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2023: A Conference to remember!

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Dear Friends,

You will have seen in our mail-out of the Days of Awe publication, an additional letter announcing our appointment of the Revd. Aaron Eime as the new General Director of CMJ UK. We are thrilled that Aaron will be joining us just as soon as the paperwork for his relocation to the UK is processed.



We are also delighted to deliver a new-look News & Views to you this quarter. In this new-look edition you will find Aaron's testimony and exciting news from our evangelists, together with reports from Keswick (an amazing experience!) and Conference. If you didn't get to our annual Conference this year, please come next! It's a time of inspiration, celebration and relaxation with friends old and new. Details of our 2024 conference are included. And of course, our keynote speaker is none other than our new General Director!

See you there!

Wendy Scott

CMJ UK Chair of Trustees

Celebrating Life-Changing Moments:

A Recap of CMJ UK Conference 2023 at Yarnfield Conference Centre

In an exhilarating and inspiring display of faith, fellowship, and unwavering commitment, the CMJ UK Conference 2023 unfolded at the Yarnfield Conference Centre, leaving an indelible mark on attendees. The event, themed "Everyday with Yeshua" brought together a diverse range of ages to celebrate a shared journey of spiritual growth, empowerment to serve God in all our various roles, and enlightenment from His word.

But even before the Conference started God was blessing more than we could think or imagine (Ephesians 3 v 20)! On the Thursday night as the team relaxed in the bar area another guest was listening to their conversation about faith and theology. When he was leaving he went over and asked about the themes of the conversation ... long story short ... he was gloriously saved!

Friday was filled with preparation and very soon we were welcoming our guests and speakers.

The Conference's keynote speaker, Mark Greene, ignited our hearts and minds, propelling us into deeper understanding and engagement with our faith as we live out our daily lives. Our Workshop dynamic speakers, drawn from a rich tapestry of theological and cultural backgrounds, wove together a vibrant mosaic of insights, weaving ancient truths with modern applications.

One of the distinguishing features of the CMJ UK Conference 2023 was its commitment to catering to individuals of all ages. The separate programmes for different age groups ensured that every participant, from children to seniors, had an opportunity to engage with the Conference's themes in a way that was meaningful and relevant to them. Children revelled in Olly and Helen Goldenberg's dynamic, age-appropriate activities that fostered a love for biblical stories and principles. The Youth (Radix Conference) delved into more in-depth discussions led by Youth for Christ and worshipped with Dan Murphy's band.

As the sun set on each day of the conference, the atmosphere was charged with an electrifying sense of unity and a sense of God's calling, even on the night of the powercut that could not prevent the Philippa Hanna concert!

No celebration would be complete without acknowledging the invaluable partners who joined hands with CMJ UK to bring this awe-inspiring event to fruition. Their unwavering support, dedication, and generosity paved the way for an unforgettable gathering that impacted countless lives. From financial contributions to logistical support, these partners demonstrated their commitment to the vision of "Everyday with Yeshua," transforming it from a concept into a vibrant reality.

Once again many of you shared your feedback with us – thank you, this is vital for us to continually improve your future conference experiences. This feedback has shown:

- 66 of those attending in 2023 were new to the CMJ Conference
- Feedback scores improved for all CMJ UK items compared to last year
- 95 re-booked for Conference 2024

There are many complimentary comments but here are just four to share:

"One of the best conferences I have been to."

"First time here – will recommend to others."

"The worship was amazing and there was a real sense of the Holy Spirit working in this space. The talks and hosting were amazing, and they did it really well for our age group"
(Youth feedback)

"I didn't really know what to expect from a 'Christian' thing, but as I saw everyone engage with the talks and the music, I was blown away by it all. I hadn't really thought too much about Jesus wanting to be in a relationship with me personally until Bob shared his story, and asked me if I wanted to know Jesus, and I knew I wanted to! This weekend has been transformational for me, and I can't wait to get to know Jesus more"
(Youth feedback)

As we reflect on the amazing few days spent at the CMJ UK Conference 2023, we are reminded of the power of collective faith, the strength of many voices coming together, and the boundless potential for growth and transformation. The Conference served as a reminder that each day, with Yeshua at our side, is an opportunity to deepen our understanding, strengthen our bonds, and live out our faith in meaningful and impactful ways.

