

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the final edition of News and Views for 2021. The most used word of 2021 according to the Cambridge dictionary was "perseverance". Much of the interest in looking up this word was linked to Nasa's Perseverance Rover landing on Mars. The definition of perseverance is "continued effort to do or achieve something, even when this is difficult or takes a long time". So often we look up to our God to give us the encouragement to persevere, personally and in ministry (Rev 3v8) especially in 2021. As this lands on your door step ready for the New Year let our encouragement be from the words of the Angel in Luke 1 "For nothing will be impossible with God" as we encourage each other in 2022.

We have much to share with you in this edition. Many of the articles have an expanded and pictorial version on our website that we hope you will enjoy (printed versions can be sent to any without internet capabilities). There is also enclosed the latest Olive Press Research Paper (OPRP) from Fran Waddams - The Damascus Affair. Be encouraged to persevere in prayer and support for ministry that is rooted in God's faithfulness and redemptive plans for the Jewish people. We ALL thank you for your ongoing interest and support.

Shalom

John & Philippa

JUST ANOTHER DAY IN THE OFFICE?

Paul and Janey Hames join Alison Marchant at The Pleasaunce for a week of fellowship and Bible teaching.

We'd been to Alison Marchant's Feast and Festivals teaching in 2018 and had such a blessed time learning new insights from her and sharing about CMJ's work that when the opportunity to do it again came up we grabbed it with both hands! The majority of the group hadn't experienced any Hebrew roots teaching before, so making the prophetic connections for them as Christians came as a revelation. Alison skillfully led us through each feast. No sitting around for the group either - Alison planned the course to be interactive and fun! For Tabernacles everyone had a hand in creating the Succah; from gathering branches outside and making the structure, to cutting out and colouring fruit to decorate it. For Purim we reenacted in hilarious pantomime style the story with our baddy, Haman eventually being hung from a convenient hat stand! Passover was, (and always is) such a revelation as we clearly see our not so hidden Messiah Jesus in this amazing story of redemption. There's so much more we could tell you about the course but we think the best idea would be get it first hand and sign up for the next course which is:

- **13 to 18 June 2022 at Beechwood Court, Conwy**
- **13 to 18 November 2022 at The Pleasaunce, Norfolk**



Have a listen to some feedback from the course here.

During our 'CMJ slot' we mentioned the name Bishop Michael Solomon Alexander and a woman in the group said she thought there was a plaque bearing that name at her church, St. Peter and St. Pauls in Cromer. So, on our last day we went with Alison to see if such a plaque existed - and sure enough there it was! The Bishop's daughter Deborah Rebeka Marsh had married a local man and had attended St. Peters - the plaque was a memorial to her and her husband! On chatting with one of the ladies at the church about this we discovered that she too had a strong CMJ connection her family - her mother had taught at the CMJ school in Cairo! Watch the video link here to get the story first hand!?

THE CMJ PILGRIM FATHERS TOUR

11th – 19th September 2021

It was a case of 'light the touch paper, stand back and watch what God does.'

What wonderful people. Individual Blessings: four of the 17 tour members happened to have family or friends in places we visited they hadn't seen for months, who joined us for a meal. One hotel we stayed in turned out to be where one member's late husband found out he had become MP for Dorset. We were all treated to a free glass of wine to celebrate. In Sturton-le-Steeple another found a house where some of her childhood was spent.



We had beautiful weather. It may have poured down whilst we were on the bus, but every time we stopped to visit somewhere it was sunny with blue skies. We dressed in pilgrim costume three times: the church service in Babworth and tour of the Pilgrim Father villages, in Boston where the Pilgrims attempted to leave England and in Plymouth where the Pilgrims finally left our shores on board The Mayflower in 1620.

In Boston Bulgarians took souvenir pictures on their iPhones of themselves with arms wrapped round us as pilgrims. In Plymouth we posed for tourist's photos. We missed an opportunity for the Gospel. At home I had a small tract that explained the Pilgrim Fathers and the gospel!

In Babworth church, 400 years previously, Rev Richard Clyfton had drawn many to hear his Puritan Bible teaching, an inter-regnum allowed tour member, Rev Greg Price take the service. We chose hymns from 1600. Greg delivered a sermon to make Richard Clyfton proud. A tour member said if Greg was the preacher, they would go to church every week! We sang the Thomas Tallis' doxology as a round in almost every church we visited. On a return to Austerfield church after the tour, the warden asked me if we had been a choir on tour! She said it had made her day (a CMJ choir-quite a thought).

In Cambridge we visited St Edwards the Martyr, a church outside diocesan rule and where the first reformation sermon was preached in England, Greg received another blessing being allowed to stand in the pulpit and pray out loud for the Church in Britain.

Alex Jacob spoke about Charles Simeon, a CMJ stalwart and vicar of Holy Trinity, Cambridge. The anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower this year was on Yom Kippur.

Rev Leon Sims took the mid-week communion service in the Minster Church of St Andrew's, and spoke on Yom Kippur. After the service he spoke on the Tabernacle complete with a model. Many of the congregation stayed for his amazing talk. Leon was able to join us for dinner even as he had invited my guest speakers and me to dinner two years previously when I visited his church.

In the oldest functioning Ashkenazi synagogue in the world, when the guide finished, Greg was asked to sing the Aaronic blessing (another for Greg)!

