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The new editor, the Revd Dr Ian Randall

CATHOLICITY AND CONFSSIONALISM: Responding to George Beasley-Murray on unity and distinctiveness

John E. Colwell, Tutor, Spurgeon's College

George Beasley-Murray was committed to ecumenism, and saw clear witness to Baptist distinctives as necessary for this. His plea for a contemporary Baptist confession is re-echoed, with a critique of the Union's Declaration of Principle which Colwell finds somewhat lacking in important respects.

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY: Towards an inclusive church

Andy Goodliff , Bunyan Baptist Church, Stevenage

Beginning with Five Core Values, Goodliff offers a challenging consideration of inclusion in Baptist churches. This paper was presented to the Fourth Baptist Theological Consultation: Baptists Doing Theology in Context, Luther King House, Manchester, August 2006

A MISSIONARY FAMILY IN CHINA

Michael Ball, Retired Baptist minister

Records of his wife's extended family of BMS missionaries in China show something of the demands of such service on family life. Here Ball looks at James and Minnie Watson. Two further sections, available on the Baptist Historical Society's website, look at Fred and May Price, and Brynmor and Margaret Price.

A LETTER OF JOHN PNDARVES FROM 1656

Larry J. Kreitzer, Tutor, Regent's Park College, Oxford

This letter, here published in full for the first time, sheds light on Pendarves' Fifth Monarchism and on his family.

REVIEWS:

John Briggs on

Andrew D Jones, *Twenty Golden Candlesticks Revisited: Wiltshire Baptist History 1890-2005*, 120pp, published by author, 2008

Geoffrey Breed, *Calvinism and Communion in Victorian England: Studies in Nineteenth-Century Strict-Communion Baptist Ecclesiology*, Particular Baptist Press [2766 WFR 178 Springfield, Missouri 65810], 2008, 646pp, £30. Copies available in the UK from G.R. Breed, 14 Cleave Road, Gillingham, Kent ME7 4A7.

Barry Cundill, *Dickens, Shadows and Ghosts: The Story of William Cundill, 1816-1905*, Highgate of Beverley, 2008, 128pp, £10-50 including postage, available from barry@compton12.karoo.co.uk, 001964-624101

Ian Green, Minister, Yeovil Baptist Church, on

Bridget Cherry, ed., *Dissent and the Gothic Revival*, London: The Chapels Society, 2007. ISBN 978-0-9545061-1-7

Simon Woodman, Tutor in Biblical Studies, South Wales Baptist College, on

Bustin, Dennis C. *Paradox and Perseverance: Hanserd Knollys, Particular Baptist Pioneer in Seventeenth-Century England*. Vol. 23, Studies in Baptist History and Thought. Milton Keynes: Paternoster, 2006

Brian Talbot, Minister, Broughty Ferry Baptist Church, on

M.A.G. Haykins & K. Stewart (eds), *The Emergence of Evangelicalism*, Nottingham: IVP, 2008, 432pp, £19.99

Geoffrey Whitfield MBE on

Wesley H. Brown and Peter F. Penner, eds, *Christian Perspectives on the Israel - Palestinian Conflict*, Neufeld-Verlag, 2008, ISBN 978-3-937896-57-1

Ruth Gouldbourne, Minister, Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, on

Sylvia Brown, ed., *Women, Gender and Radical Religion in Early Modern Europe*, Studies in Medieval and Reformation Traditions vol 129, Leiden, Boston, 2007. 306pp + index

Stephen Copson, Secretary, Baptist Historical Society, on

Ed. Janet Wootton, *This is Our Story: Free Church Women's Ministry*, Epworth, 2007. ISBN 978-0-7162-0606-4. £16.99

April 2009 Volume 43 No 2

EDITORIAL

BERNARD FOSKETT AND ABINGDON, 1743-5

A collection of 25 letters to Bernard Foskett, dated between 1742 and 1757, has come to light, following the recent move of Bristol Baptist College to a new site in the city. The letters come from students, ministers and churches in the West of England and Ireland.