The echoes of laughter, the resonance of insightful discussions, and the warmth of new friendships forged during the Conference continue to reverberate in our hearts. We carry these cherished memories with us as we embark on our individual journeys, inspired by the shared experience of "Everyday with Yeshua."

May this celebration be a testament to the unwavering spirit of CMJ UK, the power of faith, and the limitless potential of us serving where God has placed us. Until we gather again to celebrate the next chapter, may we all continue to walk hand in hand with Yeshua, embracing each day as an opportunity to make a difference and shine His light in the world.



Conference costs:

- Conference booking fees covered £41,000 of the costs
- Donations to our bursary fund were almost £1,000
- We paid Yarnfield £40,000 for the use of their facilities
- Our other costs amounted to £25,000
- The net cost of Conference not covered in the booking fee was £23,000 or £79 per person
- Your generosity via the Conference collection amounted to over £10,000 to be shared with CMJ Israel and our Bible Comes To Life Exhibition

A Transforming Weekend for Children!

A Children's Ministry report by Olly Goldenberg from Children Can

What a fantastic time we had at the CMJ Conference this year. We went through the whole Bible with the children as part of the Bible Experience and God truly met with the children as they saw how the whole Bible tells God's story.

One parent told us that their daughter returned home so excited for God and Jesus, she sobbed her eyes out because she wasn't ready for the weekend to be over.

The weekend was a transforming weekend as she met with the Holy Spirit.

Another child spoke a lot about how he couldn't wait to get back online when he got home, but then God spoke to him and showed him a picture of the cross. His attention shifted from gaming to Jesus.

God is at work in this generation and they are being prepared for this very different season they are growing up in. We thank God for the parents who are raising their children to stand strong in these days.

Olly Goldenberg



**We would love to see more families and young people at our 2024 Conference! Please see our website for details
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EVOLUTION EXPOSED!

Microbiologist's explanation trumps Darwinian theory

BY CHARLES GARDNER

Over a quarter-of-a-century ago, a newly-married Australian couple set off to see the world before they settled down. But once they reached Israel, they never looked back. Aaron and Michelle Eime are still there today, sharing the good news of the Jewish Messiah with all who will hear.

But before they left their homeland, Aaron had an encounter that confirmed his faith in God as creator of the world he so loved to travel. He was already a believer, but had become somewhat disillusioned with things he was learning at university – until, that is, he attended a Creation vs Evolution debate.

He realised, through a presentation of the amazing process of blood-clotting by microbiologist Dr Michael Behe, that there was no way it could have come about through evolution.

