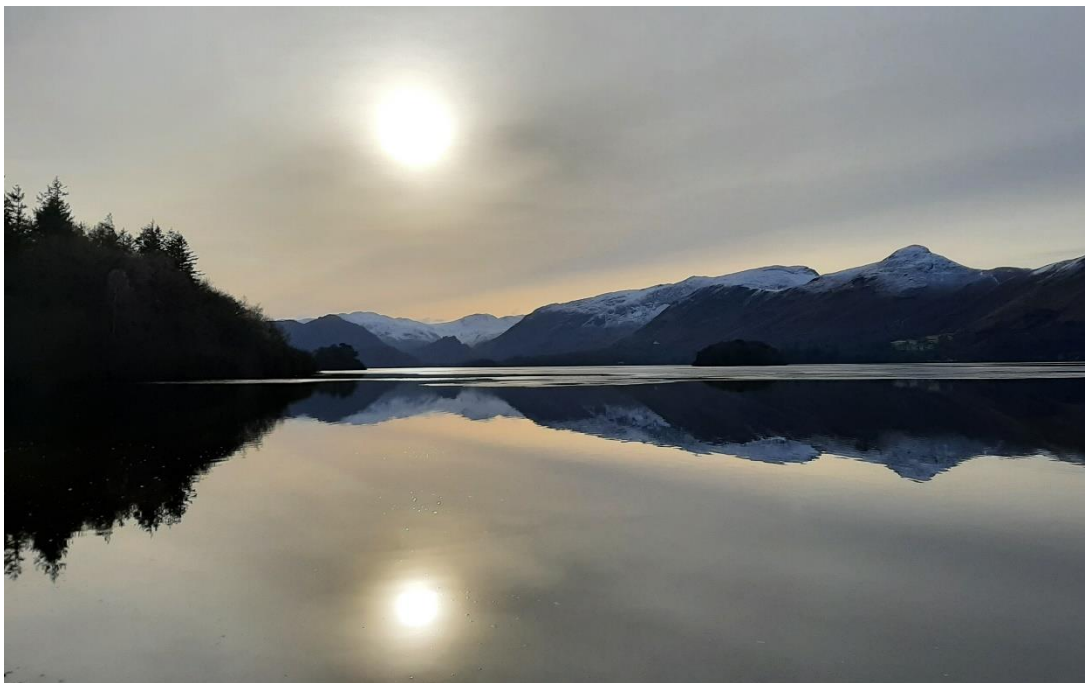




# Keswick Ministries

HEARING • BECOMING • SERVING

December 2021



## Welcome

*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it (John 1:5)*

Darkness. The darkness of worry. The darkness of anxiety. The darkness of fear. The darkness of loneliness. The darkness of sickness. The darkness of death. The darkness of broken relationships. The darkness of betrayal. The darkness of hatred. The darkness of injustice. The darkness of sin. The darkness of each one of us. The darkness of a world hostile to its Maker.



Light. The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. The light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. It didn't then, it doesn't now, it never will.

There's lots for you in this Christmas newsletter. I'd love to draw your attention particularly to the new venture of Church Weekends Away, where your church can be hosted in Keswick by Keswick Ministries in the Pencil Factory. More details below.

May you know the light of Christ shining this Christmas time.



James Robson

Ministry Director



Week One: Emu Music



Week Two: Ben Slee and band



Week Three: Olly Knight and band



## Keswick Convention 2022

Plans are gathering pace for next summer's Keswick Convention (16th July - 5th August). Speakers are being booked and others are due to be confirmed.

In Week One (16th - 22nd July), Morning Bible Readings will be given by Alistair Begg, the Keswick Lecture will be given by Glynn Harrison, who will speak on the rise of the 'me' culture, and sung worship will be led by Emu Music.

In Week Two, (23rd - 29th July), Morning Bible Readings will be given by Jeremy McQuoid, Krish Kandiah will speak at the Keswick Lecture on the theme of Grateful for the Opportunity: positive engagement in the public sphere, and sung worship will be led by Ben Slee and band.

In Week Three (30th July - 5th August), Morning Bible Readings will be led by Mike Cain, John Stevens will speak at the Keswick Lecture about the state of Evangelicalism, and sung worship will be led by Olly Knight and band.

Work is taking place to confirm speakers for the seminars and evening celebrations for across the three weeks. Keep a look out on our website and social media, in the New Year, for updates.

