

The British-Israel-World Federation NEWSLETTER

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Our Focus for 2014 by the President

The Solution for the Nations in Distress

"Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18)

The British-Israel vision "*under the light and power of the Holy Ghost, unlocks the truth, clearing away mysteries and explaining passages which have hitherto been riddles.*" So wrote that prominent English lawyer and King's Counsel, Reader Harris in 1907, whose widely read book ***The Lost Tribes of Israel*** is to be re-published this year by The Covenant Publishing Company in a Twelfth Edition.

Reader Harris was not only a prominent lawyer and Master of the Bench of Grays Inn, but a Christian filled by the Spirit of God who had a great vision for what the British-Israel truth could do for the Christian Faith and the nation as a whole. He was also a Methodist minister, founder of the Pentecostal League of Prayer and author of 34 Christian books. His sixth concluding point under the heading "What's the Good of It?" stated:

"The acceptance of this truth by Christians of today would, I believe, lead to an immediate revival among all sections of the British race. In the first place, it would attract and arouse the attention of men to the subject of the Christian religion. Missionary work among the nations would be revived. Britain herself would awake

to her national responsibilities as the chosen people of God, His ordained instrument in carrying out His purposes in the world."

In his final words he expounded the profound context of the **national prophetic record**, that is the Bible, of God's dealing with mankind to re-establish a righteous and peaceful order of civilization in these words:

"Let us not, like Esau, despise our birthright. We have often boasted that we believe the Bible from cover to cover, but so long as we ignore its literal promises concerning the people of God we fail to do so. The truth of God can never harm us. This truth disappoints no hopes, imperils no interests, damages no institutions, but is good tidings of great joy to all people.

"The supremacy of the British race is not due to any inherent good in us, but to the sovereign gift of God who saves us. Let us ... claim the Spirit of God to take of the things of Jesus Christ, and show us His will, His purpose, His plan; His desire for us, for our nation, for other nations through us, and for the Church of Christ in all its branches."

At present there is deep confusion at

the heart of government in our nation. The absence of any spiritual strength and true wisdom among our political élite is creating disenchantment with the democratic process. The solution lies in the vision of the *continuing* Kingdom of God upon earth – the British-Israel vision. No incumbent Archbishop or Bishop is expounding this truth to the people and therefore the national distress continues to increase on a very large scale.

The true British people are left on their own or told to accept the *fait accompli* in their midst. They are delivered up to be arrested and accused of all manner of evil prejudices. The solution lies **not** in dismissing the natural concerns of the indigenous British people over immigration by saying it "is a blessing" – as was said by the (Christian) President of the Liberal Democrats, Tim Farron MP on BBC TV *Questiontime* on 24 October 2013 – but by facing up to the very serious long term consequences of allowing Islam 'no-go' areas in some of our British cities. Tim Farron's constituency is Westmorland and Lonsdale in Cumbria where he sees very few immigrants.

In the vision of the *continuing* Kingdom of God upon earth our foundations hold fast to *the* Faith. They are not

undermined or intimidated by a global paganism, by false Christs and false prophets, or the great deceptive systems that Jesus Christ foretold would arise, one being Islam “in the desert” and the other being Roman Catholicism “in the secret chambers” (*Matthew 24:24-26*), each developing in the seventh century and which exercised temporal power in the then known world for well over a millennium.

‘Faith in Conflict’

On 28 August, 2013, Archbishop Justin Welby, the 105th Archbishop of Canterbury, opened the new Evangelical Alliance building in London, on which happened to be the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King’s famous ‘I have a dream’ speech. In his concluding remarks, to born again Christians and in the context of him saying that the Church needed to begin with repentance for being mired with racism, the Archbishop said:

“We come to a God who isn’t remotely interested in our ethnic background. The Church spent hundreds and hundreds of years persecuting Jewish people when the founder of our faith was Jewish. But God is someone who is utterly indifferent about what ethnic background someone is from. In fact, quite the contrary. He gave His Son to break down those barriers.”

If the Archbishop addressed himself to the full context of the Bible and particularly to the Old Testament (Covenant), he would not seek to reorder God’s Great Plan by using the all-inclusive jargon that he did. The Almighty, Jehovah, declared “*I am the Lord God of Israel.*” The importance of Jesus’ ethnic background was that he had to be a pure bred **Israelite** of the tribe of Judah to accomplish the redemption of Israel as the Lamb of God without spot.

The usual disinformation that Ruth was a *racial* Moabitess is often rehearsed by the clergy. Archbishop Welby, in his maiden speech as Primate, did just this by implication at the ecumenical ‘Faith in Conflict’ conference in Coventry Cathedral on 28 February, 2013. We have to

associate what he said then with his speech to the Evangelical Alliance that God has no concern, even that He is not remotely interested in our “ethnic background” (for which read “racial descent”).

If a racial Moabitess had indeed been infused into the royal line, then King David and Jesus Himself would **not** have been qualified for kingship under the ten generation exclusion of the Moabite from being allowed into the congregation of the LORD – a rule ‘**forever**’ to preserve the destiny and calling of the nation under God (*Deuteronomy 23:3*). The Archbishop was giving emphasis to the economic conditions rather than to the context of marriage into the royal line in saying:

*“We live in reality, with its conflicts, when we call together on God. Ruth and Naomi were exiles, first one then the other, economic migrants whose suffering is matched by many of those who seek new lives today. Caught up in famine and war, families destroyed by disease, they come to a cross roads. Ruth’s unity with Naomi is established by the words ‘**your God will be my God.**’ From that moment on, a moment of choice in love, responding to love, they are one far more deeply than as family in Moab.”*

The Hebrew word used by Naomi for ‘God’ is ‘*Elohim*’ which carries several meanings, the context here which warrants the translation ‘judge.’ The fact is a large part of Israel was on the east bank of the Jordan as half the tribe of Manasseh, and Gad and Reuben remained there (*Judges 1:12-15*). This was known as the ‘land of Moab’ where the LORD buried Moses (*Deuteronomy 34:6*) and is many miles from the territory of the Moabites. At a time “*when the judges ruled*” Ruth was saying in effect “**thy people my people, and thy judges my judges**” (*Ruth 1:1; 16*). Ruth was an Israelite, quite possibly of the tribe of Reuben, a woman of great spiritual qualities who was to marry into the royal line of Judah, the tribe that would have been very careful to keep the law on marriage.

