



# Keswick Ministries

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## Welcome

*"<sup>3</sup>Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup> so he..." (John 13:3-4)*



I wonder how you'd finish the sentence, "...so he...". All things were under Jesus' power. Jesus' origin was with God, his Father. Jesus' destiny was to return to God. And Jesus knew it. We might expect "...so he performed a great miracle" or "...so he commanded all to bow in allegiance before him."

Instead, John's gospel continues, *"...so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup> After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him" (John 13:3-5).*

What a surprise! The one who had all power stooped to serve. The one who had come from God and was returning to God performed the most menial of tasks. Secure in his identity, he was freed to serve.

Last week, I had the privilege of being involved in the Influential Leadership Workshop, one of Keswick Ministries' teaching and training courses. We saw how our identity affects our life, our leadership, our actions. And if we are to serve others, we need to be secure in our identity in Christ.

In this newsletter, you can hear more about this workshop and other Teaching and Training courses over the coming year. There's something for everyone, to deepen your walk with the Lord. Do sign up and do share with others. And there's lots more, in the newsletter, too.

*James Robson*

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Ministry Director



## Teaching & Training programme 2021/ 2022

*Be refreshed to serve*

We held our first teaching and training event of the autumn, the Influential Leadership Workshop, at Keswick Ministries last week. Fourteen leaders from the church, charity, business and education came together to grow in their faith and leadership skills.

It's one of this year's [programme of Teaching and Training courses.](#)

Leadership Workshop participant Kathryn Jackson said: "It's been very thought provoking. It's a very happy marriage of looking at Christ & looking at ourselves."

Simon Barrington, of Forge Leadership, said: "It's the mix of the glorious location, time apart, worship, scripture reading together and the supportive environment that makes it so special. I'm always expectant for what God will do in the lives of those who attend."

Other courses in this year's Teaching and Training Programme include:



### [Doctrine Study Day: 9th November](#)

This course will help you to understand more of the coherence and implications of biblical doctrine. It's intended for pastors with a good level of theological understanding, but is open to anyone interested in learning theology for ministry. It will be led by Garry Williams and Neil Martin from the Pastors' Academy.



### [Preaching Workshop: 30th November - 2nd December](#)

This is an intensive workshop for church leaders to build on their skills for sharing sermons. It is for regular preachers, ideally 3-10 years into ministry, with a willingness to learn and grow. It will be led by Richard Garnett and James Robson.



### [Pastoral Refreshment Conference: 8th - 10th February](#)

Experience 48 hours of hospitality, refreshment and grace at this conference. It is for full time Christian leaders and spouses and church leaders with significant responsibility. With speaker Ray Ortland.

Take a look at the video for more details.



### [Bible workshop: Job and Ecclesiastes: 7th - 8th March](#)

This course will help you grow in your understanding and appreciation of Job and Ecclesiastes and we pray, in your love for the Lord. It's predominantly for pastors, ministers, church planters, or lay leaders, but open to anyone. With speaker Jamie Grant.



[Bible workshop in Hebrew: Up to intermediate: 29th - 30th March](#)

Grow in your knowledge of Hebrew and ability to interpret Scripture at a more in-depth level. The course is for pastors, church planters, overseas workers, seminary students, but open to anyone. It will be led by James Robson.



[Leading WELL: 31st March - 2nd April](#)

This is a new workshop designed to equip, encourage and nourish elders and those in lay leadership in churches who want to grow and develop in their calling as leaders, shepherds and servants of the local Church. With Emily Dean, Peter Nicholl, Adrian Reynolds, James Robson and Andrew Towner.

Take a look at the video for more details.



[Art Retreat: 22nd - 24th April](#)

The weekend is designed for Christians who work in the visual arts but all are welcome. You will be inspired to think afresh about how to use your gifts and talents for Christ through the arts. Led by Alastair Gordon.

Take a look at this video for more details.



### [Faith in the Second Half: 10th - 12th May](#)

The course is for those in the second half of life (empty-nesters/ soon to retire/ retired). You'll gain inspiration and practical ideas on ministry in later life. The course is being run in partnership with Faith in Later Life. The keynote speaker is John Wyatt.



### [Influential Leadership Workshop: 23rd- 27th May](#)

The workshop will help leaders develop in their identity and character to be more influential where God has placed them. It's for leaders of churches, leaders in business and leaders in charities. It will be led by Simon Barrington, James Robson and others.



### [Bible workshop in Hebrew: intermediate plus: 14th - 15th June](#)

Grow in your knowledge of Hebrew and ability to interpret Scripture at a more in-depth level. The course is for pastors, church planters, overseas workers, seminary students, but open to anyone. It will be led by James Robson.

## Churches weekend away

We are so excited to host Churches Weekends Away in Autumn 2022 and in Spring 2023.