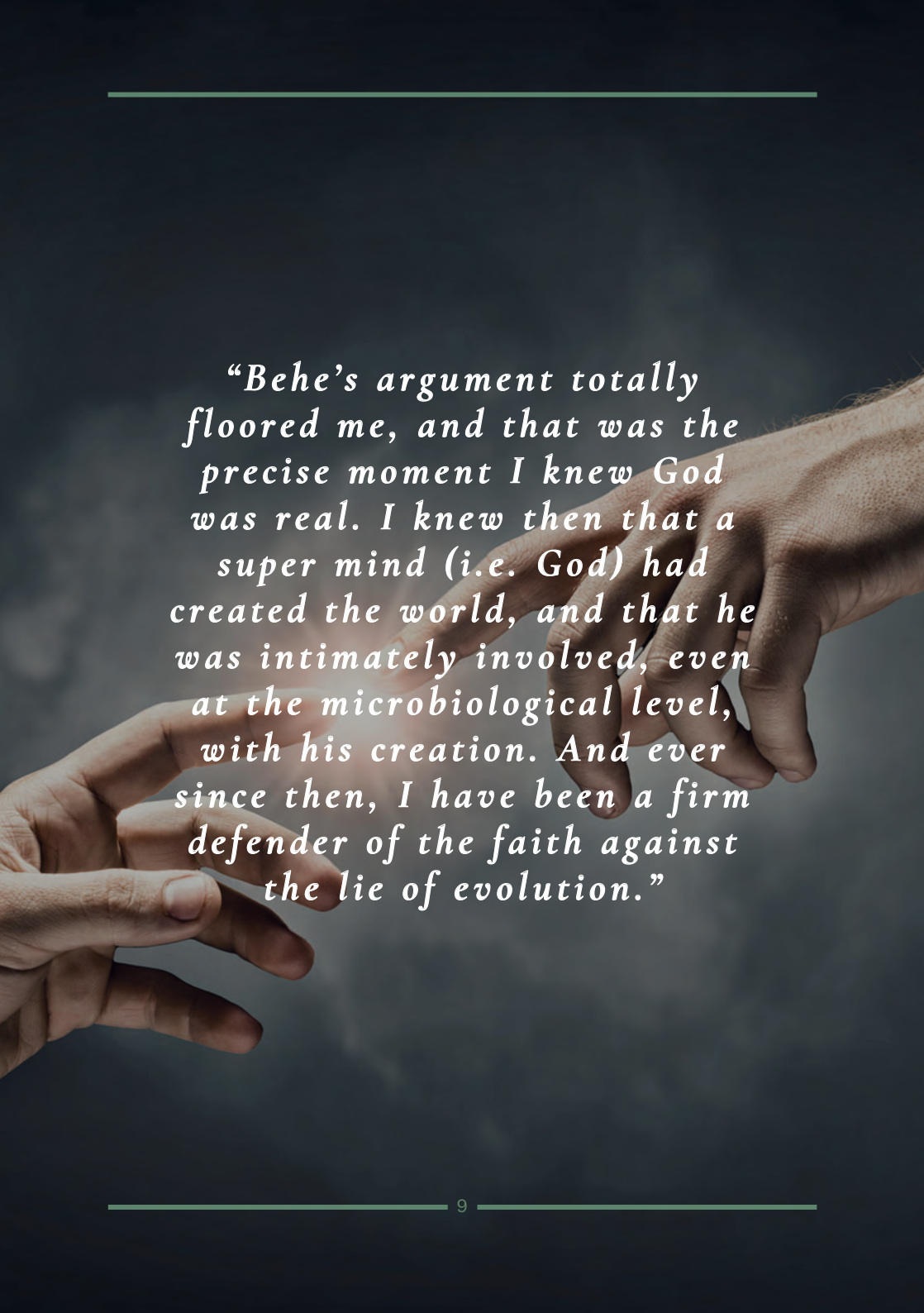
For it requires a sequential chain reaction of enzymes to bind up a wound when the skin is cut. Each one has a special duty but, if just one is removed, healing will not work. And yet it clots only the wounded area rather than the heart or brain, which would be fatal.

Aaron explains: *“Evolution is the gradual increase of genetic information over time. But if all the enzymes are not present from day one, the blood cannot function and life cannot exist. Evolutionary theory provides no satisfactory evidence for how blood came about. It cannot possibly have evolved, so must have been created by a super-intelligent mind. This is why the Bible says that ‘life is in the blood’ (Lev 17:11).*



Rev. Aaron Eime outside Christ Church, Jerusalem



A close-up photograph of two hands, one from the left and one from the right, reaching towards each other. The fingers are slightly curled, and the hands are positioned as if about to grasp or support each other. The background is a dark, textured grey. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font.

“Behe’s argument totally floored me, and that was the precise moment I knew God was real. I knew then that a super mind (i.e. God) had created the world, and that he was intimately involved, even at the microbiological level, with his creation. And ever since then, I have been a firm defender of the faith against the lie of evolution.”

EVOLUTION EXPOSED! Continued...

Born into a small-town farming community in Western Australia, where his dad was involved in the wool trade, Aaron moved to Brisbane where he studied psychology and social work, came to faith and got married to Michelle.

They duly took off on their adventures, exploring Canada, the United States and Mexico before coming to England where they hired a 1973 camper van and eventually drove all the way from London to Israel where a friend's mother was a volunteer (the friend accompanying them on the journey).

After taking a ferry from Greece, they arrived at Haifa in 1998, and have been in Israel ever since. They had planned to drive back to London, return to Australia and live there happily ever after!