The present-day Church is entirely subject to a *replacement* Gospel of the Kingdom that substitutes the literal Kingdom people and their national destiny for a *spiritual only* body of all races calling it the Kingdom of God. That it has no literal roots to the nation and ancient people of Israel, is a failing organisation split asunder descending into complete apostasy, appears of no concern to the prelates. The replacement ‘Gospel’ is not integral with the nation. There is no vision to uphold the People of the Book.

The Almighty does not tell His People to do one thing only to do the opposite Himself (*Exodus 19:5-8*). The **national prophetic record**, the Bible, speaks to us of those leaders who have spoken deceptive or comfortable words to the people as “false shepherds” (*Ezekiel 34:1-10*).

In the third chapter of his book ***The Lost Tribes of Israel***, Reader Harris came to the following conclusion which remains as true today as it did in 1907:

“Such then are the Scriptures that appear to me to furnish strong evidence in favour of the contention of those who believe that in the Anglo-Saxon race God possesses today the descendants of the house of Israel. If this be true, it adds tremendously to our responsibilities, and opens before us in a way that no human tongue can describe, spiritual possibilities, temporal possibilities, national possibilities, and universal possibilities.

“Let none of us, however, be so taken up with the literal fulfilment of prophecy that we forget the spiritual interpretation of it. For this reason it is extremely important that those who study this subject should be filled with the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and should themselves be in the full experience of spiritual blessing.”

Without doubt the Protestant Faith needs the British-Israel vision more than ever in 2014.

BRITISH-ISRAEL TRUTH IN THE USA

These pictures shows the large quantity of books which have been sent to the USA following a special request from Pastor Charles Jennings which arrived at Headquarters recently. He had been approached by the Archive Director of the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary who wanted to set up a section of the library for Anglo-Israel books.



Pastor Jennings contacted David Aimer to discuss how BIWF could contribute to this exciting project. Michael Clark became involved too and it was decided that one each of the major titles from Covenant Publishing would be sent over. And so this large parcel of 58 books was despatched to America in October, 2013.

Pastor Jennings emailed: "The Anglo-Israel collection will be placed in a separate room and made available to the seminary students, but not checked out. They call this a "special collection." Just think: this collection, without a doubt, will be the only Anglo-Israel collection in a major

theological seminary in the USA. This AGTS is the top, the major and only Pentecostal seminary in North America. Did you think that this would ever take place? I consider this a major victory for God's truth and God's covenant people!"

We look forward to the growth of knowledge of our message which will come from this venture.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

BIWF SUMMER CONVENTION - 14 to 19 July 2014

BIWF 95th ANNUAL CONGRESS - 26 to 29 September 2014

DID YOU KNOW

The White House has been known as the President's Palace, the President's House and the Executive Mansion. Roosevelt named it the White House in 1901.

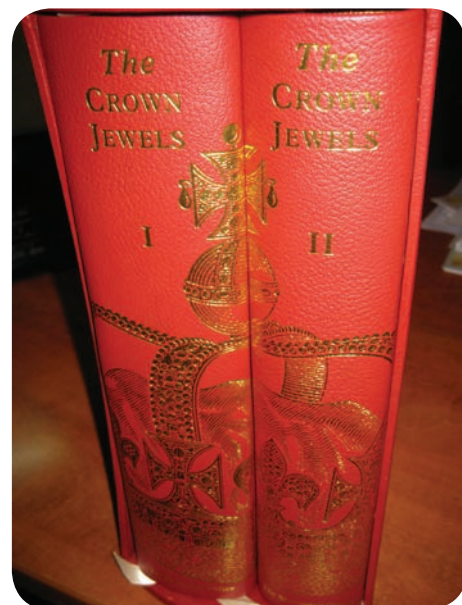
The tallest spire in medieval England crowned the central tower of Lincoln Cathedral. Built of lead and wood it reaches 520 feet.