by Roger Hayden, former President of the Baptist Historical Society

KEEPING THE HOME FIRES BURNING: SHOREDITCH TABERNACLE IN WORLD WAR II

A recent addition to F.M.W. Harrison's papers deposited in the Angus Library is a small bundle of correspondence¹ from the minister of Shoreditch, the Revd Ernest O. Clifford MA, sent to Harrison, his former church secretary and friend, between 1942 and 1945 when Harrison was serving in India.

by Faith Bowers, sub-editor of the Baptist Quarterly

THE REVD NATHANIEL PAUL (1793-1839): Another African American Baptist Minister in Britain(1832-1835)

Nathaniel Paul was one of the settlers of Wilberforce Colony in Upper Canada. Sent to Britain to raise funds for the colony, he became involved in the wider campaign to abolish slavery.

by Paul Walker, minister of Highgate Baptist Church, Birmingham

THE FIFTH MONARCHIST JOHN PENDARVES: Chaplain to Colonel Thomas Rainborowe's Regiment of Foot (1645-7)

The service as military chaplain of the early Baptist, John Pendarves, has been little noted. This paper examines the evidence.

by Larry Kreitzer, Tutor, Regent's Park College, Oxford

REVIEWS

David Thompson, *Cambridge Theology in the Nineteenth Century: Enquiry, Controversy and Truth*, Ashgate, 2008, 220pp, £50

Reviewed by John Briggs

The New SCM Dictionary of Church History: Volume 1 From the Early Church to 1700, ed Roberto Benedetto, SCM 2008, pp.691, £75.00, ISBN 978 0 334 04204 4

Reviewed by Stephen Copson

D. Densil Morgan, *Wales and the Word: Historical perspectives on religion and Welsh identity*. Cardiff: University of Wales Press, 2008. 978-0-7083-2121-8, x + 262 hb.

Reviewed by Simon Woodman, Tutor in Biblical Studies, South Wales Baptist College

Michael Snape, *The Royal Army Chaplains' Department: Clergy under Fire, 1796-1953*, Boydell Press, 444p 2008 £50

Reviewed by John Briggs

Michael J. Collis, *An Account of the Baptist Churches of Shropshire and the surrounding Areas*, 2008, pp138, £15.00, available by post from Mr.E.W.Green, 17 Glendinning Way, Madeley, Telford TF7 5SX (Cheque payable to Shropshire Group of Baptist Churches), or Paypal via www.shropshirebaptist.org.uk/book/htm.

Reviewed by Stephen Copson, Secretary, Baptist Historical Society

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EDITORIAL

J.G. PIKE OF DERBY Pastor, Evangelist and Founder of the General Baptist Missionary Society. This study of the influential New Connexion minister won the 2008 E.A. Payne Memorial Essay Prize.

by Peter Shepherd, minister of Broadway Baptist Church, Derby, and President of the Baptist Historical Society

A BAPTIST VIEW OF ORDAINED MINISTRY: A function or a way of being? Part 1

This paper looks at Baptist understanding of the nature of ordained ministry and the source of authority for it down the centuries. The second part will consider Baptist practice today.

by Brian Brewer, Assistant Professor of Christian Theology, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University, Waco, Texas

THE REVD FREDERICK GEORGE BENSKIN MA (1872-1965)

A biographical paper presented at the Baptist Historical Society Summer School, International Baptist Theological Seminary, Prague, July 2008.

by Brian Bowers, historian of technology and life deacon of Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, who was a child under Benskin's ministry at Princes Risborough.

REVIEWS

John Briggs on Hugh McLeod, *The Religious Crisis of the 1960s*, 290pp, Oxford, 2007. £49

Christopher Stell, *Nonconformist Communion Plate and other vessels*, The Chapel Society, Occasional Paper 4, viii & 52pp, 2008, £15 + £2-50 p&p

Kenneth Hylson-Smith, *The Laity in Christian History and Today*, 212pp, SPCK, 2008. £16-99 pb.

