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Ministry in Slovakia

It has been a delight for Tyndale House to host Dr Pavel Hanes and Dr Dana Hanesova from Slovakia between December and February. The Haneses are both lecturers in the Department of Evangelical Theology and Mission in the Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica, Slovakia, which the Warden visited last year. In their own context Pavel and Dana play key roles, and it has been our delight to help with supporting them and preparing them to serve again in their own country. Dana has also been involved in giving a seminar within the University of Cambridge. Pavel writes: 'For Dana and me these three months at the wonderful flat in Tyndale House have been like another honeymoon. I've worked at other theological libraries before, but have never been so immersed in theology as here. Here



Pavel Hanes and Dana Hanesova

it feels like you not only read, but also talk, eat and sleep theology, but the combination of fellowship and expertise at coffee breaks really humanizes theology. Probably the deepest impression left with me, will be the excitement of learning how to read New Testament manuscripts from Dr Dirk Jongkind, but the experience of being here will also be very important for our teaching and ministry back in Slovakia.'

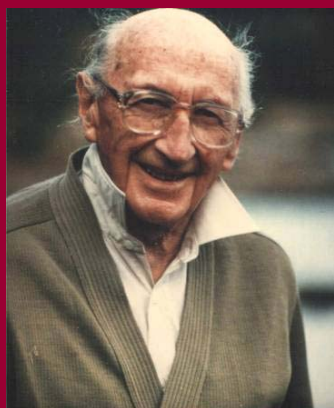
Still helping others from his hospital bed

It is hard to stop David Instone-Brewer, Senior Research Fellow and

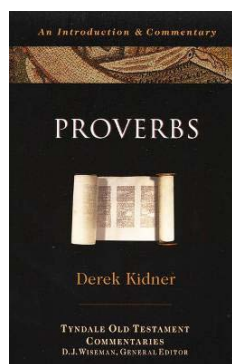


This is David's idea of relaxing during recovery!

IT innovator, from working. This was particularly demonstrated when his motorbike was involved in a dramatic collision with a car in early December. Despite suffering injuries that required an operation and will take months to heal, he could not be stopped from sending out his regular TynTech e-mail from his hospital bed explaining how to access online biblical resources. He was encouraged to take lots of rest and has been recovering well. Please pray for a full and speedy recovery for David!



Derek Kidner



Open Chapel at Tyndale House

Tyndale House will continue to hold 'Open Chapel' once per term. The dates for the remainder of 2009 are as follows:

- Tuesday, 19 May
- Tuesday, 3 November

Chapel will begin at 10:30 am followed by coffee, a chance to see the library, meet the staff and hear a short talk by one of the Research Fellows. This will be followed by lunch.

If you wish to attend one of these events please RSVP to:

Secretary@Tyndale.cam.ac.uk
or 01223 566601

F.D. Kidner (1913–2008)

Derek Kidner, who died on November 27th at the ripe old age of 95, served as Warden of Tyndale House for fourteen years from 1964 to 1978. Before that he had taught Old Testament at Oak Hill College since 1951 and had completed his first Tyndale Commentary on Proverbs. He came back to Cambridge with an impressive reputation behind him, having first graduated from the Royal College of Music as an accomplished solo pianist, then from Christ's College, Cambridge, with a first class honours degree in theology, to say nothing of having been Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union president at the time of the opening of World War II. With Mary, his wife, and their teenage children, Jim and Faith, he occupied the Warden's Lodge in the garden, since converted into family housing units, and brought stability and warmth to the com-

munity by his determination to stay put until his retirement. He applied himself to the task of writing, both commentaries and expositions of OT books, and encouraged younger scholars by his example of disciplined study and application. Gracious and courteous to a fault, Derek was possessed of a ready wit and an elegant turn of phrase which made his writings a delight to read and he continued to bless the world in retirement by keeping up his scholarly output. When he vacated the Warden's Lodge to live for the next 30 years in nearby Histon, he could look back on presiding over a research centre that had produced 38 successful doctorates, four more Tyndale Commentaries, two by himself, and a steady stream of Tyndale House students occupying teaching posts in universities and colleges the world over.

John B. Taylor

Tyndale launches www.4Gospels.com

Tyndale House already provides Bible study resources to a large number of people through its websites. However, we have recently launched a further website: www.4Gospels.com. This is a part of the Text and Canon Project and the website is seeking to provide an educational service by redressing some of the imbalances which there have been in public perceptions of the relationship between the four canonical gospels and non-canonical ones. It does this by providing extensive information about both canonical and non-

canonical gospels (including texts and inks) and by pointing out ways in which the non-canonical gospels depend on the canonical ones.