THE CROWN JEWELS

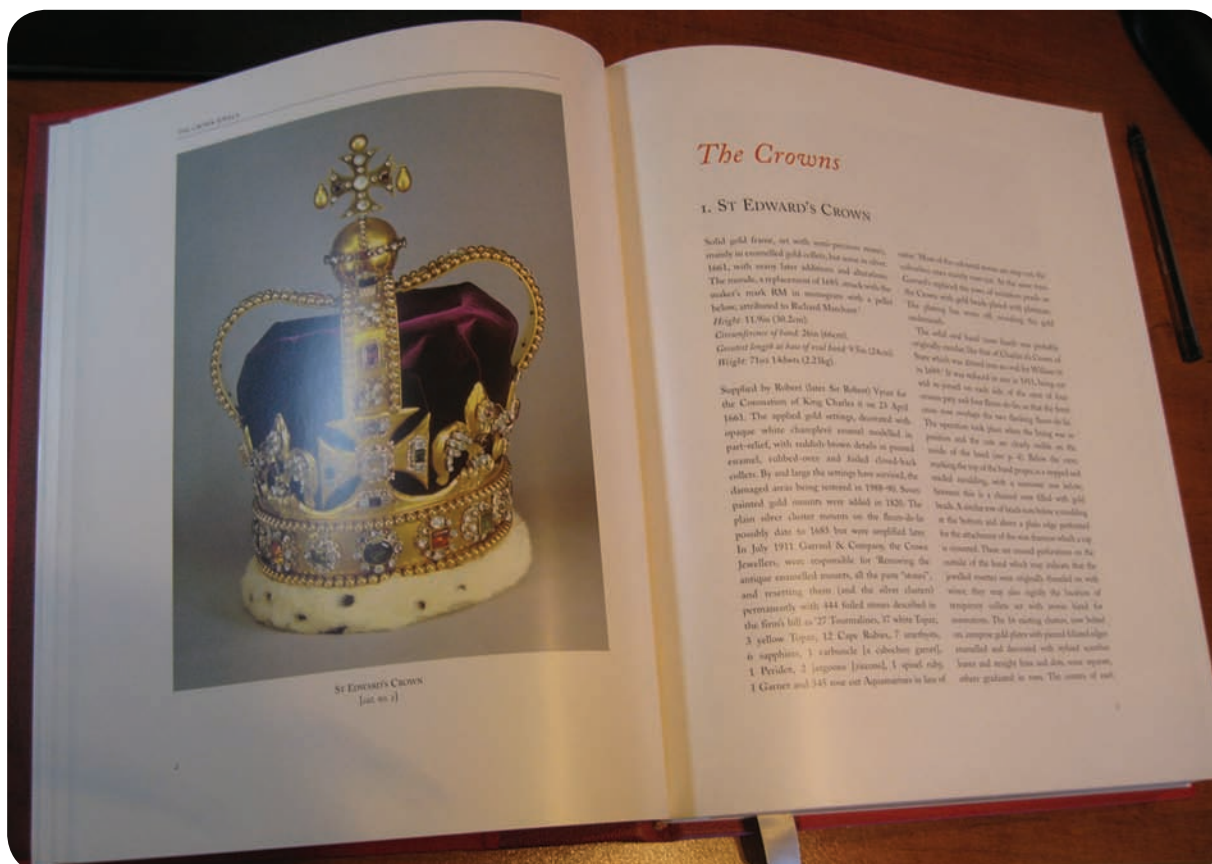
The library gained a very special and important addition when the two definitive volumes on *The Crown Jewels* were purchased. These magnificent volumes are published by the Stationery Office and provide all the information which could possibly be needed for a detailed and exhaustive study of the royal regalia. It is not just the crown jewels in a narrow sense which are written about in these books but also many other pieces of historic royal artefacts.

David Aimer has long been interested in the subject and has given many interesting lectures on the Cullinan diamond and

on the items used in the Coronation Service. In particular he delivered his latest lecture *The Crown Jewels* at the Coronation Day Rally held at Headquarters last June. From his studies he was able to correct the statements about the jewels in King Edward's crown which have connected them to the High Priest's breastplate in many of our older publications. This is a vital work because visitors to the display in the Tower of London can easily see for themselves that there are 16 jewels around the crown. They are of only 5 different varieties of gems. In fact, in the complete crown there are 444 stones and these consist of only 9 different types of gems.



These books will be available for serious students to use for research by prior request when visiting Headquarters but they are most definitely not for loan.



CORONATION DAY RALLY

David Aimer opened the proceedings with a welcome to everyone who had been able to come to celebrate the 60 years from the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at Headquarters. The National Anthem was sung with enthusiasm and then Ernest Gage, Chairman of the Board of Management, introduced Michael Clark who spoke on "The Constitutional Significance of the Crown." His text was *Deuteronomy* 17:14-20 and he delivered a very deep study of the nature of the relationship of the Crown to the nation. He explained that 'dominion' is more accurately expressed as 'kingly rule' with a benign sense to it rather than 'domination' which is how the modern view often perceives it.

A buffet lunch organised by Nicola Gallone was enjoyed by all. During this time music and film from the Coronation in 1953

was shown on the screen which Martin Lightfoot had set up. There was plenty of time to look at the memorabilia and old books as well as the Covenant Publishing table with two new books on it – *Maelgwn of Llandaff* and *Joseph of Arimathea* (see Page 8) and *The Post-Captivity Names of Israel*.

Then Michael Clark introduced David Aimer who gave a very interesting lecture on "The Crown Jewels." He had been investigating the statement that appears in many books saying that the jewels around King Edward's Crown are the same as those jewels which appear on the High Priest's breastplate. Having seen and studied King Edward's Crown in its display case in the Tower of London and from his researches using the new books recently acquired by BIWF (see Page 4) he revealed that this statement is not correct. He also described and talked

about the Cullinan diamond and the other regalia used at the Coronation Service.

The time of Thanksgiving and Prayer led by Rev Barrie Williams began with the hymn 'I vow to thee my country.' He spoke about the connection between Crown and State and illuminated the history of this vital relationship. The closing hymn was 'Jerusalem.'

Tea and biscuits refreshed everyone for the Quiz prepared and conducted by Kathleen Gage. The 12 questions were challenging – no-one answered them all correctly. However the prize of souvenir books was won by Ann Walton who had the top score. Michael Clark summed up and thanked everyone for coming and also those who had been involved in preparing and organising the Rally. He closed with the Israel Blessing from *Numbers* 6.



DID YOU KNOW

'Perpendicular' Gothic architecture is exclusive to the British Isles. A fine example is King's College Chapel, Cambridge.

