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RE- TELLING BIBLE STORIES

Our annual public lecture will be held on **Saturday afternoon 19 October 2019** when we will be meeting in the **Manvers Street Baptist Church** in Bath and our speaker will be the well known children's writer and master storyteller **Bob Hartman**. Bob's theme will be **Telling the Story – Again and Again** and he will be talking about what is involved in re-telling a Bible story, why he does it, and how he manages to re-tell the same story in different ways over and over again.

Bob Hartman is the author of many books among them **The Lion Storyteller Bible** (Lion Hudson) and **Bob Hartman's Rhyming Bible** (SPCK) He was also commissioned to write **A World of Difference** (CWR) to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the **Christian Book Promotion Trust** in 2017. This told the story of many notable Christians of the past and copies were sent free of charge to every primary school in the United Kingdom.

When we last met in Bath a number of our members chose to spend a weekend in this historic city where places of interest include the Roman baths, the eighteenth century Pump Room, and the Jane Austen Centre. Some members may wish to spend a similar weekend in Bath this October. Please note the date and plan to join us in Bath.

2020 VISIONS

Next year's Annual Conference is to be held on **Saturday 25 April 2020** 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 for the conference is **2020 Vision: Communications in a Digital Age** and our speakers will be the Rev. **Mark Woods**, former editor of the **Baptist Times** and the **Christian Today** on-line newspaper, and now working in an editorial role at the **Bible Society**, and **Alexandra Davis**, Projects and Digital Content Lead at the **Evangelical Alliance**.

Next year's Annual Lecture is to be held on **Saturday 10 October 2020** at the **Belfrey Hall**, 52A Stonegate, York, YO1 8AS, from 2.30.p.m., and our guest speaker is to be **Paul Burbridge**, Artistic Director of the **Riding Lights Theatre Company**. Further details will be published as they become available but please book these dates and plan to attend.

JESUS IN TOWN

During his talk at our conference back in April our speaker Manoj Raithatha mentioned Elizabeth Mednick's book **Jesus in Town** (Instant Apostle, RRP £8.99, ISBN 978-1912726078) which tells the story of various social action projects undertaken on a united basis by the churches in the **London Borough of Barking and Dagenham**.

Readers may be interested to know that I recently interviewed the author and her husband for the **Evangelical Alliance** and wrote a review of the book which has recently been published on-line.

You can read these two items on the Alliance's web site at <https://www.eauk.org/news-and-views/barking-churches-unite-taking-faith-onto-the-streets> and <https://www.eauk.org/news-and-views/book-review-jesus-in-town>

WORD FOR THE WORLD

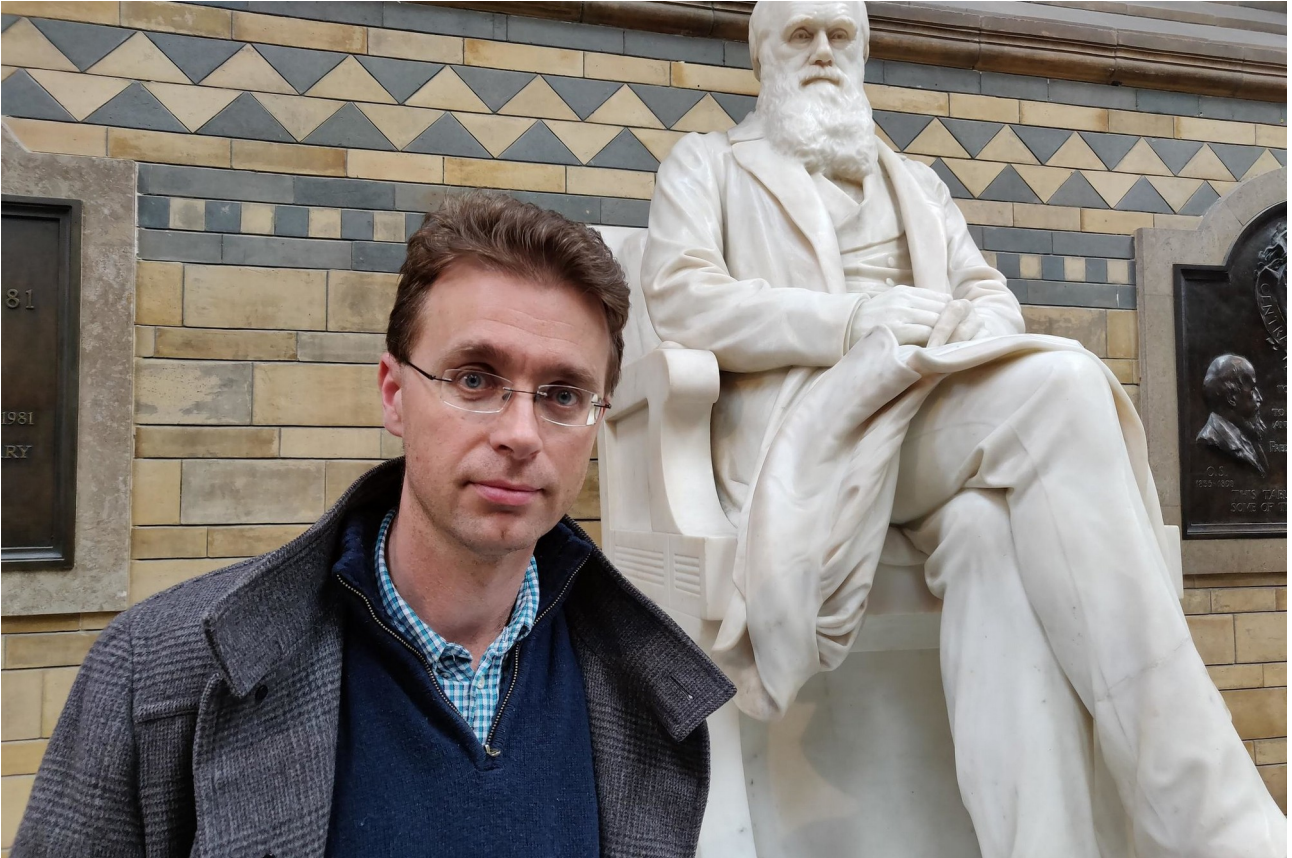
Bible 2020 is a forthcoming project from the **Scottish Bible Society** and the **United Bible Societies** intended to create a worldwide community speaking the words of the Bible together across cities, towns, villages, streets and continents. The idea is that a smartphone app will deliver daily readings for a year that can be received in multiple languages providing access across the world. Originally conceived as a project for Scotland, the intention is now to make **Bible 2020** available globally and it is expected that, when the scheme goes live at the beginning of next year, there will be some two thousand Bible translations available in different languages. You can find more information on the official web site at www.bible2000.org