It will be an encouraging time to meet together as we explore the theme of Grateful.

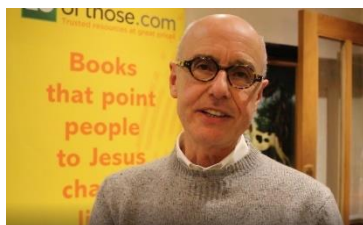
We are looking forward to being on one site, in one large marquee on site and using the whole of the Pencil Factory building, including the first and second floors which are set to be revamped in time for the Convention. We don't feel that registration and booking will be necessary for the Convention.

If you'd like to volunteer at next year's Convention, there's a host of roles available such as the welcome team, café team, gift-processing team and the children's and youth teams.

Check out the link below for more details, and to apply.

[2022 Convention](#)

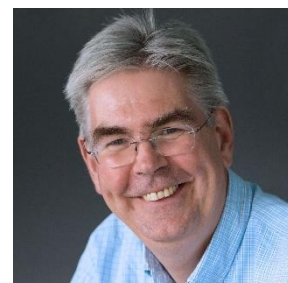
[Volunteer](#)



Week One Keswick Lecture:  
Glynn Harrison



Week Two Keswick  
Lecture: Krish Kandiah



Week Three Keswick  
Lecture: John Stevens



*Be refreshed to serve*

Encouraging Teaching & Training  
programme

Participants have been enjoying a host of teaching and training events in Keswick.

Gaining a better understanding of the coherence and implications of biblical doctrine was the aim of a recent Doctrine Study Day.

Dr Garry Williams & Dr Neil Martin spoke about 'Preaching the God-man, defending & delighting in the incarnation'.

Among the seventeen participants was Peter Walkingshaw, pastor of Carlisle Baptist Church. He said: "In the day-to-day busyness of being involved in church ministry it's not always easy to take time out to think about things that are beyond a crisis in the church or next Sunday's sermon. It's been lovely to step aside for a day."

A Preaching Workshop has also been held. Twelve church leaders joined an intensive workshop to build on their skills for delivering biblical and engaging sermons. The workshop was led by Richard Garnett and James Robson.

Rev Jo McKee, of St Andrew's Radcliff in Manchester and CPAS director of the Arrow Leadership Programme, said: "It's a privilege to take a couple of days away to pause & to be challenged to think about teaching in a different way especially as the world around us has changed so much."



## Coming up in 2022



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

SOLD OUT! 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.



### [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.

Take a look at the video for more details.



### [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 life and 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: 23 - 27th May](#)

This workshop, being held in partnership with Forge Consultancy, is aimed at leaders of churches, leaders in the corporate, public sector, voluntary sector and small businesses.

It will help you, in an open and supportive environment, to become more alive in your role, more secure in your identity, more invested in your character development and more influential in your relationships.



### [Bible Workshop in Hebrew: 14th - 15th June](#)

This 24-hour workshop will be held in Keswick that will refresh your walk with the Lord and your Hebrew.

The workshop will be led by James Robson, Ministry Director at Keswick Ministries. It will be suitable for people at intermediate plus level.

We want you to leave refreshed, encouraged and equipped.

## 2021/2022 Programme



## Church weekends away



Places are still available for the church weekends away in Autumn 2022 and Spring 2023!

This new venture gives churches the opportunity to come to beautiful Keswick, as a church group, to hear Biblical teaching from Paul Mallard with sung worship over the weekend too.

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.

Bookings have come in for both weekends, but we'd love for more churches to come along.

Accommodation should be organised on an individual basis. There are plenty of bed and breakfasts, hostels, hotels, self-catering cottages to choose from in Keswick. Keswick Ministries also has a number of rooms in its Skiddaw Street centre available. There is of course also the option of camping!

Churches will have the space made available to provide your own Children's and Youth programme if you'd like to run one.

Check out the website for more details and booking information.

### Church Weekends away





## Phase 2 work has started!

We're delighted that work has started on the first and second floors of the Pencil Factory, so the building can be used for next year's Convention.

This phase will include the installation of stairs and lifts in the building, revamping the first and second floors, installing new windows and re-rendering the rear of the building. It's very exciting times as this next phase of work begins. Please pray that plans go smoothly and that work will not be hindered by Covid restrictions or delays in materials.

In addition to work happening on the Pencil Factory site, refurbishments have been taking place at the Skiddaw Street centre. A big thanks goes to the group of volunteers who have tackled a host of jobs at the centre including painting and replacing doors.