SUMMER CONVENTION

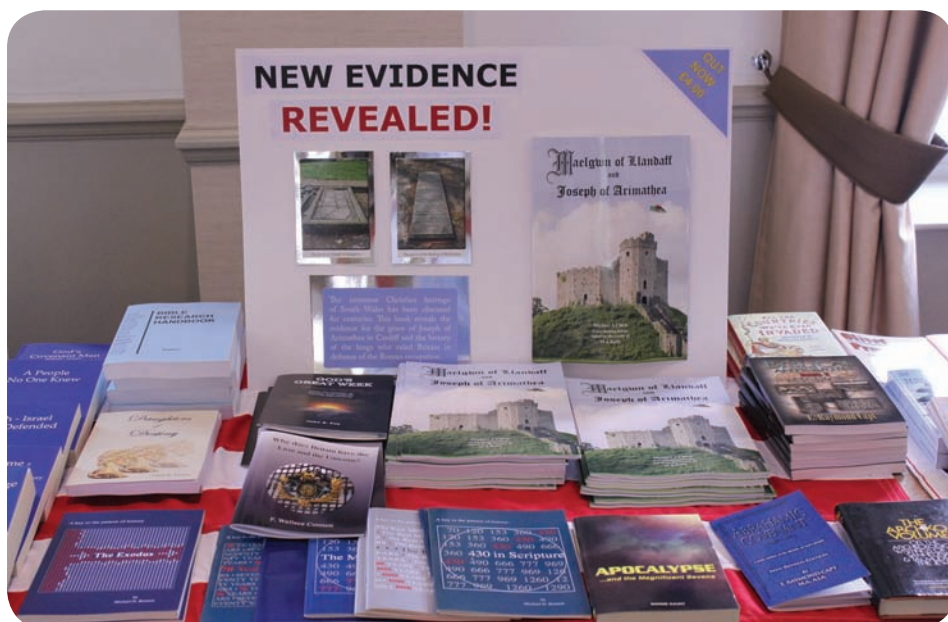
The theme of “The Two Witnesses” provided an interesting challenge for the speakers at this year’s annual gathering. It was with anticipation that we met to see how the subject would be approached and the resulting variety of interpretations provided much food for thought. The DVDs of each lecture are available as a way for members to keep connected who are unable to come as well as a reminder and study resource for those who attended.

The programme followed the customary pattern with the opening “Welcome Meeting” conducted by Michael Clark, President, and David Aimer, General Secretary. There was some exciting news from the President about his interview on BBC Radio Wales which publicised the new book

which was launched this year, *Maelgwn of Llandaff and Joseph of Arimathea* — read more about this interview on page 8. He read out the greetings from friends in Iceland, the Netherlands and from Australia before handing over to David Aimer who introduced the new books and leaflets which were on the bookstall. He then called on Margery Dowling and Alfred Brown to come forward and tell everyone how they came to the B-I truth and the difference it has made to them. The evening closed with the Epilogue given by Ernest Gage, Chairman of the Board of Management. Using the occasion of the Diamond Anniversary of the Coronation he looked at the influence of five queens: Elizabeth II; Elizabeth, the Queen Mother; Mary; Alexandra and Victoria and emphasised these words of comfort “Fear not.”

The Annual Meeting (AM) was held the next day in the morning. The President chaired the meeting and the General Secretary presented the Annual Accounts of BIWF, CPC and Eli Press, all of which were approved. Mr Clark announced that Mrs Gage and Mr Bradley had been re-elected to the Board. He reported that he had sent Loyal Greetings to Her Majesty as usual and had received two replies, one in respect of the greetings and one in response to his comments on the Same Sex Marriage Bill 2013. He read out both replies.

Prayer in the Chapel led by David Aimer began each day followed by the Morning Devotions given by Ken Brack, Norman Pearson, Margery Dowling and Philippa Clark. The first lecture was given by Michael Clark in the morning before the AM as an “Introduction to the theme” and he gave an inspiring talk with a



vision for the future. Kathleen Gage was the next speaker in the late afternoon on "The Good Shepherd" and then after dinner the first of two lectures by Rev Ken Kemble from Texas making a welcome return three years after his previous visit. He spoke on "Moses and Elijah or the Law and the Prophets."

The next day Frank Tebbutt spoke on "The Two Witnesses" bringing in the need for gentleness and respect in our witness. Peter Bennett then gave a presentation on "The Witness of the Two Pillars" known by the names of Boaz and Joachin – a part of Scripture not often used. Later Alfred Brown brought in some of the customs of Israel into "The Two Witnesses." The evening lecture was by Paul Boyd-Lee from the Bible Truth

Fellowship who gave a very visual presentation of "The Revival of the Two Witnesses."

On Thursday Robert Phillips gave a rousing lecture on "The Revival of the Two Witnesses" followed by David Aimer on "Replacement Theology." After tea George van der Laan spoke on "Israel and Ishmael in the Netherlands" presenting the challenge of Islam in our countries. Michael Clark gave his presidential address "The Overruling Providence and the 'Five Eyes' of our Security" in the evening. The day closed with a very enjoyable contribution from the 'Singers' – Janice Raby, Ann Walton and David Reynolds with David McLure at the piano.

On the final day Martin Lightfoot gave a presentation on the

"Book of Revelation" followed by the second and concluding part of Ken Kemble's lecture, "Return to the Lord your God." After lunch Clifford Smyth spoke on "God keeps His Promises" and made an earnest call to everyone to join him in prayer daily before breakfast to pray for the nation. The day and the Convention closed with the Covenant Service led by David Aimer.

The weather was glorious again and there was time in the programme for people to go out and enjoy the surrounding countryside or drive further afield on a visit. The food and facilities were very comfortable as usual but the Board of Management has decided to move to a new venue for 2014 – see the announcement below.

SUMMER CONVENTION 2014

Following careful consideration the Board of Management decided to make the change after eight successful years at Hothorpe Hall so **The Palace Hotel, Buxton**, will be the venue for the Summer Convention 2014. It is a large, comfortable hotel situated close to the town centre and just over the road from the railway station which has excellent links with the main lines. The facilities at the hotel and its surroundings in the delightful spa town of Buxton are some of the factors which contributed to this decision. It will be an attractive place for visitors and new enquirers into B-I. The dates for your diary are **14 - 19 July 2014** – we look forward to seeing you there.