More at www.4Gospels.com



Jonathan Rowe

'Responding to Secularism' A Conference in Cambridge, 24 April 2009

In cooperation with the Gospel and Our Culture Network (www.gospel-culture.org.uk), KLICE is organising a day conference for lay people, church leaders, students and others examining the challenges of a secularised public culture to contemporary Christian witness. We have an exciting line-up of speakers:

Dr Dominic Erdozain
(King's College, London) on the making of a secular outlook in modern Britain

Prof John Stackhouse
(Regent College, Vancouver) on public engagement in a secularised culture

Rev Dr Andrew Kirk
(formerly University of Birmingham) on Charles Taylor's *A Secular Age*

Dr Elaine Storkey
(Tearfund) on engaging with the secularist worldview

For booking or further details contact Tania Raiola on Administrator@Tyndale.cam.ac.uk or 01223 566606.

There are only 50 places available so book early!

Select KLICE news

The Kirby Laing Institute for Christian Ethics, based at Tyndale House, has been extremely active recently. In December Jonathan Rowe became the first of the KLICE grantees to complete a doctoral thesis under the grantee scheme which started in 2007. His thesis at St Andrews University examined the moral dilemma faced by Saul's daughter Michal. Since October he has been Executive Director of the Seminario Evangélico Unido de Teología, El Escorial, Spain. The Director of the Institute, Dr

Jonathan Chaplin, has published a significant report entitled *Talking God: The Legitimacy of Religious Public Reasoning*, available at www.theosthinktank.org.

The 2009 Book Colloquium is being held jointly with the MacDonal Centre for Theology, Ethics and Public Life in Oxford, from 21-22 May, discussing Nicholas Wolterstorff, *Justice: Rights and Wrongs*. For more information, the latest Newsletter and free access to the KLICE journal *Ethics in Brief*, visit www.klice.co.uk.

Warden debates Bart Ehrman

On January 3rd was broadcast a 'friendly' debate between the Warden and Prof. Bart Ehrman, author of the bestseller *Misquoting Jesus: The Story behind Who Changed the Bible and Why*. The debate, on Premier Christian Radio's programme 'Unbelievable', can be heard online as a podcast at www.TyndaleHouse.com/News.htm, and focused on the question 'Do we have the original writings of the New Testament?'

A free Bible Toolbox for Scholars and Pastors



The Tyndale Toolbar gives you instant access to the most useful free Bible software available. It sits at the top of your browser (Internet Explorer or Firefox) ready to:

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 - article searches at Tübingen usually give results as complete as ATLA
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 - e.g. ancient versions, language tools, sermon outlines, photo libraries, online journals

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Tyndale House welcomes...

Samantha Fout, born on 17 January 2009 to Jason & Kristen Fout



Zoë Reeves, born on 18 October 2008 to Ryan & Charlotte Reeves

Gerald Donker shares his missionary plans

'I am a member of Pioneers which is my sending organisation, and I am also a faculty member of Gideon Theological College (GTC) in Sudan (my primary ministry responsibility). My family and I were living in Khartoum, Sudan from Dec 1999 until mid 2006 while I was teaching at Nile Theological College and GTC. We returned to Australia so I could do my PhD in NT studies at Macquarie. I plan to finish my thesis within the next six months, then we will return to Sudan, but this time to a village called Melut in Southern Sudan where GTC has its original campus (that it had to leave because of the long running civil war). The plan is to be involved teaching at GTC and encouraging the general development of Theological education in Sudan through the Fellowship of Christian Theological Schools in Sudan.'

Tregelles Greek New Testament online

In March 2009, Tyndale House is launching an electronic edition of the Greek New Testament edited by Samuel Prideaux Tregelles (1813–1875). Tregelles' edition is a massive work that was published between 1857 and 1872 and is one of the most significant nineteenth century editions of the Greek New Testament. Its editor was renowned in his time for his careful and reverent work with manuscripts as well as for his other works: hymns, writings on eschatology, and his translation of

Gesenius' Hebrew dictionary. The edition will be available both over the internet and as a download for mobile phones. This is being released with open copyright to ensure maximum dissemination of a free Greek New Testament. Dr Dirk Jongkind has been in charge of the Tregelles project.