## Finance update

As we come to the end of 2021, this is a great opportunity to share this financial update with you.

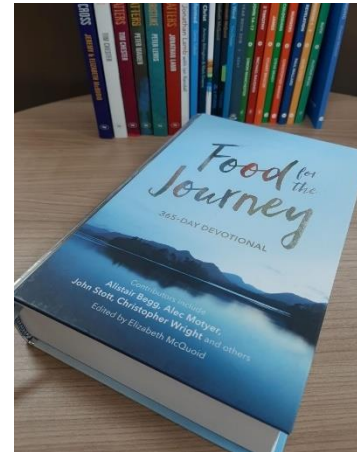
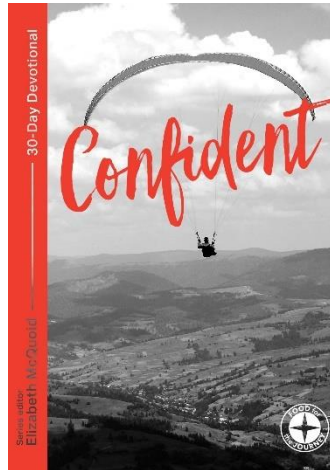
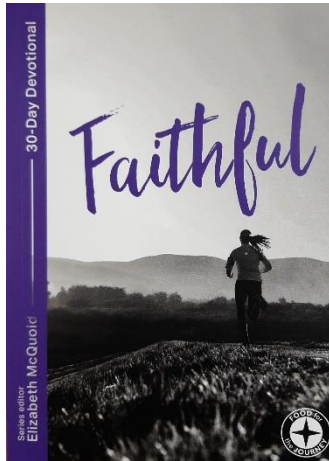
Take a look at this video by Steve Adam, treasurer for Keswick Ministries, about the Ministries' finances.

Also, you may have recently received an update about the Derwent Project and funding required to complete Phase 2 of the project. We are so thankful for the generosity of supporters and are so thankful for your continued support.

If you would like to give, do click the link below.



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## Keswick Ministries resources

If you are in need of encouraging gifts for loved ones this Christmas, do take a look at our extensive range of printed resources.

From daily devotionals to Bible study guides and themed books, there is a wide variety of teaching materials to enjoy - and they make perfect gifts for friends and family this Christmas.

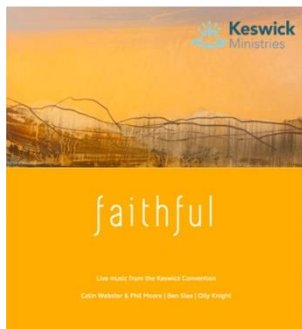
Three Food for the Journey devotionals - *Faithful*, *Confident* and *The Cross* - have been published this year. Each one is a 30-day devotional looking at God's Word with daily reflections. There's also a Bible Study guide on the theme of Faithful. It's for individuals or small groups, and provides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

The 365-day Food for the Journey devotional is a bumper edition - packed with twelve monthly devotionals. This is a great resource any of time of year, but especially as we start a new year.

Our aim is to help resource the local church and Christians everywhere with biblical teaching that is accessible and engaging.

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

[Printed publications](#)



## Faithful - Keswick Convention 2021 album

Order your copy of the sung worship album from this summer's 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. You can order it from the [10ofThose website](https://www.10ofthose.co.uk/).

## Catch up on our podcasts

We are delighted to be releasing a new season of the Keswick Convention podcast in the New Year!

You'll hear interviews with guests and speakers from the forthcoming Convention in the summer. Presented by James Cary and Rachel Redeemed, the show is a mix of testimony, theology and reflection. You can catch up on the previous two seasons on iTunes, Spotify as well as on Podcasting apps.

Kes Talks are talks from God's Word, given over the past 25 years at the Keswick Convention. They are delivered by a variety of different speakers and we pray that they will be particularly helpful to you at this time. They are also available on iTunes, Spotify as well as on Podcasting apps.



### Podcasts



## 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.

Events coming up in 2022 include Keswick in Devon (March), Sleaford Keswick Bible Ministry (January to March) and Derby Bible Week (April).

The Keswick Fellowship operates throughout the UK as a national network to encourage the leaders of Bible Conventions and local Keswick events through prayer, practical support and fellowship.

Take a look at the website for more details.

**Keswick Fellowship**

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