NEW BOOKS AND LEAFLETS

This has been a very busy and productive year for new books and new free leaflets for distribution. These are the book titles which have been produced this year:

Maelgwn of Llandaff and Joseph of Arimathea edited by Michael A Clark based on the works of M A Kelly

The Post-captivity Names of Israel by Rev W Pascoe Goard

The Deity of Jesus Christ by The Rev V A Spence Little

The Union Jack by Patricia Bagwell

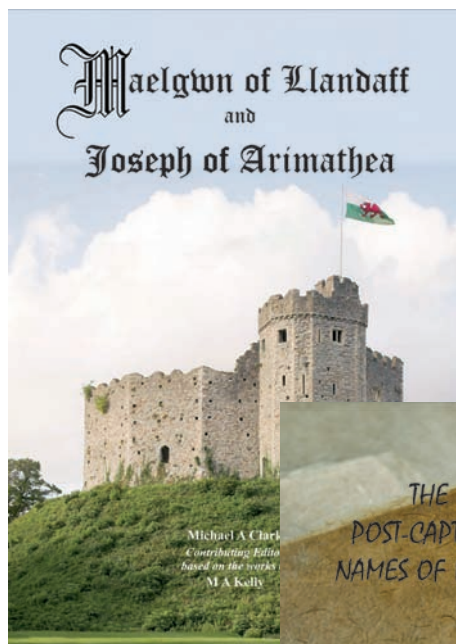
The leaflets:

The British-Israel Vision – what does it proclaim?

Why the Protestant Faith needs the British-Israel Vision



There is also a new revised edition of the *Kingdom Hymnal* which now includes two new hymns; one by Miss Carol Cream, a most respected lecturer, and one by Mrs Gwendoline Galbraith from Scotland.



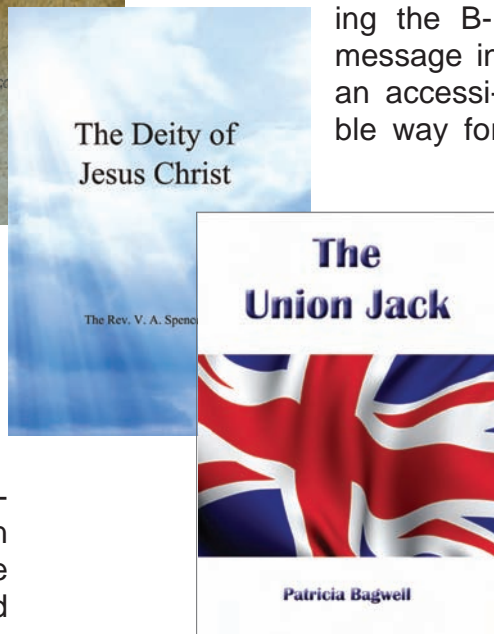
Michael Clark sent out a number of copies of *Maelgwn of Llandaff and Joseph of Arimathea* to publicise it in Wales and was gratified to be interviewed by a journalist for Wales OnLine. The story was further picked up by BBC Radio Wales and he was interviewed live on Wednesday morning, 31 July, where he was given a very fair hearing. Sales have been very promising from around the world as interest grows in our early British Christian origins.

The books by Pascoe Goard and Spence Little are reprints from the originals. The Covenant Publishing Company has a policy of reviving the books from the past which were so well written and worthy of study by today's readers. It is always interesting to look at past perspectives and

compare their understanding with events as they actually developed.

Patricia Bagwell's book on our national flag brings together information from previous publications and covers both the historical and spiritual aspects of its design. It is particularly useful to have in these days when the union with Scotland is under question.

The leaflets which were written by Michael Clark are aimed at presenting the B-I message in an accessible way for



Christians of today many of whom have no idea that prophecy is of such importance and relevance. They are also a challenge to the church leaders who seem set against considering a national level to the gospel or a spiritual side to the nation. **Please send for your free copies so that they reach as wide a public as possible.**

“ORANGES AND LEMONS”

... Say the bells of Saint Clements,” so goes the rhyme as I recall it. The Church of St Clement Danes in the Strand was severely damaged in the Blitz. It is restored as The RAF Memorial Church. As the restoration advanced my father-in-law who worked in a Government Office nearby, took interest in it and started to mow the grass; yes, there was a little around the Church. He also watered the large flower pots. As the time for the Rededication and Opening in the presence of The Queen, drew near, he was appointed a Verger. On the great day, we watched on television as he carried his Staff, escorting a number of Guests to their appointed seats.

Years later, in a very upmarket showroom I was expecting to be employed on the department selling watches, jewellery and the like, because of my experience in that trade, however when I got there to start work this had changed, a dishonest employee had been found out and I was considered suitable to take his place, and made responsible for a caged area in the basement where was kept a mountain of cigarettes, and I had to work on tobaccos, and learn the blending of same. Not exactly my first choice of work but it paid the bills. One day two very smart gentlemen approached my counter, the first said, “I would like to have a pound of My Mixture.” My Mixture meant that it was a private blend of the customer choice, which had a number. I said, do you have your Mixture Number, Sir? Gentleman two stepped a

little closer, reaching into a waistcoat pocket and produced the little card with the magic number on it. “Thank you, Sir.” This was not what usually happened, and I had an odd feeling about it. I placed the card next to My Mixture book, a large tome that would make any Lectern Bible have an inferiority problem, turning the pages to find the numbered entry, while making small talk with them; I thought what unusually pleasant gentlemen they were. I found the place, with the number, the customer’s name, and the recipe for that blend. I read, “His Majesty King Olav of Norway”! in a beautiful copper plate hand. They watched as I weighed out the various tobacco types, and packed it, returned the little card. The King seemed to me to have enjoyed the moments, probably because he was able to see for himself, and without being recognised.

During my lunch hour if the weather was kind, I would go for a walk, often getting as far as 6 Buckingham Gate, where I had a quick browse in the Bookroom for something to read on the train. I became a fairly frequent visitor, engaging in conversation with Madeline Whurr and Mrs Dorsett. One day I opened the front door, to find myself facing Mrs Dorsett who seemed flustered on seeing me, saying, “Oh, Mr Jarvis, you can’t come in.” On enquiring what was the matter, “There is **nothing** the matter; you just can’t come in (*in a softer voice*) – er – well – seeing it’s you, go straight through to the back room.” She stood against the Bookroom

door as I went past. After a few moments conversation, I was none the wiser as to the cause of her excitable state, and I left to her obvious relief, saying I would call again in a few days. Next visit, I was received with the usual warm welcome, together with apologies for my previous rough treatment, to be told to be discreet about who I told about their special Visitor. Browsing in the Bookroom that day was none other than Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. Just think, there was only the Bookroom door between us.