LIBRARIES WEEK 2019

Libraries Week 2019 will take place from **7 - 12 October 2019** and will celebrate the role of libraries in the digital age, exploring how libraries are engaging communities through technology, building digital skills and confidence, encouraging digital participation and inclusion, supporting health, well being and education and supporting local business and enterprise.

I hope that CLIS members will support **Libraries Week** in their libraries and also in their churches. Members could write short articles on libraries for their church newsletters or contribute brief '*library spots*' to Sunday or mid-week meetings. These might include prayers of thanksgiving for our rich heritage of books, libraries, and digital materials, or encouragement to use libraries as a source of Christian books. You can find more information about **Libraries Week** at www.librariesweek.org.uk

SCIENCE AND RELIGION



Our past speaker **Nick Spencer** presented a three part series **The Secret History of Science and Religion** on **BBC Radio Four** beginning on Friday 21 June 2019. The series explored the history of the relationship between science and religion taking in such matters as the trial of Galileo, the Scopes monkey trial in the United States, and the apparent polarisation between religion and scientists in Britain today. Nick questioned the received wisdom that religion and science have always been in conflict and argued that the main debate has not been about the existence of God, or the age of the Earth, but about how we understand ourselves as human beings.

Nick Spencer works for the think tank **Theos** as their Senior Fellow and was a speaker at our fortieth anniversary conference in April 2016. You can find more information about **Theos**, including Nick's reflections on science and religion, on the web site www.theosthinktank.co.uk

THEOLOGY AMONG THE DREAMING SPIRES

CLIS readers will be interested to know that the 48th **European Theological Libraries Conference** will be taking place at **Wycliffe Hall**, Oxford, between **Saturday 7 – Wednesday 11 September 2019**.

Talks and presentations at the Conference will tackle such subjects as Risks and Answers for Religious Libraries; Access to Scientific Information; Promoting Library Resources to Different Audiences; Promoting the Theological Library Collections of the University Library,; and the History of Bible Editions as a Focus of Inter-Disciplinary Research. The programme will also include tours of Oxford libraries including the **Bodleian Library**, **Pusey House Library** and **Regent Park Library**.

Late bookings for the conference are being accepted until **10 August 2019** and day tickets are available for delegates who are not able to come to Oxford for the whole conference. You can obtain more information, including booking fees, from Hannie Riley, Librarian of **Wycliffe Hall**, at hannie.riley@wycliffe.ox.ac.uk

Graham Hedges

ANYONE FOR GREECE?

We have recently received an appeal for help from the **Greek Bible College**, based in Pikermi, Greece. It may be that somebody out there is attracted to the idea of a working holiday in Greece but failing that, there is another option to help the Library from the comfort of your own home without the stresses of travel. Here are the options:

The Library at the **Greek Bible College** is undertaking a major re-classification project on external advice from qualified librarians. Olga, the current librarian is unqualified but greatly experienced and keen to benefit from the knowledge and experience of others. The task is to re-classify the

library from **Dewey** to **Library of Congress** and has been running for some time although there is still much to be done.

Any member of CLIS who is able to offer help with this project will be provided with accommodation, three meals a day if you volunteer during the summer, and two meals a day in the winter months.

So far so straightforward, you might think. I made more enquiries and found that there is another strand to the project, which is, to assist Olga with the identification of subject breakdown for items she is unsure how to classify. These items are, in the main, new items which are being classified to **LC** and therefore do not have a previous **DDC** number to provide leads to the mapping across to LC.

I believe a large proportion of this strand of the project could be done remotely, by searching catalogues from libraries in which **LC** is already used, and even, on occasion, depending on the language of the item, by locating the book itself, should you be fortunate enough to live near and have access to a relevant library. Also, Olga appears to be using this freely available **LC** schedule which you might like to examine on-line at <http://www.loc.gov/aba/publications/FreeLCC/freelcc.html#About>

If you would like to investigate the **Greek Bible College** further, please go to <https://www.grbc.gr/en/> where you can find information. Olga is coming over to **Tyndale House Library** for the week 9 -13 September 2019 . If anyone is available during that week and would like to meet her, do let me know. You can contact me at wanderinglibrarian56@gmail.com

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