Churches can come to Keswick to enjoy engaging and faithful Bible teaching, sung worship and the time to gather together in a wonderful location. It is our hope and





prayer that these weekends will provide space for fellowship, fun, encouragement and refreshment to all who attend.

The churches weekends will be held 16th - 18th September 2022 and 31st March - 2nd April 2023.

Paul Mallard is speaking at both and Colin Webster and Phil Moore are leading sung worship in the first one.

Each Churches Weekend will be for 3-6 churches with a core programme organised for you, along with the time and space to share fellowship and enjoy the beautiful Lake District as a church family throughout the weekend. They are for churches with a group booking of under 100 people. Accommodation should be organised on an individual basis.

One church from Rugby has signed up already! Places are still available for both weekends. Check out the website for more details and booking information.

#### Churches Weekend away



## Phase 2 work set to start



We're gearing up for work to start, next month, on the first and second floors of the Pencil Factory, so the whole building is ready in time for next year's Convention.

This phase will include the installation of stairs and a lift in the building, revamping the first and second floor of the building, installing new windows at the rear of the building and re-rendering the rear of the building.

It has been encouraging to hold a number of events on site following the Convention, including an adventure challenge and a book launch. The Pencil Factory site is a great

multi-purpose space - and we look forward to the whole building being completed for the Convention, teaching and training events, churches weekends away and community events.



## Finance update

Dear friends,

In what has been another very challenging year we are so thankful to the Lord for His continued faithfulness. We were able to put on a physical Convention this year and were blessed by three weeks of encouraging and

challenging bible teaching. Towards the end of the third week, I indicated that we were around £70k short of the income target for the convention. I am delighted to report that, in God's goodness, we are now slightly ahead of that target and are expecting to have a small surplus on the General Fund at the year-end. However, there are many financial challenges facing us next year, as we seek to put on a 'normal' Convention on the new site, as well as to continue with live streaming.

With regards to the Derwent Project, we have received to date £7.4m of the £8.0m fundraising target. Of this, £1.4m is in the form of loans which will have to be repaid in due course, so we still need to raise £2.0m, with a target of £0.6m in 2022. We plan to complete Phase 2 of the project by next year's Convention, which is to open up the first and second floors for children's and youth work. We also plan to re-render, and put new windows, on the rear elevation so that it matches the front.

Your continued support, both on the General Fund and on the Derwent Project, is much needed and valued.

Thank you so much

Steve Adam

Treasurer

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## Keswick Convention 2022

Plans are already underway for next year's Keswick Convention, on the theme of Grateful.

The Morning Bible Readers are; Alistair Begg in Week One (Saturday 16th – Friday 22nd July), Simon Manchester in Week Two (Saturday 23rd – Friday 29th July) and Mike Cain in Week Three (Saturday 30th July – Friday 5th August).

We are currently confirming speakers for seminars, lectures and evening celebrations, as well as the leaders of the sung worship.

Do make sure that you have booked your accommodation for next year. Details about accommodation prices and options are available at [www.keswick.org](http://www.keswick.org) tourism website.

## Volunteer for the 2022 Convention

Volunteer applications are now open for the 2022 Convention!

Each year, the Convention is made possible through the great work of our volunteer teams. There is a host of volunteering opportunities available such as stewarding, gift processing, reception teams as well as Children and Youth teams. It's a great opportunity to meet new people, have fun, give your time and serve the Lord. Click below for more details and to apply.

Volunteer



## Catch up on Keswick Convention 2021

Don't worry if you still need to catch up on teaching from this summer's Convention or would like to listen to it again. There is a host of ways you can access the teaching.



**USB sticks of teaching for each week:** For £15, you can purchase a memory stick – with all the audios of the Morning Bible Readings, Evening Celebrations, Seminars and Keswick Lectures – for each week of the Convention 2021. Or buy all three weeks for £35. These are very handy as you don't need the internet to listen to the talks.

[Click here for more details.](#)

**Videos of all seminars, Morning Bible Readings and Evening Celebration**

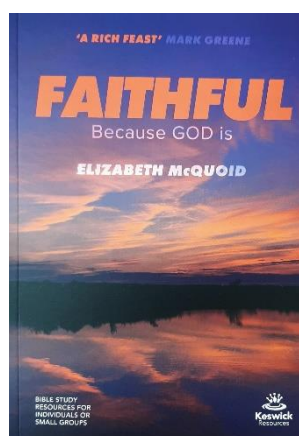
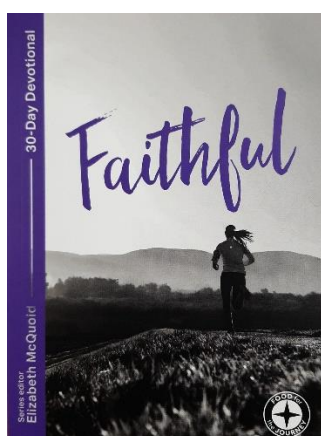
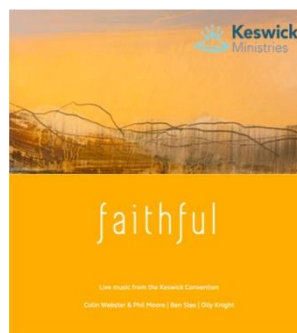
**talks:** You can catch up on the video recordings of the talks via the [Convention website](#) and also the [Keswick Convention YouTube channel](#).