2013 was a very notable year. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has achieved 60 years since Her Coronation. In celebration of this rare and wonderful fact, in June there was in Westminster Abbey the Diamond Jubilee Service of Thanksgiving to God for Her Majesty’s long and continuing Reign. Millions worldwide watched this on television. If you were one of them, you may have noticed at the point when her Majesty was entering the Abbey, there were four men in a little gallery, the camera was only on them for a few crucial seconds. They were from the Royal Artillery Band, and had Ceremonial Trumpets with embroidered Banners hung from them. At the exact moment they sounded the Fanfare announcing that The Queen was present. I feel much honoured that one of those four men was my younger son Philip. I am certain that his grandfathers would have been very proud of that too.

MICHAEL JARVIS

94th ANNUAL CONGRESS

The city of Winchester was seen to its best advantage in the glorious autumn sunshine when people gathered for the Annual Congress held at the Winchester Royal Hotel on the first weekend of October. The sun continued to shine every day so the terrace and garden of the hotel were well used between lectures and activities. It was a pleasure to be joined by Rev Adrian Fisher, one of our Patrons, who was unable to come to any other events this year.

David Aimer welcomed everyone to Congress after dinner on Friday evening, promoted the new books for sale and gave the good news about the request for books to be sent to the seminary library in America (see page 3). He handed over to Michael Clark who began by giving apologies from absent friends, Carol Cream and Ernest and Kathleen Gage, and from Rev Barrie Williams who had been coming to speak on Sunday afternoon. He had been prevented from travelling by an accident at home which fortunately turned out



to be not too serious. Mr Clark then made the important announcement that the Summer Convention would be held in a new place in 2014 – the Palace Hotel, Buxton (see page 7). His lecture which followed was on the theme of the Congress “Thy People shall be Delivered.”

After breakfast on Saturday Martin Lightfoot gave a presentation on “Britain’s Heritage in Faith and Law” which was a good preparation for the visits to come. The first one after lunch was to the cathedral where guides had been booked by Martin to lead the groups. It was very interesting to visit the crypt and to be told all the stories about how the cathedral developed over the long years of Christian witness in the city. There was also free time on Saturday to explore the shops and markets with everything in easy walking distance from the hotel.

In the evening David Abbott and Catherine Glass were the visiting speakers expected but unfortunately Mr Abbott was delayed and so she gave the lecture herself. It was a presentation of their work which is all on the theme “Share the Inheritance” – the title also of a book which they have written. The ‘Inheritance’ which they want everyone to know about is very close to B-I hearts as it is our Christian heritage and witness in the world. They have been invited into schools to pass this message on and it is encouraging to know that others are so involved in work similar to our own.

Frank Tebbutt led Morning Worship and then after lunch Michael Clark led the group to King Alfred’s statue where he explained the significance of King Alfred’s work as both warrior,

king and law maker. Then everyone walked through the city centre up to the Great Hall to see the Round Table and to explore more of the history of the city.

After tea Michael Clark, David Aimer and Martin Lightfoot put together an informal session beginning with a short presentation from Martin about the Celtic missionaries who took the Gospel into Europe. Mr Clark had requested questions to be submitted to him during the day so he and David Aimer answered some of them in the time available and then David Aimer closed the time with a short quiz testing people’s identification of people and places from initials only. In the evening he gave the closing lecture with the title “We need to share the Truth” – a very rousing encouragement to learn how to reach people in a simple way and to be prepared at all times to share this message.

Michael Clark concluded the day and Congress by thanking everyone for coming and all those who helped with organising everything. He closed with the Israel blessing from *Numbers 6:22-27*.



RALLIES AND NATIONAL BIBLE COLLEGE EVENTS

The regular events were held as usual in 2013 with the North West Area holding their two rallies in the early part of the year; at Wigan followed three weeks later by Morecambe. Each rally is greatly appreciated by the members providing two good opportunities for Bible teaching and fellowship.

In Northern Ireland the two rallies were held as usual in the Chimney Corner Hotel just outside Belfast, one in April and one in September. David Aimer spoke at both of them as well as each time taking a large selection of books to furnish a bookstall which was well-supported. Pastor Robert Phillips from Carlisle was his fellow speaker in April while Michael Clark joined him in September.

The Scottish Area held its first gathering of the year on 18 May 2013 at The Renfield Church Centre in Glasgow. The weather was cold and wet but it did not deter a small but enthusiastic group of people from coming for an afternoon of fellowship and lectures.

Mr Robert Graham was the chairman for the day. He invited David McLure to open in prayer, and after reading from *Isaiah* he introduced Michael Clark who spoke on the theme of the day "Let the Kingdom Vision be Renewed" about how vital it is in these days to keep lifting up this vision of the kingdom. The weak teaching of the churches and the loss of faith in the nation are a great problem of today.

There was a short break for tea and an opportunity to look at, and buy from, the well-stocked bookstall brought by David Aimer. Then Mr Graham introduced Robert Phillips from Carlisle who took as his title 'The Gospel in the Kingdom Dimension.' He contrasted the modern popular view which offers an escapist view of the

world with the biblical position where the primary purpose of God is the redemption of a chosen people and the reclamation of the earth. He gave a rousing talk and the glorious vision of 'the earth may be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.'

Mr Graham closed the meeting with a reminder that the evangel of the gospel of the kingdom has been entrusted to us and we must diligently spread it far and wide.

The second Scottish event was a visit to Scone Palace on Saturday, 26 October. As Martin Lightfoot reports: "We had a group of 17, all of whom appeared to thoroughly enjoy the tour of Scone Palace, the grounds and the replica 'Stone of Destiny' on Moot Hill. The weather was OK, cloudy but bright enough for photos. One guide in particular gave us the full story of the Stone of Destiny as the biblical 'Jacob's Pillow' together with the mention of the princess 'Scota' from Egypt being the ancestor of the Scottish kings. It was almost like a typical BI lecture on this fascinating biblical subject."