Delroy Reid-Salmon, *Home Away from Home: the Caribbean Diaspora Church in the Black Atlantic Tradition*, 232pp, Equinox, 2008

Changkyu Kim, PhD candidate, Trinity College, Bristol, on *H. Wayne Walker Pipkin, Scholar, Pastor, Martyr: The Life and Ministry of Balthasar Hubmaier (ca. 1480-1528)*, International Baptist Theological Seminary of the European Baptist Federation, o.p.s. 2008, pp 101 + Appendices. ISBN 80-87006-07-08. 250CZK

Matthew Aaron Tennant, Regent's Park College, Oxford, on Heaney, Sharon E., *Contextual Theology for Latin America: Liberation themes in evangelical perspective*. Milton Keynes: Paternoster, 2008. 292 pp. UK £24.99 pb. ISBN 978-1-84227-515-3

Keith Clements on Alan P.F. Sell, *Hinterland Theology. A Stimulus to Theological Construction*. Paternoster: Milton Keynes 2008. £39.99 pb, x + 715pp. ISBN 978-1-84227-331-9.

October 2009 Volume 43 No 4

EDITORIAL

C.H. SPURGEON AND BAPTISM Peter J. Morden

Part 1: The Question of Baptismal Sacramentalism

Peter J. Morden is tutor in church history and spirituality at Spurgeon's College, London.

This two-part study analyses the baptismal theology and practice of C.H. Spurgeon. This first article establishes that Spurgeon's approach to Baptism was thoroughly 'non-sacramental' and seeks to show why. A second article will bring out the leading features of Spurgeon's baptismal theology.

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BAPTISTS IN AMSTERDAM Henk Bakker

Henk Bakker is Senior Lecturer in Baptist History and Theology, Free University of Amsterdam

This paper on the origins of Baptist life 400 years ago and the role of the Dutch context in the beginnings of English baptistic thinking was delivered at the seminar arranged by the Baptist Historical Society at the Baptist Assembly in Bournemouth, on 2 May 2009.

THOMAS HELWYS' FIRST CONFSSION OF FAITH, 1610 Antony D. Rich

Antony Rich is at Spurgeon's College, London

The author introduces this early Baptist confession of faith and provides a full translation of the Latin text.

THE INTIMACIES OF LETTERS AND DIARIES: Nonconformist life as seen from the inside John Briggs

Politics, Religion and Romance: The Letters of Benjamin Flower and Eliza Gould Flower, 1794-1808, transcribed and edited by Timothy Whelan, 418pp, National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth, SY23 3BU, 2008, £24.99

Ed. Ian Smith, *The Apprenticeship of a Mountaineer: Edward Whymper's London Diary, 1855-9*, Vol.43 in the London Record Society series, 241 pp, 2008, £25 incl p&p from www.londonrecordsociety.org.uk

Review article by John Briggs, Senior Research Fellow in Church History, Regent's Park College, Oxford

REVIEWS:

Brian Haymes, Ruth Gouldbourne and Anthony R. Cross, *On Being the Church: Revisioning Baptist Identity*, Studies in Baptist History and Thought Volume 21 (Carlisle: Paternoster, 2008) ISBN 978-1-84227-121-6

Reviewed by Nigel G. Wright, Principal, Spurgeon's College

Bernard Green, *European Baptists and the Third Reich*, Didcot: Baptist Historical Society 2009. £18 + £2 inland p&p from Dr Roger Hayden, 15 Fenshurst Gardens, Long Ashton, Bristol BS18 9AU

Reviewed by Tony Peck, General Secretary, European Baptist Federation

Ian M. Randall, *Communities of Conviction: Baptist Beginnings in Europe*, Schwarzenfeld, Germany: EBF and Neufeld Verlag, 2009. 222 pages. €15; also available from the Baptist Union of Gt Britain website at £13.00

Reviewed by Keith G. Jones, Rector, IBTS, Prague

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EDITORIAL

VISIONARY WOMEN AMONG EARLY BAPTISTS

Curtis W. Freeman, Research Professor of Theology and Baptist Studies and Director of the Baptist House of Studies, Duke University Divinity School, examines the role of prophetic women in early Baptist life. Particular attention is given to writing prophetesses among the early Baptists and other dissenting groups more broadly. Freeman is editing a collection of the texts of these prophetic women, *Strange and Wonderful Visions: Baptist Prophetesses in Seventeenth Century England*, which will be published by Baylor University Press.

