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Keswick Convention 2022 Special

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Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus (1 Thess. 5:18).

Keswick Convention 2022, "Grateful," was a real highlight for me. With so much uncertainty in our world, a heart recalibrated with gratitude to God is both life-giving and right before the Lord. To be grateful that God is for us, has justified us, and loves us was such a fitting final sermon.

As I look back the past few weeks, there are so many things for which to be truly grateful. I've picked out three, but there are countless more.

To see thousands of Christians – new and returning – gather to hear from God's word and sing praises to his glory is a joy each year, and even more so this year after the challenges of the last two years.

At the centre of Keswick Convention, is a focus on teaching God's word faithfully and encouraging Christians to live out their faith practically. It's an extraordinary team effort by everyone from speakers to volunteers cleaning toilets. I am grateful to God for everyone who has willingly served at the Convention this year with such love for Christ and a desire to see others grow in faith.

One particular delight this year was to see what progress with the Derwent Project has enabled. The Pencil Factory was used for children and youth sessions and seminar tracks, and the whole site had a festival feel, with people of all ages and backgrounds able to meet, relax, and enjoy conversation with others reflecting on the meetings.

I hope you enjoy the rest of this Convention 2022 newsletter. New this month are short video highlights from each week, with a mixture of your photos and photos of the Convention.

Let's keep praying "with thanksgiving" as we return home to love and live for Christ wherever he has placed us.

Every blessing

Ministry Director
Keswick Ministries



Keswick Convention 2022 Highlights

There are so many highlights from Keswick Convention 2022, we have put together a video of highlights for each week including some of your Convention highlights. Take a look and share with others to show them what a fantastic time everyone had!



[Watch Week 1 Highlights](#)

In week 1, Alistair Begg gave morning Bible readings on 2 Timothy with a focus on guarding the gospel of Jesus Christ. Evening celebrations focussed on 'Reasons to be Grateful' from Matthew 8-9, with Alasdair Paine, James Robson, Ellidh Cook, Niv Lobo and David Gibson.

The week 1 Keswick Lecture by Glynn Harrison explored flourishing in a culture of self-invention. Glynn also led a seminar track looking into the 'Pattern of Gratitude' alongside seminars from Niv Lobo, Clare Heath-Whyte, and David Gibson.

Worship was led by Emu Music including a concert on Wednesday evening. We were also joined by the [Count Everyone In](#) team hosting a dedicated programme for adults with learning disabilities. There was theatre from Artless Theatre and Reach International in 'If Prison Walls Could Speak'.

Jeremy McQuoid joined us for week 2 morning Bible readings looking at Ephesians and how we can be grateful for our blessings 'in the heavenly realms'. Evening Celebrations focussed on 'Grateful to God in the Psalms' with Tim Chester, Matt Searles, Paul Mallard, Rosalee Velloso Ewell, and Richard Coekin speaking across the week.

The week 2 Keswick Lecture was delivered by Krish Kandiah exploring 'Positive Engagement in the Public Sphere', particularly hospitality. Seminar tracks for week 2 were led by Girma Bishaw, Mark Greene, Matt Searles, Rosalee Velloso Ewell, Paul Mallard, Richard Coekin, and Joseph Steinberg.

Ben Slee and friends led sung worship during week 2. There was an evening concert on Tuesday from David Lyon, Yvonne Lyon and Gareth Davies-Jones, and family theatre from 4front Theatre performing 'Fisherman's Tail'.



[Watch Week 2 Highlights](#)



[Watch Week 3 Highlights](#)

Morning Bible readings in week 3 were given by Martin Salter looking at 'The Life of Jacob' in Genesis. In Evening Celebrations, speakers explored a variety of Bible passages all coming back to the theme of 'Grateful'. James Robson, J. John, Jonty Allcock, Alasdair Paine, Matt Searles and Amy Orr-Ewing spoke over the course of the week.

John Stevens gave the week 3 Keswick Lecture on 'British Evangelicalism in the Post-COVID Context' as well as leading a seminar track on 'Christian Living in a Post-Christian Context'. Other seminar tracks were given by J. John, Jonty Allcock, Karen Soole, Ed Drew, and Ruth Naomi Floyd from Keswick Unconventional.

Keswick Unconventional incorporated seminars, workshops, performances and exhibits from a variety of Christian artists including James Cary, Garth Davies-Jones, Ruth Naomi Floyd, and artists in residence Gardner & Gardner.

Your Convention Highlights

"Enjoyed a great time in Keswick over the last week. Lovely to praise God with several thousand other believers and grateful for super kids and youth work, and in an outstandingly beautiful part of the world!"

Niv Lobo (Week 1 speaker and seminar leader): "I'm really grateful to have had the opportunity to deliver a seminar track and have some amazing and thoughtful engagement with topics we have been looking at, and people digging into truth and asking the sorts of questions that take them a bit further. As someone giving that material a bit further material, it has been delightful to see."