The two National Bible College events were in London on 15 June to look at "The Bible as History in the British Museum" and in Jarrow under the title of "Our Christian heritage at Jarrow" on 31 August.

At the British Museum Martin Lightfoot led a group of 21 people to see some of the many artefacts in the British Museum which confirm the historical accuracy of the Bible. Of particular interest was the display of coins from the time of our Lord which were displayed with texts from the New Testament which explained the context in which these coins were used.



In Jarrow a group of 14 were provided with a guided tour which included the Saxon Church, a reconstructed Saxon farm, the remains of the ancient monastery alongside the River Dan and the 'Bede's World' exhibition. Here was evidence of the early British Church in the old kingdom of Northumbria (now in the metropolitan county of Tyne and Wear).

Founded in 674 by Benedict Biscop the Venerable Bede (672–735) entered the monastery at the tender age of 7 and in later years wrote his "Ecclesiastical History of the English People" which gained him the title "The Father of English History." In this comprehensive work he describes the Christian faith of the early Britons (hundreds of years before the arrival of Augustine from Rome) and the conversion of their King Lucius in AD 156.

Each event is planned to allow for a time of fellowship over tea afterwards providing an opportunity to discuss what has been seen.



OBITUARIES

John F Battersby

(January 8, 1931 - April 4, 2013)

The passing of our very dear friend, John, on 4 April, was a sad moment indeed for the Federation and in particular for the Midlands Area. My association with John began in the mid-1960s in the work of the Birmingham Branch. John was employed by Halfords as project manager in charge of their shopfitting nationwide and he had been transferred from Newcastle-upon-Tyne to their headquarters in Birmingham (later in Redditch). He and his wife Sheila had been members of the Newcastle Branch so coming into fellowship with them was a real boost for Birmingham just as I became Branch Secretary on the retirement of Rev Bob Griffiths.

It soon became clear that John was of a very practical mind with an ability to put his energies to

work for the Federation, in particular through his skilful photography. Over the years and decades that followed, John developed many slide pictures into British-Israel audio-visual presentations which were linked at times with the work of Bob Danvers-Walker (who also produced audio-visual presentations for the Federation after he retired from the BBC).

John showed his presentations beyond the Federation to a number of other charity organisations. This enabled the British-Israel message to reach a wider audience – although as he often reflected there was never a great feedback of interest in the message from them. Together with Sheila they covered the audio-visual work for the Federation recording our Summer Convention and Annual Congress gatherings for many years. This entailed a great deal of dedicated work as the various technologies developed. His archive film compositions of friends relaxing at tea on the lawn at Swanwick were memorable when shown in succeeding years.

Above all John will be remembered for his numerous pictures that featured on the front covers of *Wake Up* magazine and also for his research articles on B-I evidences that he investigated as he travelled around the country. He was always more comfortable working behind the camera so we were very blessed by his

personal testimony at our Summer Convention in 2012.

With Sheila he served for many years as Director for The Covenant Publishing Company, both working together as a real team. When we moved BIWF Headquarters from London to County Durham, John was also of great practical help with shelving for the library using his experience in shopfitting.

On a personal level his great interest was in model trains and railways and in particular the Severn Valley Railway. In his garden at Redditch he created a truly wonderful model railway with bridges, a tunnel, stations and backdrop scenery with shrubs all in scale. This delighted his many grandchildren, especially at Christmastime when everything looked magical with twinkling lights and decorations. It also seemed so very appropriate that he passed away while working on his beloved model railway.

Having been a member of our Birmingham Branch for more than 40 years we will miss John's fellowship more than we can say. His great sense of humour kept us in high spirits when all around events in the world confirmed that the time of Jacob's trouble was upon us. This abiding sense of humour came out in the following poem he composed and which he had instructed was to be read at his funeral:



Requiem for a Railway Enthusiast

When my train has hit the buffers, and
my whistle sounds no more,
When my boiler's cold and empty and
my safety valves don't roar,
Will I be shunted down some branch
line to a siding marked 'for scrap'?
Or gently towed to Heaven on God's
'Restoration Track'?
So rake my ashes from the firebox,
and take them down the line
To the Severn Valley Railway, where
polished engines shine.
Travel on to Arley where the 'Santa
Specials' run,
Spread my ashes in the ballast, let me
lie there in the sun.
Still doing something useful now my
daily journey's run.
It will not be forever, until we meet
again,
When Gabriel blows his 'whistle' to
send God's Angel Train.
With Jesus on the footplate, and the
signals showing 'clear'
He won't be long arriving, he's
drawing very near.
So make sure there's oil in the station
lamps, and keep them burning
bright,
And be waiting on the platform when
His Train comes into sight.

Michael A Clark



Kathleen M Watkins

It is with great sadness that we have to report the death of Kathleen Margaret Watkins (née Wintersgill). Kathleen was the daughter of the Reverend Jack Wintersgill who was Area Organiser for the North West; he was a BIWF speaker all over the country. She was born in Beech Hill, Wigan and attended Beech Hill Junior School from the age of 5 to 11 years. When her family moved to "Brith," Winstanley Road, Orrell, near Wigan she attended Up Holland Grammar School. At the age of 17 years Kathleen went into Nursing and trained at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan. In 1948, she moved to Liverpool to train in Midwifery.

There she met her husband George who was a Police Officer in the Liverpool City Police Force. George moved to the Wigan Borough Police Force in 1949. Kathleen and George married in 1949, and in 1950 Elizabeth was born, their only child. Kathleen was born into the B-I and was a member all of her life. She was Secretary to the Wigan Branch for 34 years from 1959 to 1993; she also entertained and put up speakers from all over the country who visited the Wigan Branch. Kathleen had a brother, Sydney, who was killed in action in the Second World War.

