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BIBLE SOCIETY LIBRARY

On **Wednesday 12 September 2018** around a dozen members and friends of CLIS visited the **Bible Society's** historic collection of Bibles, now housed at the **University of Cambridge Library**. The group's host for the afternoon was Onesimus Ngunga, the **Bible Society** Librarian.

Highlights of the collection viewed by CLIS members included one of the first printed Gutenberg New Testaments, Martin Luther's German New Testament translation of 1522, and the first printed Chinese New Testament of 1810. A more complete report will appear in the next **Christian Librarian**. Our photograph below shows members of the CLIS group during their visit to the Library.

Thanks to Rachel Johnson for organising the visit and to Janice Paine for organising the photograph.



VISIT TO THE KILNS

For our next activity we are arranging a visit to **The Kilns**, the former home of C. S. Lewis in Headington, Oxford, which will take place on **Saturday 20 October 2018**. There is still time to book a place or places.

The visit to **The Kilns** will begin at 2.00.p.m. and will be followed at 4.30.p.m. by a visit to **Holy Trinity Church**, Headington, where Lewis and his brother are buried and where there is a commemorative window

based on **The Chronicles of Narnia**. If you would like to take part please let me know as soon as possible. The cost for the visit to The Kilns will be £12.50 per head with a reduced rate of £10.00 for student and retired visitors. Please make cheques payable to **Christians in Library and Information Services**.

Those who can get to Oxford in time are reminded that the Bodleian Libraries' **Weston Library** is still hosting its **Tolkien: Maker of Middle Earth** exhibition until 28 October 2018. You can obtain more information, and book tickets, at <https://tolkien.bodleian.ox.ac.uk>

DATES FOR YOUR 2019 DIARY

Next year's Conference is to be held on **Saturday 6 April 2019** at **Blue Boar House, 5 Blue Boar Street, Oxford, OX1 4EE**. Our first speaker for the day will be **Manoj Raithatha** who runs the publishing company **Instant Apostle** and will be speaking on Christian publishing for the twenty-first century.

Our afternoon speaker will be Dr. **Nigel Crook**, Head of the Department of Computing and Communication Technologies at **Oxford Brookes University**, who will speak on artificial intelligence and robotics and their implications for Christians and for the wider society. This should be an enjoyable conference with contrasting speakers and topics. Please book the date now and watch this space for further details as they become available.

On **Wednesday afternoon 15 May 2019** walking guide **Ben Virgo**, of **Christian Heritage London**, will be leading a tour of the **British Museum**, taking in exhibits of Christian interest, for members and friends of CLIS.

Our annual public lecture will be held on **Saturday afternoon 19 October 2019** when we will be returning to the **Manvers Street Baptist Church** in Bath and our speaker will be the well known children's writer and master storyteller **Bob Hartman**.

SPEAKING VOLUMES AWARDED

Wednesday 12 September 2018 was also the first day of the annual **Christian Resources Together** event which attracted several hundred Christian booksellers and publishers to **The Hayes** conference centre at Swanwick. The first day concluded with an awards ceremony which recognised excellence in various branches of the religious book trade.

We are pleased to report that **Speaking Volumes** received a Special Appreciation Award. Our photograph below shows the Director of the scheme, **Paula Renouf**, receiving the award from **Hodder and Stoughton's** Andy Lyon who sponsored the award. Our photograph: appears by courtesy of David Lock from the **Manna Christian Bookshop** in Streatham.

Most readers will know that **Speaking Volumes** is a project of the **Christian Book Promotion Trust** and makes grants to buy Christian books for libraries of all kinds. Paula Renouf was a speaker at our Conference in Birmingham last year. You can find further information about **Speaking Volumes** at www.speakingvolumes.org.uk

Another award at the conference went to the publishing company **Instant Apostle** who were recognised as the Small Publisher of the Year. This is the company run by Manoj Raithatha who will be speaking at our own conference next year. You can find more information about this enterprising publisher at www.instantapostle.com



LITERARY EVENTS

Church House Bookshop, at **31 Great Smith Street, London, SW1P 3BN** is hosting a book launch on **Wednesday 17 October 2018**. Among those taking part will be our former speaker, the Rt. Rev. **Richard Harries**, Lord Harries of Pentregarth, who will be signing copies of his new book **Haunted by Christ: Modern Writers and the Struggle for Faith** (SPCK, £19.99, ISBN 978-0281079339) which examines the work of C. S. Lewis, Philip Pullman, T .S. Eliot, W. H. Auden, William Golding, R. S. Thomas, and others. You can obtain more information, or book a place, by e-mailing the bookshop at bookshop@chbookshop.co.uk