Recent gospels conferences

The masterclass on 'Other gospels' held on 11 October and led by Cambridge academics Dr Simon Gathercole and Dr Dirk Jongkind was well attended and involved detailed consideration of non-canonical gospels, which are increasingly prominent in public consciousness. Just two months later on 11 December Profs Richard Bauckham and Richard Hays tackled the subject of 'Divine

Identity Christology in the Gospels' or the way the canonical gospels identify Jesus as the God of Israel. Around 80 people were held captive by the discussion, which represented a significant challenge to the way many scholars attribute 'low Christology' to gospels such as Mark and Luke. One person who attended described it as the best conference he'd been to all year.

Macquarie University students at Tyndale

We are pleased to welcome Gerald Donker and Bernard Doherty, PhD students from Macquarie University's Department of Ancient History. Both students have been awarded the Macquarie/ Tyndale Travelling Scholarship to study at Tyndale House for six weeks this

Spring. The scholarship is part of an agreement between Macquarie's Department of Ancient History, the Society for the Study of Early Christianity (SSEC), and Tyndale House.

"This scholarship gives me a wonderful opportunity to pursue some research for my thesis," Donker said.

"For me, this offers a unique opportunity to explore some of the most influential writings of cultural history at some of the foremost libraries for the study of early Christianity in the world," Doherty said.



Bernard Doherty & Gerald Donker



Pat McLaughlin
Founder of the
Timothy Group

The Warden's whereabouts this Spring

Peter Williams is scheduled to be speaking in Texas 4-9 March, in Latvia and Lithuania 10-20 April, and in West Michigan 2-5 May.

Joyce Reynolds celebrates 90 years!

On 4 December, there was a special seminar at Tyndale House in celebration of the 90th birthday of the eminent epigraphist and long-standing friend of Tyndale House, Joyce Reynolds. Not only did she share many a fascinating story about classical scholarship since WWII, she also illustrated the rich source of information the study of ancient inscriptions provides for Biblical studies.

The 2009 Tyndale Fellowship Triennial Conference is scheduled for 6-9 July.

For more details visit www.TyndaleHouse.com/TF/Conferences/.

Meet the Timothy Group

In mid-October Tyndale House asked the Timothy Group of Grand Rapids, Michigan to guide us through a strategic planning review and to prepare us for a campaign to raise support for future ministry. The Timothy Group was founded by Pat McLaughlin, who has won prizes for his work in education about Christian stewardship and has a passion for Christian ministry. Pat has been working with the Tyndale House Council, the Directors of the American Friends of Tyndale House, Cambridge, Inc. and the Warden to prepare a roadmap for future strategy and development.

Forthcoming events for the interested layperson

Cambridge: on **Saturday 25 April**, Dr Martin Heide from the University of Munich will be speaking at a day conference (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) entitled 'The Bible and recent discoveries', held in Tyndale House. This will be aimed at lay people and will consider some of the most significant discoveries of recent decades. Dr Heide has extensive experience reading ancient inscriptions from the time of the Old Testament and in communicating these discoveries to lay audiences. Cost £15; concessions £10; lunch provided. Places limited to 60. For further details or to book contact Mrs Kathryn Williams, k.j.williams@cantab.net.

London: on **Saturday 20 June**, in Westminster Chapel, there will be a day conference for church leaders and lay people tackling the subject 'The New Testament: The Challenge of the Evidence'. This will be dealt with by Dr Simon Gathercole, Lecturer in New Testament in the University of Cambridge, and by Dr Dirk Jongkind and Dr Peter Williams of Tyndale House. The day conference will aim to equip Christians to understand the historical basis of the canonical gospels and the claims that are being made about non-canonical gospels, so that they can speak with confidence to others about this topic which is so prominent in the media and in contemporary culture. Suggested contribution £5. For further details or to book email June20@BibleAndChurch.com.



Westminster Chapel
London



Dr Wayne Grudem

On **Wednesday 8 July**, at 7.30 p.m. Dr Wayne Grudem, Phoenix Seminary, Arizona, author of numerous books will deliver the Tyndale Fellowship Associates' John Wenham lecture in **Cambridge** as part of the triennial conference of the Tyndale Fellowship. His topic will be 'The Sufficiency of Scripture'. Cost £5. For further details or to book contact Tania Raiola, Administrator@Tyndale.cam.ac.uk.

*“O Lord, our God,
how majestic is
your name in all
the earth”*

Psalm 8:1



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We would appreciate your prayers for...

- the online resources produced at Tyndale House, that they would bring benefit and growth to the church worldwide
- the research staff, students and visiting scholars, that they would be given wisdom in all their studies
- strength for support staff as they continually assist readers
- wisdom for the Tyndale House Council, the Directors of the American Friends of Tyndale House, Cambridge, Inc., the Warden, and the Timothy Group in all the decisions they have to make for the future development of Tyndale House