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UCCF ARCHIVES WORKING PARTY

Members of CLIS are currently involved in a project to organise the book library and archives collection of the **Universities' and Colleges' Christian Fellowship** in their premises in Oxford. A second archives working party has been arranged for the period **Monday 19 to Friday 23 March 2018** and additional volunteers are sought to take part in the work. Travel expenses, accommodation and meals will be provided by UCCF and previous experience of archives work is not necessarily required. Can you help? If you can come to Oxford for all or part of the week, or would like more information, please contact **Richard Waller**, telephone 01942 205843, e-mail randnwaller@blueyonder.co.uk

Library working parties have always been a very popular aspect of the work of the **Librarians' Christian Fellowship** and **Christians in Library and Information Services**. Will you be joining the CLIS group in Oxford?

CONFERENCE: FREEDOM AND TRUTH

Have you booked for this year's **Annual Conference** which is to be held on **Saturday 14 April 2018** in the Princes Street Room at the **Salvation Army's Regent Hall, 275 Oxford Street, London, W1C 2DJ**, from 10.30.a.m. The theme is **Freedom and Truth** and the speakers are **Mark Jones**, chairman of the **Lawyers' Christian Fellowship** and **Malcolm Martin**, deputy leader of the **Christian People's Alliance**. Mark will be speaking on the subject "**Gospel Freedom and the Workplace**" while Malcolm will be asking the question "**What is Truth? And how do we tell it**" with reference to current debates about "*post-truth*" and "*fake news*".

The booking fee for the conference is £30.00, including lunch and refreshments, with a reduced rate of £25.00 for unwaged delegates and free admission for students. To book your place please send your payment, made payable to **Christians in Library and Information Services**, to our treasurer: **Diana Guthrie**, 5 Arden Mead, 4 Staveley Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN20 7LH. Telephone 01323 419181. E mail treasurer@christianlis.org.uk

Please note that, although the postal address of the **Regent Hall** is in London's Oxford Street, access to the Princes Street Room is via a separate entrance in Princes Street, a turning off Regent Street.

CHRISTIAN LONDON WALKING TOUR

Members and friends of CLIS are invited to take part in a historical walking tour of the City of London organised on our behalf by **Christian Heritage London**. This will take in many sites associated with influential Christian figures, among them John Bunyan, John Wesley, John Newton, William Wilberforce and Elizabeth Fry.

The tour takes place on **Wednesday 23 May 2018**, from 2.00.p.m., but those who can get to London on time will be having lunch together beforehand, from about 12.00. noon. The cost of the tour is £10.00 per head and bookings and payments should be made payable to **Christians in Library and Information Services** and sent to the present writer.

BIBLE SOCIETY LIBRARY

We have not arranged an annual lecture for the autumn of 2018 but we are hoping to arrange two visits to places of interest to librarians during September and October. If possible these will include a weekday visit and a Saturday visit.

Our first autumn visit will be to the **Bible Society Library** at the **University of Cambridge** on **Wednesday afternoon 12 September 2018** to be preceded by lunch in a local restaurant for those who can get to Cambridge in time. Please watch this space for further details as they become available.

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Renewal forms were distributed to members in early January. Please complete the form and return it to us as soon as possible so that we do not have to send out costly reminders. Cheques should be made payable to **Christians in Library and Information Services** but, if you wish, you can pay through the **PayPal** service via the CLIS web site. In such cases we still need a completed form so that we can keep our records up to date.

Please make sure that you fill in the section of the form covering data protection. We would like to send you our **E-Newsletter** and **Membership Directory** but, under new data protection regulations coming into force in May 2018, we need your permission in order to do so.

GETTING ON LINE

Can I repeat my past pleas for more CLIS members to contribute to our social media groups? We have groups on **Facebook**, **Twitter** and **LinkedIn** and they provide great opportunities for raising issues for discussion and commenting on articles in the **E-Newsletter** and **Christian Librarian**.

I have recently been busy writing book reviews for the **Evangelical Alliance**. You can read my reviews of **Taking off the Mask** (Claire Musters), **Let Me Tell You a Story** (Rob Parsons) and **Streams of Living Water** (Richard Foster) on the Alliance web site at <http://www.eauk.org/church/stories/new-year-reading-book-reviews.cfm>

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT SUNDAY

This year's **Arts and Entertainment Sunday** has been planned for **Sunday 15 April 2018** and provides a further opportunity to celebrate the place that art, music, drama, and other media play in contemporary culture.

Librarians are likely to have a particular interest in supporting the people who write the books, make the films, and perform the music that we include in our libraries. Perhaps your church could support this venture by including a prayer of thanksgiving for the arts and entertainment in your Sunday service on 14 April. **Arts and Entertainment Sunday** is an initiative of **Christians in Entertainment**, with support from the **Arts Centre Group** and **Theatre Chaplaincy UK** and you can find more information at <http://www.cieweb.org.uk/>

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Our past speaker **Tony Jasper** writes and edits an on-line arts magazine, **Crisis**, and you can read the February 2018 edition (along with earlier issues) at <https://www.jasperian.org/crisis-magazine>

Articles in this latest issue include an obituary of gospel musician Edwin Hawkins, who died recently, and a profile of the late singer/songwriter Judee Sill. There is an introduction to the work of RADIUS, the **Religious Drama Society**, contributed by RADIUS editor Margaret Hunt, and a review of the latest album from the rock band U2, originally published in the **Methodist**

Recorder. There is a news update from gospel singer and social activist Garth Hewitt and details are provided of various forthcoming events including the CLIS Conference on Saturday 14 April 2018.

FILMS AND FAITH

According to recent press reports actor **Jim Caviezel** is due to return to the role of Jesus in **Resurrection**, a planned sequel to **Mel Gibson's** controversial film **The Passion of the Christ**. Gibson is said to have been working on a sequel for the past two years in order to tell the story of Christ's "*days on earth*" after rising from the dead.

In the meantime Jim Caviezel is reported to be returning to the world of biblical screen epics by playing the part of St. Luke in **Paul, Apostle of Christ**, a new film on the life of St. Paul said to be scheduled for release in March 2018.

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