Woven in with the story of the Pilgrim Fathers was the foundation of CMJ. These movements flowed from the Reformation. The Bible being read to or by individuals in English for the first time is something, the significance of, we maybe can't fully grasp now. However, this single and costly act, was to transform the nation. We understood what God is like, the need for personal salvation and repentance. We saw God had made an unbroken Covenant with the Jewish people. We saw the Gospel must go to all the world and the Jewish people must return to Israel.

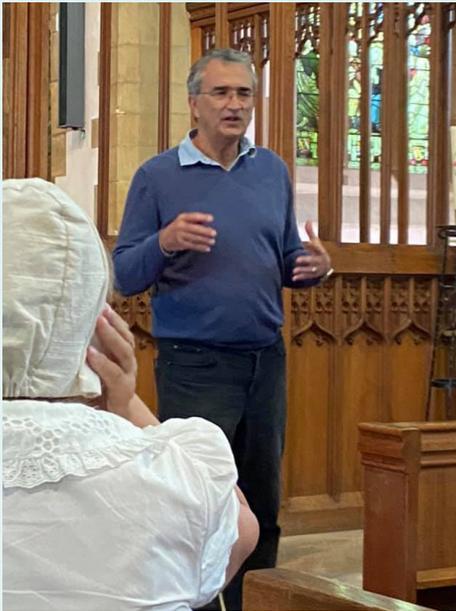
Lewis Way and Michael Solomon Alexander were two more of CMJ's heroes. Lewis Way saved CMJ in 1815. Visiting his home at Stansted Park, we heard Philip Meader (ex-CMJ) dressed as Lewis give his story in the chapel.

In Plymouth, we heard about Michael Solomon Alexander, first Jewish Bishop in Jerusalem since the Early Church. In London we had the history of CMJ's beginning. We also toured the East End and walked the streets where the Jewish immigrants first lived. We had wonderful guides, great hotels and a lovely coach driver who said he had enjoyed being with us all- he became one of the gang! Adrian Gray, expert on the Pilgrim Fathers, said it had been fun working with us.



“Just wanted to express my heartfelt thanks again for such a wonderful tour, truly the most spiritually fulfilling and interesting one I’ve ever been on outside of Israel. What a blessing and privilege it was to have you both lead us and for God to bring such a wonderful group of people of such like mind and heart together.”

“A quite extraordinary week.”



“What a fantastic week. Your contacts and knowledge made it all work. Thanks for the privilege of the time spent with you both.”

“You two have made it all so special and ‘special’ it has been.”

“Your flock of sheep thank ewe so much for your dedication and devotion during our Pilgrim Fathers Tour!”

“We had such a great mind-blowing time. So much information and such good accommodation. Things like that don’t just happen and we appreciate all the background work that went into making the time so great.”

“A wonderful time. Thank you both so much. We’ve loved it.”



Life from the Dead

CMJ has had an interest in sharing the Gospel with Jews in Warsaw and Poland since its inception. Sadly, that ministry was interrupted by the Nazi invasion of 1939. Of the 6 million Jews murdered by the Nazi's, tens of thousands had encountered one of the CMJ stations in Warsaw and throughout Poland.

With this in mind, I was humbled to represent CMJ a few weeks ago in Warsaw. I was one of more than 20 persons from Israel, Europe, and North America to gather in Warsaw to participate in the Life from the Dead program. For two weeks the team took to the streets of Warsaw to talk about Jesus with the people of Warsaw.

MOVING ON WITH GRATITUDE

On August 1st, 2008, I joined CMJ, along with several others, on the day it opened at Eagle Lodge after moving up from St. Albans. I was nervous, but at the same time excited. I was, after all, coming from the secular world (in my case a haulage firm), but this was the sort of job I had been thinking about doing for a while, and here it was on my doorstep. We were all thrown in at the deep end really, so we all learned to swim together, as it were.

The following 13 years have been incredible. People have come and gone, but we have all worked together to serve the Lord and, I think, achieved a lot. I have tried to serve the Him as well as I can, and I pray that I have done that.

Now the time had come to move on. I have run this particular race, but now I have come to the end and am passing on the baton.

Working for CMJ has been a privilege and a delight. I have learnt a lot, have been greatly blessed by it, and I hope, even in some small way, that I have blessed CMJ. I have met some wonderful people, and made some great friends. It has been my privilege to serve the Lord and to serve you by working at CMJ. Thank you for that privilege.

I shall be back at Eagle Lodge occasionally as a volunteer, and hope to see some of you at future Conferences.

Shalom and Blessings.

Alan Howell



During this time over 80,000 pieces of literature were distributed. More than 250 people expressed interest to receive additional information. Warsaw is home to thousands of descendants of Jewish children sent into Catholic homes to spare their lives during the Holocaust. It was a blessing for the team to share with them at to host many to a garden party.

This outreach was stage one of the program. Stage two will take place in 2022. We hope that there will be an even larger influence from CMJ branches to share about the Messiah thru worship, teaching and exhibits.

Thank you to those who have donated to the Poland mission trip – if you'd like to donate for the 2022 mission, please contact the CMJ UK Office on 01623 883960

LISKEARD ALTER

What connects the garden of Gethsemane, the Mersey estuary and a stannary town in Cornwall?

Go to the CMJ UK Blog page to find out www.cmj.org.uk/blog to hear Paul and Janes Hames' Video Blog!



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