But everything changed after camping by the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth, and accepting a dinner invitation from neighbouring Bedouins. Aaron and Michelle both woke up next day "unbelievably sick" and in desperate need for somewhere to recuperate and get cleaned up (so it was a low point for them too).

After consulting the Lonely Planet's Guidebook (in the absence of Google), they found an advert for Christ Church, Jerusalem, boasting "nice gardens and clean toilets"!

Christ Church just happens to be the headquarters in Israel of the Church's Ministry among the Jewish people. They have been established in Jerusalem for nearly 200 years and reach out with love and compassion to both Jews and Arabs there.

Aaron said: *"We duly made the wonderful discovery of a community of Arabs and Jews who believed in Jesus. But they were desperate for volunteers to help them, and we said we'd pray about it. So, we drove up to Galilee and returned three days later fully intending to say 'No'. But when we sat down beside then Rector, Ray Lockhart, I leaned forward to say 'No' and out came 'Yip!'"*

As Solomon wisely put it: *"To man belongs the plans of the heart, but from the Lord comes the reply of the tongue."* (Proverbs 16:1)

So the couple stayed, had all three of their children in Israel and became a fixture at Christ Church. Micah was born in Bethlehem (he was named after the prophet who foretold that Messiah would come from there – Micah 5:2) while their daughters Atarah and Tirzah were both born in Jerusalem.

Aaron subsequently enrolled at the Hebrew University to study the Bible further and was duly ordained by the Bishop of Bolivia, later engaging in regular study with rabbis, who told him: *"We would love to have Christian input into our studies."*

As well as this, he now tours the world again (especially Canada, the UK and Ireland) sharing in-depth teaching on the significance of the Hebraic roots of our faith, which has blessed countless Christians over the years (including this writer).

It may surprise some that Leviticus is Aaron's favourite book of the Bible. But he explains that this is because *"it shows us the heart of God and why he is holy, and how we can become better disciples of Jesus"*.

Charles Gardner

FOLLOWING
JESUS

CMJ UK Conference 2024



Keynote speaker: Rev. Aaron Eime

5th - 7th July 2024

Yarnfield Conference Centre, Staffordshire

www.cmj.org.uk/conference2024



EVANGELISM REPORT: BY OLIVER SIMS, CMJ UK'S ENGAGEMENT MANAGER

Recently, I visited some Jewish homes in north London. I was with a friend who also has a heart for the Gospel, and we were going door to door in the area near his church. We had with us a small leaflet which speaks about the Messiah, but rather than appear outrightly keen with enthusiastic leaflets in hand, we merely were calling at homes enquiring if the Jewish people there had heard of that local church and explaining the values that it holds.

We had several very brief but in-depth conversations as we explained that we are Christians who love the Jewish people, that the local church does not believe that God has replaced the Jewish people, but teaches that God

exhorts us to pray for Jewish people and to love Israel.

We shared with several people that what we believe about the Messiah is very similar to the traditional Jewish view – just in a different order.

According to traditional Jewish teaching, the Messiah is supposed to:

- A. be descended from King David
- B. be anointed King of Israel
- C. return the Jewish people to Israel
- D. rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem
- E. bring peace and
- F. bring knowledge of God to the world



For Christians, the Messiah has already fulfilled point A, He is continuing to fulfil F and C, and at His second coming, He will fulfil B and D with the ultimate result of realising E and F. Bible passages such as Isaiah 2:1-4, 11:1-9, Ezekiel 40-48 (one fifth of the book of Ezekiel), Daniel 2:44 and Zechariah 14 prophetically deal with these things. As you can imagine, there is no shortage of conversation once you get on to these topics! And these were some of the things that we were briefly discussing on the doors with Jewish people.

Please pray for the people we met - that their hearts would be drawn closer to the Lord, as revealed in His Word. I'll leave you with the timeless and powerful words of Romans 1:16 and may this evermore be our prayer:

'I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.'

Oliver Sims



Throughout all three weeks of Keswick Convention 2023, CMJ UK showcases its Ministry!

CMJ UK announced its prominent presence at the Keswick Convention 2023 with the blowing of the shofar – drowning out the conversation taking place on the neighbouring stands! Our presence spanned all three weeks of this highly anticipated event. With three distinct exhibition teams, CMJ UK was well placed to engage, educate, and encourage attendees about our vital ministry and the enduring connection between Christianity and the Jewish people.