**Audios of seminars, Morning Bible Readings and Evening Celebrations:** Head to the [Talks Library](#) on the Keswick Ministries website to listen to the audios of the Convention talks.

**Catch up via the Kes Talks Podcast:** The Morning Bible Readings and Evening Celebrations are available to listen to while you're on the go. They are available [here](#) and on podcasting apps such as Spotify and iTunes.

## Pre-order Faithful - Keswick Convention 2021 album

There's still time to pre-order your copy of the sung worship album from the Convention. There are songs by Colin Webster and Phil Moore, Ben Slee and Olly Knight. For most of us, the Convention was the first time since March 2020 that there was congregational singing, so it's a very special album. Pre-order it from the [10ofThose website](#).





## Keswick Ministries resources

Be encouraged by the teaching from Keswick Ministries all year around via our extensive selection of printed resources.

From daily devotionals, to Bible study guides and themed books, there is a wide variety of teaching for you to enjoy individually and with others.

If you're thinking about Christmas presents for loved ones or yourself, do take a look at the IVP website, as they are taking 20% off all four Keswick titles published this year.

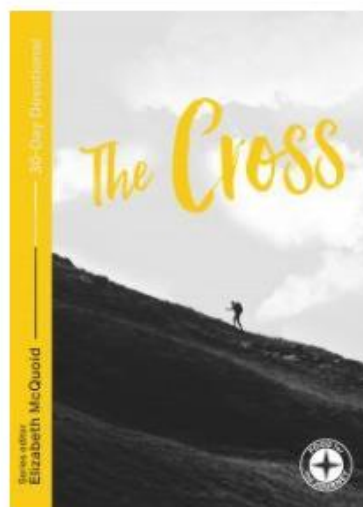
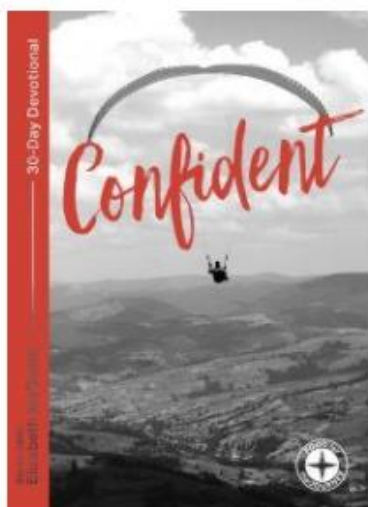
Three Food for the Journey devotionals - *Faithful*, *Confident* and *The Cross* - have been published this year. Each one is a 30-day devotional looking at God's Word with daily reflections. There's also a Bible Study guide on the theme of Faithful. It's for individuals or small groups, and provides a big view of God and shows us how to grow daily in faithfulness and grace.

Order these titles through IVP, with the discount code KESMIN20 to get 20% off. The code is valid until end of November.

Our aim is to help resource the local church and Christians everywhere with Bible-based teaching that is accessible.

For more information about our printed resources, click the link below.

### Printed publications



## What's On: Keswick Fellowship



It is great to see a number of events, which are part of the Keswick Fellowship, are now taking place in person - and some are available online.

Forth Valley Keswick takes place this weekend (1st -3rd October). Tim Chester, senior faculty member of Crosslands Training and author, is speaking on the theme of Waiting on God in Prayer. These evening meetings will be held at Macdonald Inchyra Hotel and Spa in Falkirk. They will be available to watch on YouTube.

The Keswick in East Lancashire Autumn Convention takes place between 8th and 9th October. Brian Maiden, of Kendal, will be speaking on the theme of Listening to Jesus.

Sleaford Bible Keswick Ministry is hosting a number of meetings over the next few months, starting on 8th October with Rev Dr David Hilborn, Principal of Moorlands College speaking on the theme of Endurance & Joy: Trusting Jesus in Tough Times (Hebrews 12:1-3).

The Cotswold Bible Festival, organised by Keswick Gloucestershire, is set to take place on 13th November. You're invited to two events taking place on the day.

A number of events are taking place in 2022 including Keswick in Devon in March and Keswick Ayrshire in June. Details are available on the Keswick Fellowship section of the Keswick Ministries website.

**Keswick Fellowship**

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