

**Keswick in Wales Convention**

## **Newsletter – December, 2017**

### **Review of Convention 2017**

*Ps 20:7 Some [trust] in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the LORD our God.*

We give thanks for the Lord's Goodness and Faithfulness to us during the 2017 Convention. There was a sense of the nearness of the Lord's presence for which we Praise His Name.

This year we returned to the Pavilion, which was a great blessing in terms of the space available. I am pleased to report that we have been able to book the Pavilion for the 2018 Convention and we would be grateful for your prayers regarding future years.

The meetings were very helpful, both challenging and encouraging.

In the mornings we were lead through the early chapters of 1 Samuel by the Rev. Colin LeNoury; who compared the days of Samuel with our own days, thus proving once again that the Bible, God's Inspired Word, is never out of date !!

In the evenings the Rev. Dave Gobbett took us through Romans chapter 8, which was extremely informative and encouraging.

On three evenings (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) we had our "World Mission Focus", when we heard from representatives of various Missions.

On Tuesday, Eric Browning and Geraint Howells spoke of the work of the SDHS, the Society for the Distribution of Hebrew Scriptures, amongst Jewish people.

On Wednesday, we heard from Rev. John Macleod concerning the work of Children for Christ.

And on Thursday Dr. Russell Farnworth told us about the work of Trans World Radio.

As ever, it was both inspiring and challenging to hear of the Lord's work though the different missions.

On Tuesday afternoon, we had a very informal time under the title of, "Coffee, Cupcakes and Chat", during which Joy Browning, wife of Eric Browning the General

Secretary of SDHS, shared a little of her life and work amongst Jewish folk. It was truly delightful and inspiring!!

On Thursday afternoon, Mike Moore in the "Around the Word" slot, preached on 2 Samuel chapter 9 on God's mercy as reflected in David's mercy towards Mephibosheth.

All the messages can be heard on this web site. Listen and be blessed!!

Every morning at 9.30 a.m. from Tuesday to Thursday, we had a time of Prayer and Praise, ably lead by Mike Beresford, Mission Director – Zambesi Mission.

During the week there was a Children's Club ran by Ruth Glover and we are grateful to her and her helpers for providing that service. We are delighted to report that Ruth gave birth to a baby girl – Sarah Eleanor Joy Glover on 21<sup>st</sup> November. We are very pleased that Ruth intends to be with us next year, complete with her family.

On Friday morning we had an Open Air meeting outside the Post Office in the centre of town. Alas, it is becoming increasingly difficult to be heard over the passing traffic at what has become a busy junction. We have decided to change the format for our Thursday afternoon service for 2018 and have invited the Swansea Gospel Male Voice Choir to lead this outreach service. We are very pleased that the Choir have accepted our invitation and we will be printing fliers to circulate in the town, as well as further afield. We are also considering whether to undertake some tract distribution in the town, as an alternative to the Open Air Meeting. Please pray regarding these matters.

We especially thank God for the Missionary Offering which, this year, amounted to approximately £6,600. This was distributed among the three missions that attended the Convention.

God Willing, we will meet again in the Pavilion in 2018; look out for information on this site. Our Bible Readings will be taken by Rev. Eric Lewis, from Northern Ireland, and the evening preacher will be Rev. Wayne Sutton, from Edinburgh.

Blessings be upon you and may our Gracious Lord be pleased to revive His work in the midst of the years.

***Ps 119:126 It is time for [thee], LORD, to work: [for] they have made void thy law.***

To the glory of His great Name and the exaltation of our Precious Saviour, by the Power of the Holy Spirit..... until He comes.

With Christian love on behalf of the Council of the Keswick in Wales Convention.

Colin Leyshon (Chairman)