The Keswick Convention, renowned for its emphasis on biblical teaching, worship, and spiritual renewal, provides an ideal platform for CMJ UK to share our mission of fostering a deeper understanding of Jewish roots within the Christian faith.



WEEK ONE WAS COVERED BY PEDRO AND ANNU SANTOS (CMJ ISRAEL) WITH JANE MOXON. HERE IS PEDRO'S REFLECTION:

Keswick Convention was an amazing experience for Annu and myself. We felt very blessed and privileged to be able to represent CMJUK to thousands of believers from all over but also to be able to share about what God is doing in Israel through CMJ. About 12 thousand people from all denominations attend this convention and we went expecting perhaps a bit of opposition concerning Israel and Jewish ministry. At the end of the first week we were quite surprised after so many people came to say that they were very happy to see us there. It seems that this is the first time that a Jewish related ministry has a stand there.

We were amazed to see a strong and dynamic body of Christ represented at the Convention with a lot of good Bible teaching. God provided us with so many good opportunities to share about the place of Israel and the Jewish nation, not only in biblical times but also today. How to stand against antisemitism and the importance to intercede for Jewish people all over the world. We believe it was a very good idea to have a presence at the Keswick Convention for there you can reach out to so many people in a short period of time.

Pedro Santos

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WEEK TWO BROUGHT TOGETHER OUR CHAIR OF TRUSTEES, WENDY SCOTT, HER MESSIANIC HUSBAND, MIKE, ALISON DAVIES (TRUSTEE) AND SALLY-ANNE MORGAN. MIKE SHARES THE ENCOURAGEMENT THIS WAS TO HIM:

I stood wearing my yarmulke with the CMJ team during week two at the Keswick Christian convention. I walked in the town and people came up to me saying Shalom and I told them to visit our stand. People were genuinely curious to learn about the work of CMJ. We discussed witnessing to Jewish friends. We considered God's purposes for Israel. We chatted about politics in the land and they were mostly philo-semitic. In brief conversations we spoke to current supporters and made new contacts. We shared stories of visits to Israel. They asked about CMJ's long history. The children blew the shofar and took our sweets. We explained about the 3 E's and BCTL. Some asked CMJ to come and teach in their churches. They took publications, newsletters and flyers about CMJ activities. I feel the week was spent productively. We had informed and enthused the conventioners, young and old, raising their CMJ awareness. It was both great fun and a privilege to serve them. May the Lord bless and inspire them to walk further with CMJ.

Mike Scott





WEEK THREE'S TEAM WAS PHIL GRASHAM (TRUSTEE) AND CAROL AND JOHN BROOKS. PHIL'S REVIEW OF THE WEEK IS AS FOLLOWS:

I praise God for a wonderful week of engaging with CMJ UK supporters old and new. Many people were drawn to our Tissot painting of Jerusalem which formed a backdrop to our leaflets and booklets. There were also two shofroth that were blown all too frequently, especially for those serving on neighbouring stands! The highlight was, undoubtedly, talking with our many visitors. My first conversation was with an ex-colleague who I had not seen in fifteen years and was interested in our literature; soon after one extremely nervous Jewish woman asked what we thought about replacement theology.

As I explained our position an almost visible weight lifted from her shoulders. These were just two of many excellent interactions regarding church visits, prayer, tours, and more. And these were just the ones I had. With John and Carol also there, countless connections were made or strengthened. What an amazing experience!

Phil Grasham

We are thrilled to have brought CMJ UK's ministry to the forefront of this year's Keswick Convention. With our three dynamic exhibition teams, we enhanced attendees' knowledge of the Jewish roots of their faith, promoting cross-cultural understanding, and reinforcing the importance of shared spiritual heritage.

Now the planning starts for next year!