"We live locally and decided to pop in. What a brilliantly organised event. I was so impressed... It was all so overwhelming we came back almost every day. I haven't stopped talking about Keswick Convention all week. My heart feels refreshed and challenged all in one. Thank you so much."



Keswick Youth attendee: "Something that has encouraged me is being with loads of Christians my age. It's been encouraging to pray with each other and worshipping together, with so many young Christians passionate about God."

Keswick for Kids team volunteer: "We've been enjoying God's creation in and around Keswick and being together with many other Christians. Some of the highlights have been serving on the kids' team with an amazing team of dedicated people wanting to share the love of Jesus with young ones."

"We've had the best week ever. Thank you to everyone who makes this most special of Conventions run so well. We went on the Pencil factory tour and was truly amazed with it all. Here's to Keswick 2023!"

Prayer and Praise

Please join with us in continued prayer for the work of God through Keswick Convention 2022 and looking to the year ahead for Keswick Ministries



- Praise God for the 147th Keswick Convention, over 6,000 adults and 1,500 children and youth attending and thousands more watching on YouTube livestream and catch-up.
 - Pray for conventioners; for growing faith and willingness to live for God, for those who are still weighing up their faith, for gospel seeds to be planted across the UK and worldwide.
 - Praise God for the staff team and volunteers who bring the Convention together each year with a servant-hearted love for Christ.
 - Praise God for provision of the Pencil Factory site and generous giving which enables the continued refurbishment of the site for ministry.
 - As we continue to fundraise for the Derwent Project, please pray for God's provision, for faithful stewardship of donations, and trust in God's plans for the Pencil Factory.
- Pray the Pencil Factory site would be used to glorify God during the year through the Keswick Ministries Teaching and Training programme and be a blessing to the local community.

Finance Update

Dear friends,

Thank you so much for all your financial support in what continues to be a very challenging year, with so many struggling with the rising cost of living. We are so thankful to the Lord for His continued faithfulness.

We came into the Convention with donations around £50,000 behind where we had hoped they might be; this was compounded by a shortfall in income from carparks, which has not yet returned to pre-pandemic levels. Although income received during the Convention was broadly in line with plan, as an organisation we are facing a deficit this year, on our General Fund, likely to be in excess of £150,000.

We are very grateful for the ongoing partnership and generosity of so many, and would ask for your prayerful consideration as to whether you might be able to help us to reduce, or eliminate, this deficit.

With regards to the Derwent Project, we have received to date £7.0m of the £8.0m fundraising target, leaving a further £1.0m to raise. We would hope to complete the project, including the installation of a commercial kitchen, by March next year in time for the first of our Churches Weekends Away.

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

Thank you so much,

Steve Adam

Honorary Treasurer



Catch up on Keswick Convention 2022

There is a host of ways you can catch up on teaching from this year's Convention. Each is a different way of accessing God's Word - we do hope you will benefit from them.

USB sticks of teaching for each week:

For just £19, you can purchase a memory stick or Zip file with audio or video of Morning Bible Readings, Evening Celebrations, Seminars and Keswick Lectures. You can choose from 1 week or all 3 weeks of the Convention 2022. 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 content from the 2022 Convention. Audio for all three weeks will be available to download by the end of September.

Catch up via the Kes Talks Podcast:

The Morning Bible Readings and Evening Celebrations will be released on the Kes Talks Podcast over the course of the year. Podcasts are available [here](#) and on podcasting apps such as Spotify and iTunes.

Get ready for Keswick Convention 2023!

We're already making plans for next year's Convention, when the theme will be Human.

The Morning Bible readers for all three weeks have been confirmed, with Sam Allberry, Jonathan Griffiths, and Ivor Poobalan. Look out for more details in coming months about the programme. We hope to see you back in Keswick next year. Do book soon and encourage others to do the same.

Each year, the Convention is made possible through the great work of our volunteer teams. There are many volunteering opportunities available such as stewarding, gift processing, reception teams as well as Children and Youth teams.

Volunteer applications for 2023 are set to open at the end of this August, so if you'd like to be involved on team, please do apply.



The poster features a scenic background of a mountain range under a blue sky with clouds. The word 'Human' is written in a large, white, cursive font across the center. Above it, 'KESWICK CONVENTION 2023' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. In the top left corner, the Keswick Ministries logo is displayed with the tagline 'HEARING - BECOMING - SERVING'. Below the main title, the poster is divided into three columns representing the weeks of the convention. Each column lists the week number, dates, and the Bible reader's name. At the bottom, there is a dark blue banner with contact information including the website, social media handles, a phone number, and an email address.

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WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
15 - 21 July	22 - 28 July	29 July - 4 August
BIBLE READERS	BIBLE READERS	BIBLE READERS
SAM ALLBERRY	JONATHAN GRIFFITHS	IVOR POOBALAN

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