HENRY JACOB (1563-1624): Pastoral theology and congregational ecclesiology

Jason G. Duesing, Chief of Staff, Office of the President and Assistant Professor of Historical Theology, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas

Known for his formation of seventeenth-century congregation-alism, this article argues that within Henry Jacob's articulation of church government, the office of the pastor functions as a keystone of the congregation in the New Testament church. This survey is the product of both synthesis and analysis of the works of Henry Jacob. For the former, a simplified and systematic formulation of Jacob's pastoral theology is seen in seven broad areas. For the latter, an effort is made to reflect on each area's contribution to the thesis of the pastor as congregational keystone.

HUMPHREY GILLET: Signatory of A Testimony to Truth (1659)

Larry J. Kreitzer, tutor at Regent's Park College, Oxford, tells the story of a seventeenth-century Oxford Baptist

THE FRENCH BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

David Boydell is a member of the executive committee of the French Baptist Historical Society (SHDBF) and presently chargé de mission of the Fédération des Eglises Evangéliques Baptistes de France (FEEBF), a member of the European Baptist Federation. He tells how the French have joined the ranks of Baptist Historical Societies.

REVIEWS:

Keith G. Jones, Rector, International Baptist Theological Seminary, Prague, Czech Republic, reviews John D. Roth and James M. Stayer (editors), *A Companion to Anabaptism and Spiritualism, 1521 -1700*, Brill, Leiden, 2007. 574 pages. ISBN 9789004154025. € 125

Judith Powles, the Librarian of Spurgeon's College, reviews Susan J. Mills *Probing the past*. Didcot: Baptist Historical Society, 2009. 199p. ISBN 978-0-903166-39-3. £9.50 plus P&P from Dr Roger Hayden

John Rackley, Minister, Manvers Street Baptist Church, Bath; former of Chairman of the Baptist Union Retreat Group, reviews *Under the Rule of Christ: Dimensions of Baptist Spirituality*, Regent's Study Guides, Macon, GA: Smyth & Helwys, ISBN 978 09539746 4 1. \$14-40 on-line price. and G.V. Whitfield, *Israeli and Palestinian Terrorism: The 'Unintentional' Agenda*, Emeth Press, Lexington KY 2007. ISBN 9780981958231 Amazon \$22-80

Stuart Murray Williams of the Anabaptist Network reviews Dennis Bollinger, *First-Generation Anabaptist Ecclesiology, 1525-1561* (Lampeter: The Edwin Mellen Press, 2008) ISBN 0-7734-4748-2, 296pp. £69-95

Douglas Sparkes, former Secretary of the Baptist Historical Society, reviews Adrian Vaughan. *Samuel Morton Peto. A Victorian Entrepreneur*. Ian Allan Publishing. 2009. ISBN 978 0 7110 33788. 192 pp. £19.99p.

Stephen Copson, Secretary, Baptist Historical Society, reviews Stephen Hampton, *Anti-Arminians: the Anglican Reformed Tradition from Charles II to George I*, pp.293, Oxford, 2008, ISBN 978-0-19-953336-7. £63-00 and *Cambridge Companion to Puritanism*, John Coffey and Paul Lim eds, 2008, xi + 385pp, Cambridge, ISBN 978-0-521-86088-8 hb

Keith Clements, former General Secretary of the Conference of European Churches 1997-2005, reviews Pieter J. Lalleman (editor), *Challenging to Change: dialogues with a radical baptist theologian*, Spurgeon's College, 2009. Pb x + 206. ISBN 978-0-9500682-3-7

Mark Woods, Editor of the *Baptist Times*, reviews Paul Weller, *A Mirror For Our Times: 'The Rushdie Affair' and the Future of Multiculturalism*, Continuum, 2009, 277 pages (206 without the index), £19.99, ISBN: 978 0 8264 5120 0

Brian Talbot, Minister, Broughty Ferry Baptist Church, Dundee, reviews Neil Allison *The Official History of the United Board Volume One The Clash of Empires 1914-1939*, Great Bookham: United Navy Army and Air Force Board 2008 £6.99 131pp. [Copies of this work can be obtained from Mr David Blake, RACHD Curator & Librarian, Armed Force Chaplaincy Centre, Amport House, Amport Hants SP11 8BG]

