in ministering to others and serving God (Pippa Cramer with Carl Knightly). There will be time for Q&A.

It would be great to see you there!

Faith in the Second Half

Doctrine Study Day

We're delighted to be holding a Doctrine Study Day in partnership with the Pastors' Academy at London Seminary, in Keswick, on 26th November.

This is a great opportunity to be refreshed in the beautiful Lake District and receive rich teaching.

Neil Martin will bring some of the best of recent biblical scholarship that demonstrates an incarnational Christology, and Garry Williams will draw insights from the high points of patristic reflection and analytic theology to help us understand more of the coherence and implications of the biblical doctrine.

Garry said: "We are very excited to make some of the wonderful insights in this rich literature accessible for pastors. Our desire is that we would honour the Son by speaking, teaching, and preaching rightly of him. What could be more important in our theology?"

Registrations for the course are now open. Measures are being put in place to ensure we are Covid-compliant and following Government guidelines.

Doctrine Study Day



Resources all year round

There are lots of printed and digital resources available. We hope you enjoy diving into God's Word and are encouraged by the resources available.

Take a look at this video, shown at Virtually Keswick Convention, about our selection of resources and latest publications.

These include the Kes Talks Podcast and also the Keswick Convention Podcast which you can catch up on. They are available on iTunes, Spotify as well as on Podcasting apps.



Make sure you keep your eyes peeled for season 2 of both podcasts.



Online events

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.

Forth Valley Keswick will be holding an online service on Sunday 4th October (11am - 12pm).

Dr Tim Chester, a Trustee of Keswick Ministries, will be bringing the Bible teaching at the online service. His subject is the Keswick moto: 'All One in Christ Jesus'. The Bible teaching will be from Colossians 3:5-17.

The service will be broadcast on the Forth Valley Keswick YouTube channel from 11am. Do join then, if your church is not meeting, or, if your church is meeting then, you can watch later.

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During Shetland Bible Week, speakers covered the themes of 'Faith, Hope, Love & Joy in a pandemic world'. [Click here to watch the sessions.](#)

While the Saffron Walden Bible Focus was also held online. They looked at how God brings out his good purposes in spite of our disappointments and setbacks. [Click here to watch the sessions.](#)

If you are part of the Keswick Fellowship and have events coming up - either online or in person - do let us know.

Check out the link below to find out more about the Keswick Fellowship events listed on our website.

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