Members of the **Arts Centre Group** are hosting **Poetry Allve**, *'an event exploring poetry with a Christian understanding from the Psalms to present day writers such as Ann Carson and Rowan Williams'*. This is to be held on **Saturday 17 November 2018** at the **Methodist Central Hall**, Westminster, from 2.00 - 5.00 p.m. Speakers will include writer and broadcaster Lord **Leslie Griffiths** and **Christine Smith**, from **Canterbury Press**. The afternoon will also include a presentation of awards and the reading of the winning entries in the 2018 **Jack Clemo Poetry Competition**. You can reserve a place for £5.00 or £10.00 (the latter including refreshments and a chance to meet the guest speakers) and you can obtain more information from info@artscentregroup.org.uk

FOR RETIRED MEMBERS

Our retired members, and those heading for retirement, will find much to interest them on the web site <https://afterworknet.com> a recent initiative from **Christian Action Research and Education (CARE)**.

A news release from CARE explains that the experience of retirement has been transformed in our generation. Unlike their parents, those now at the end of their full time working lives often have the health, energy and resources for new experiences and challenges. However, many Christians are unaware of the opportunities available. The **After Work Net** web site aims to put this right with advice on faith, relationships, health, finance and

volunteering opportunities. There are also regular blogs and e-mails to keep supporters in touch and a **Facebook** group to facilitate the exchange of news and views.

Our past speaker **Peter Meadows** is the Programme Director and **After Work Net** will be exhibiting at this year's **Christian Resources Exhibition** where Peter will be leading a seminar on retirement on **Tuesday 16 October 2018**, at 3.00. p.m. The exhibition takes place at the **Sandown Park Conference Centre**, at Esher, Surrey, from **16 -18 October 2018** and you can find more information and book tickets at www.creonline.co.uk

LIVE AND ON-LINE

As a member society of the **Evangelical Alliance** we are pleased to welcome the Alliance's re-designed web site at www.eauk.org which went 'live' at the end of August.

The site has been given a complete makeover and now includes a number of new features including a listing of resources provided by member organisations. Enquirers can find information about CLIS, for example, plus a photograph taken at our 2014 Conference, in the '*Resources*' section under the heading '*Services and Training*'. The web site retains many traditional features including information about the EA's activities, membership information, and news and views on current matters of interest to evangelical Christians.

The new site is very impressive and it has been short listed for an award at this year's **Premier Radio Digital Conference** to be held in London on **Saturday 3 November 2018**. You can find more information about this event at <https://www.premierdigital.info/conference>

One of the EA's recent projects has been the publication of a booklet **Christianity in the Workplace: an employer's guide to Christian beliefs**, produced in co-operation with the **Lawyers' Christian Fellowship**. You can obtain copies from the Alliance at 176 Copenhagen Street, London, N1 0ST. Copies are free but a donation towards the costs will be appreciated.

The Alliance will be exhibiting at this year's **Christian Resources Exhibition** and providing a series of seminars on such topics as ethnic integration, public leadership, transforming society and Christian principles in business.

Graham Hedges

THE IMPLANTED WORD

Reading James 1:21 this morning I was struck by the phrase '*the implanted word*' (ESV). In verse 18 James reminds us that it was God who made us his people by his word of truth. This phrasing suggests he had in mind both the Bible, which he is primarily talking about as our guide in these verses on living as Christians, but in the background he is also thinking of '*The Word*' who has made it possible for this to be true.

To live for God we need to have his word implanted in us to be our guide and compass in this fallen world. We also need the Lord himself dwelling in our hearts as the Implanted Word to empower us to do so. We aren't going to manage otherwise and as James tells us so powerfully in all of his book, theology and right belief is all very well, but all the correct theology in the world will not help us be true Christians. Faith and deeds go together. Faith without deeds is useless and dead, deeds without faith are not what is acceptable to God.

At the heart of this is the implanted word, what better truth for us Christian Librarians to embrace in our daily living for our Lord?

Richard M. Waller

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