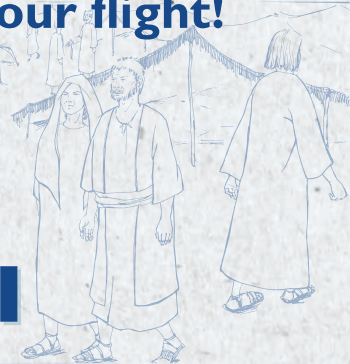


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among Jewish People

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A collage of images related to Israel: a torn paper effect showing a cityscape, the Israeli flag, a map of Israel with a red pushpin, a branch of olives, and a pomegranate.

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annem@cmj.org.uk](mailto:sally-annem@cmj.org.uk) or telephone 01623 883961**





CMJ CELEBRATES 200 YEARS OF MINISTRY IN ISRAEL

1st – 28th SEPTEMBER 2023

CMJ officially decided to establish a base in Jerusalem in 1823- to introduce the Jewish people there to Jesus as the Jewish Messiah. They also encouraged the British government to establish a consulate there, which occurred in 1838 – with the first Consul instructed to protect the Jewish people. Also, in 1838 CMJ purchased property on which Christ Church, the first Protestant Church in the region, would be built. They then held daily services there in Hebrew. When the Anglo-Prussian Protestant Bishopric was established in 1841, CMJ nominated the first Protestant Bishop – who was a former rabbi! In time CMJ established the first modern institutions in the city and land, including hospitals, schools, and industrial schools.

By the 1860s CMJ had purchased a property in Jaffa, and ground outside the walled city of Jerusalem where they built a new hospital, known today as the Anglican International School in Jerusalem.

In the 1920s they purchased the former hotel of Baron Ustinov in Jaffa, today's Beit Immanuel.

Today CMJ has four thriving centres in Israel, three of which have Messianic Fellowships. Additionally, there is also outreach to the Arabic speaking peoples in Israel from these properties. This work has been built on the vision and courage of those early founders. ,

Did we go to the land of Israel to stop Jewish people being Jewish? Most certainly not! We went there to re-introduce the Jewish Jesus, the Messiah of Israel, to the Jewish people – the very people who originally introduced Him to us Gentiles.

Jane Moxon

Did you attend the September tour? We'd love to see your photos if you did. Please email them or add them to social media with the hashtag #CMJ200



An introduction to CMJ inspires six further teaching opportunities!

Some of you may have heard this story but daily I am reminded that God wants a willing heart, are you willing?

I noticed on social media that a church in Mansfield ran an afternoon meeting 'Welcome hour' and regularly had guest speakers.

So, I got in touch, introduced CMJ UK and requested a visit. Allen (there is another story behind the connection with Allen – God weaves in the most amazing ways) knew me from many years ago and was delighted to invite CMJ UK along.

John and I were all prepared. This was my first time sharing CMJ UK - I so needed Gods help and He didn't let me down.

After reading the information I left with Pastor Matt, he emailed me inviting us to speak at six café churches introducing the Jewish Feasts, this we gladly did. We spoke on Yom Kippur, Feats of the Tabernacles, Hannukah, Hebrew roots of the Faith, Passover and Festival of Weeks. These sessions were led by CMJ Reps, Staff and Trustees.

Following this a couple in the church have started running a Shabbat in their home that I have been to and are planning a social event around the Feast of the Tabernacles that we are invited to.

Pastor Matt came to the CMJ UK Conference as a Day Visitor and CMJ UK has also impacted his personal walk with the Lord as he is now learning Hebrew.

We have been blessed by the work of God and the flow of the Holy Spirit during this period and continue to be.

If you would like a speaker at your church, cafe church, connection with a prayer group or a coffee morning I would be delighted to hear

from you, please email me at sally-annem@cmj.org.uk

I look forward to hearing from you. We never know what God's plan is and this excites me greatly.

Sally-Anne Morgan



EVENTS TO JOIN ONLINE OCTOBER - DECEMBER

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON EVENT

Revd Dr. Joseph Boot - Ezra Institute

Wednesday 11th October at 2pm

Neville Jones

Wednesday 8th November at 2pm

EVENING SHOFAR EVENT

Joe Gisbey - CEO Links International

Wednesday 6th December at 7pm

PRAYER ON ZOOM

Rev. Aaron Eime

Wednesday 25th October at 6.30pm

Benjamin Pileggi - CMJ Israel

Wednesday 22nd November at 6.30pm

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