April 2010 Volume 43 No 6

EDITORIAL

THE POLITICS OF ESCHATOLOGY: Baptists in Interregnum Scotland

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English Baptists viewed Scotland as a prime mission field from the early 1650s. Prominent Baptists such as Colonel Robert Lilburne, Commander-in-Chief of Cromwell's forces in Scotland, did all they could to promote their cause. English Baptist congregations were formed, which included some Scottish converts. However, an indigenous Baptist infrastructure was never established. The churches did not survive the removal of English leadership following allegations of Baptist plots against Cromwell.

MISGUIDED OR MISUNDERSTOOD? The case of Charles Spurgeon Medhurst (1860-1927), Baptist missionary to China

Judith C. Powles is the Librarian of Spurgeon's College, London

This article examines the life and work of Charles Spurgeon Medhurst, elder son of Thomas William Medhurst.¹ The younger Medhurst was a BMS missionary in China but became heavily involved with the Theosophical Society.² This caused a major crisis in 1904. Following

his rift with Baptist colleagues he turned to the Liberal Catholic Church, where his theosophical principles and Christian faith could co-exist, and was ordained as a priest.

LETTERS TO DEREK: The life of 'Mr Leprosy'

The Revd Margaret Gibbs has been a BMS missionary in Nepal and Albania and is now the BMS Regional Secretary for Asia.

This paper introduces the wealth of material relating to the missionary doctor, Stanley Browne, in the Wellcome Library archive.

BAPTIST THEOLOGY EXPOUNDED AND ASSESSED:

Review Article. John Briggs considers J.L. Garrett, *Baptist Theology: a Four-Century Study*, Mercer UP, 2009, 743pp, \$55 hb

WHAT'S IN YOUR ATTIC? Recent finds of historical interest

REVIEWS

Andrew D. Jones, *Twenty Golden Candlesticks Revisited: Wiltshire Baptist History 1890-2005, 2008*, 120pp, published by Andrew Jones. Reviewer: John Briggs

F.W. Kennedy, *Daddy Sharpe: a Narrative of the Life and Adventures of Samuel Sharpe, a West Indian Slave*, written by himself. 411pp, Ian Randle Publishers, 2008, £12.95. Reviewer: John Briggs

John Seed, *Dissenting Histories: religious division in the politics of memory in Eighteenth-Century England*, Edinburgh University Press, 2008, pp vi + 202, ISBN 978 0 7486 2151 4 £57 Reviewer: Stephen Copson

Cynthia Y. Aalders. *To Express the Ineffable: The Hymns and Spirituality of Anne Steele*. Studies in Baptist History and Thought, vol. 40. Milton Keynes: Paternoster Press, 2008. Reviewer: Timothy Whelan

Stephen R. Holmes, *The wondrous cross: atonement and penal substitution in the Bible and history*, Paternoster, 2007. ISBN 978-1-84227-541-2. Reviewer: Sally Nelson

Arthur J. Edwards, *Thomas Thomas of Pontypool Radical Puritan: A Biography*. Foreword by D. Hugh Matthews (Caerleon: APECS Press), 2009, 164 pages £8.99 ISBN 978 0 9548940 8 5 (paperback). Reviewer: Michael J. Collis

Paul Dekar, *Building a Culture of Peace: the first 70 years of the BPFNA*, Eugene Oregon, Pickwick Publications, 292pp. ISBN 978-1-60608-228-7. Reviewer: Norman Kember

Ian M. Randall, Toivo Pilli and Anthony R. Cross, eds, *Baptist Identities: International Studies from the Seventeenth to the Twentieth Centuries*, Paternoster: Studies in Baptist History and Thought, Vol.19, 2006, pp 336 + index. Reviewer: Ruth Gouldbourne

Sally Nelson, *A Thousand Crucifixions*, Whitley Lecture 2009. Available from the Baptist Union of Great Britain. Reviewer: Siôr Coleman.