

KESWICK IN WALES CONVENTION

Llandrindod Wells

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Dear Friends of the Keswick in Wales Convention,

KESWICK IN WALES CONVENTION: CHAIRMAN'S NEWSLETTER - MAY, 2021

It is with great joy and praise to our gracious Lord that I write again to you regarding this year's Keswick in Wales Convention in Llandrindod Wells.

We are, God Willing, and Welsh Assembly permitting, going to have a real live, physical meeting this year at the Pavilion!!!

I must tell you that we have been praying for the Lord's guidance in this matter over the various issues of having /not having physical/virtual meetings and we have come to the conclusion it is right to go ahead. I must admit that it is a step of faith in many respects regarding possible restrictions which may yet be in force, but we are persuaded that we shall, by His grace, overcome any difficulties. As indicated in my last Newsletter, we will be having actual services in the Pavilion, but the main services will also be live streamed for those who are unable to attend. Further details regarding the streaming will be added to our Convention website nearer the date. There may be some facilities not available, but we will try and have as many of the "normal" meetings as per usual.

As I have previously said, we are living in strange days, when in many areas, spiritual life is at an all-time low, and if there was a time when we needed an Almighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit, such is the day. I find that many of the Lord's people are weary - weary with the ungodliness and unrighteousness that seems to be increasing on a daily basis. Our preaching and prayers appear to lack any depth and that "special" anointing of the Spirit of God to be effectual in this generation. But we do not lose heart. We believe in a Sovereign God, an Omnipotent Holy Spirit and a Gracious Saviour, who promised that HE would build His church and the gates of hell would not prevail against it. To this end I would urge you to please pray for Keswick in Wales this year, whether you come or not, that the Lord will really be amongst us in all His Risen power; that we might know that "the Lord is here and that to bless"; that we might know, as Elisha longed to know after Elijah would be taken from him, "that I might have a double portion of thy Spirit".

Dear ones may the Lord richly bless you and may your Local Fellowship know a large measure of His Grace in the coming months.

I need to update you on a couple of changes to the programme that was sent out with my April newsletter.

You will notice from the attached Convention brochure that Rev John Shearer is no longer delivering the Bible Readings at this Convention. Sadly, John is still unwell with long Covid and has been strongly advised that he should not consider travelling to Llandrindod Wells or even recording services for this year's Convention. Please remember John in your prayers. I am, however, pleased to inform you that Rev Wayne Sutton, Senior Pastor at Carrubbers Christian Centre in Edinburgh, has agreed to deliver our Bible Readings. Wayne has ministered to us at Llandrindod Wells on previous occasions and we are delighted that he is able to fill the gap.

Secondly, Dr Gareth Edwards, who will be speaking about the work of the Christian Institute on the Thursday afternoon, will now be preaching at the Thursday evening service. Rev John Kirkpatrick needs to be back in N. Ireland on the Thursday and Gareth has kindly stepped into his place for the Thursday evening.

Further details on arrangements for the Convention can be found on the Convention website or from the Convention Secretary, below:

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Blessings,

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