When George became ill they moved to sheltered accommo-

modation in Wigan where he predeceased her in April 2011. Kathleen's health deteriorated and she was taken care of in Westwood Lodge Nursing Home, Wigan. She died on 23 February 2013, aged 87 years, at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan, where she began her nursing career. The funeral service was held at St Luke's Church, Orrell, Wigan on Wednesday, 6 March, and was well attended by members of the congregation, friends and BIWF members, and also the General Secretary Mr David Aimer. A wreath was sent from the Federation.

The Funeral Service was conducted by the Reverend Peter Whittington who gave the address. The order of service began with the hymn *Lord of all Hopefulness*. There was a Bible reading, *Isaiah 2:1-5*; hymn *Love Divine all Loves Excelling*; a reading from "Crossing the Bar" and another Bible reading, *Luke 10:25-37*. This reading was special to Kathleen when she was a young trainee Nurse at Wigan; there was a stained glass window in the Chapel at the hospital depicting the Good Samaritan. The final hymn was *The day thou gavest*. The blessing was the Israel blessing which was very appropriate for Kathleen having been brought up in a household bringing forth the true message of the Bible and British-Israel Teaching.

Margery Dowling

OBITUARIES

Dennis R Ransted

(April 1927-October 2013)

In 1970 Mr Ransted donated an oak pulpit to the Federation in memory of his mother. It stands in the main hall at Headquarters. He was a faithful supporter of the work of BIWF down the years. The following tribute to him has been condensed from the eulogy given at his funeral by his nephew, Bob Wileman.

As you know, Dennis left nothing to chance, and so he was the producer, director and stage manager of his own funeral in almost every detail, and as part of the script, he asked me to give you all a brief life history.

Dennis was born in April 1927 in the Ransted family flat above 206 Coldharbour Lane, a starting point not far from that of John Major, who was born in 1943, the year Dennis left school.

He was an only child of a happy family, and attended local schools, including St Saviours. The middle of a war was not a great time to be living in London, let alone leaving school with expectations of finding a job. The Ransted's flat in Coldharbour Lane was bombed, so the family moved to 52 Herne Hill Road.

Dennis not only escaped injury but found work with a firm of accountants in the City of London as a junior audit clerk on very little

pay. I seem to remember him telling me it was seven shillings and six pence a week. Then, in 1946, just as he was making progress, his career was interrupted by a call to compulsory military service. He was about to be posted overseas, but there were too many volunteers for that, and those whose names began with R and beyond failed to qualify. Instead, Dennis was posted to the Royal Army Pay Corps at the War Office in Whitehall.

When he was demobbed in 1948, Dennis returned to his previous employer where he was encouraged to take qualifications, and he passed the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in 1952, at the age of 25. Then, armed with his diplomas, Dennis moved jobs a couple of times and in 1960 joined a small firm of Lloyd's brokers and insurance underwriting agents.

By 1968 Dennis was a director and Company Secretary of the holding company which owned several other specialist organisations. He continued in business with different companies until he retired in 1992.

The more personal details:

He met his wife, Mary, at St Saviours where they were both Sunday School teachers. So it was a marriage made in heaven that I attended in 1953, aged 12, and feeling very grown up in my hired suit.

Theirs was a loving relationship, of that I have no doubt, and after they bought their house at 95 Herne Hill Road, they lived a simple, some would say austere life, whilst donating a large part of Dennis's considerable income to charities.

In 1974 Dennis suffered the first attack of rheumatoid arthritis which gradually became crippling and the ferocious medications he took to slow it down had pernicious side effects. They were at home until Mary died in 2010 - and that was important to Dennis.

Those of you who knew Dennis well will be aware that he had a very strong religious faith. He believed in the Lord's return and in some notes he left me he wrote,

"I have always looked forward to a time when the Lord would return to this troubled world and take on his shoulders the government of it."

Bob Wileman

DID YOU KNOW?

The first recorded Viking raid on England was at the monastery on the island of Lindisfarne.

SCRAPBOOK



Queen Victoria,
Great Hall, Winchester



Queen Elizabeth II, Great Hall, Winchester



William Walker, deep-sea diver,
Winchester Cathedral



Coronation Day Rally,
Headquarters



Coronation Day Rally, Headquarters

DID YOU KNOW?

Blaise Pascal invented his shoebox-sized calculator to assist his father with his business in 1642.

The first recording of a human voice was made in 1860 by Édouard-Léon Scott de Martinville.

One variety of dwarf mammoth survived on Wrangel Island, Alaska, up until 4,500 years ago.

Lord Nelson's sarcophagus is second-hand; it was originally made for Cardinal Wolsey's tomb.

The Hawker Hurricane shot down more aircraft than either of its contemporaries and was the workhorse of the RAF.

The Cutty Sark's name translates as 'short shirt' in modern English. The name was taken from the famous poem by Scottish poet Robert Burns, Tam o'Shanter.

Thanks

We would like to thank everybody for his or her contributions this past year. All the organizing of meetings and conferences and all the kind donations, letters and prayers are truly appreciated.

A Form of Bequest to incorporate in Will

To those who may be desirous of assisting the Federation by way of legacies, the following Form of Bequest is recommended to be incorporated in your Will.

I give and bequeath to: **The British-Israel-World Federation**

Charity No: 208079

121 Low Etherley, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 0HA, the sum of £_____ sterling, free of Inheritance Tax, to be paid to the Financial Secretary, for the time being, of the Federation, whose receipt shall be a sufficient discharge for such legacy.

N.B. A legacy need not necessarily be in money; any property may now be given by Will for Charitable purposes.

Donations

For all those who would like to give a portion of their tithe, big or small, as a donation to the Federation; all cheques, order or bank drafts (in sterling for overseas donations) can be made payable to BIWF, and sent to Headquarters at Low Etherley.

Please indicate if you are a UK tax payer so that we can claim the Gift Aid portion from the Inland Revenue.

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