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WELCOME

to the Summer 2024 edition of Sounding Out!

We are half way through our 70th anniversary year and it has been a really encouraging 6 months.

Since the last Sounding Out two more stations have agreed to air our programmes. My Worship FM across Dominica in the Caribbean and closer to home Cross Rhythms on FM in Stoke and Plymouth.

I have begun a new series on Word Alive where I am editing and remastering some of the best conference talks from over the years. Guests include Steve Brady, Peter Lewis, Doug Barnett, Steve Riley, Derek Stringer and Derek Burnside. It's been nice to listen back and be encouraged by these wonderful messages. Do check them out on our website gnba.net.

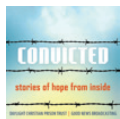
Besides radio we have increased our production of podcasts this year.



The Bible Overbrew with Rachel Redeemed and Matt Searles continues to be very popular. They are currently in the book of Psalms in their journey through the whole Bible.



Onside is a podcast discussing matters relating to faith and football. I know how important football is to so many people and it is a great little series that was produced by Eamonn. It is eight episodes long and features interviews with guests such as Peter Lupson and Fran Clarkson.



Convicted is a brand new podcast highlighting some of the amazing work going on in UK prisons. You can read more about it on page 8.



I continue to produce Sermonise which is a podcast about preaching. It continues to bless many preachers and is a good way of engaging with pastors and ministry leaders. Recent guests have included Aaron Edwards and Christopher Ash.

Personally I'm not a huge fan of social media but I see it is a significant area of engaging younger audiences. In March, we stepped into the mystifying world of TikTok and Instagram. Eamonn and I have been producing a couple of short videos each week. So far we have had over 89,000 views on TikTok alone.

Please do continue to pray for us as we use old and new methods of media to get God's word out to people.

Ministry Partners

Our Ministry Partners LIVE Zoom meetings are always a blessing and there are two more dates in the diary for 2024:

Monday 8th July, 7.30pm

Monday 9th December, 7.30pm

Please join us at one or both of them to thank God for His faithfulness to GNB for 70 years! If you'd like to know more about how to join or what to expect then call us on 01777 817138 or visit gnba.net.

Zoom meeting ID 910 262 9144.

No need for a password.

You don't have to be a Ministry Partner to come - all are welcome!

If you are a Ministry Partner you should have received a 'trolley stick' with your copy of Sounding Out - a small gift to show our appreciation. If you are not yet a Ministry Partner can we encourage you to consider it? Subscription is an annual gift of £60 or more or a monthly Standing Order of any amount no matter how small.



LEAVE A BLESSING, LEAVE A LEGACY

Legacies bequeathed by our supporters have been a significant source of income for Good News Broadcasting for many years.

In 2022, when our financial position was, humanly speaking, precarious, we received a large legacy and two smaller ones that have enabled us to continue teaching the Bible through media and provided a measure of financial stability for the next few years. What a blessing!

Would you consider leaving a gift to Good News Broadcasting in your will and blessing us in this way?

If you would like to know more about how to do this please visit www.gnba.net/legacy or call us on 01777 817138.

DAY CONFERENCES

We thoroughly enjoyed holding the first of Good News Broadcasting's day-conferences in Doncaster on 27th April ...

The day got off to a great start with coffee and an abundance of pastries on arrival and we had some time to catch up with old friends and meet others for the first time.

Stephen Thompson, former GNB Chairman, brought us the first teaching session of the day - *Faithful Servants of the Faithful Servant*. This was closely followed by another heart-warming message entitled *The Faithfulness of the Incarnate Christ* from Michael Luehrmann, one of our more recent contributors to our *Bible Focus* programme.

After enjoying some fellowship over a leisurely lunch together we heard from another former Chairman, Geoff

Bennett, who was able to tell us something of the history and origins of GNB and the nature of Christian broadcasting in the past.

Henryk Dedo of Voice of the Gospel, Poland, and some of our current partners in the work sent their news and prayer requests via video message. We then spent some time in small groups praying for them, for the Good News Broadcasting staff and the future ministry of GNB as well as giving thanks for God's help over the last 70 years.

To round off the day Tom Ward brought the final teaching session, *Forever God is Faithful* - an overview of Psalm 89.



All in all it was a day well-spent focusing on the faithfulness of our gracious God. Looking into God's word with the help of our speakers was both encouraging and challenging, and a reminder that as we look to the future of Good News Broadcasting we can be confident of God's continued leading and directing.

We are thankful to Phil Baraniak for leading our worship and to all who helped towards the smooth-running of the event. What a blessing to meet in person supporters of Good News Broadcasting, old and new, from near and far. We're looking forward to the next conference!

FAITHFUL

Come to our next day-conference in Manchester!

Our second day-conference will be at Elmwood Church in Salford, Greater Manchester on Saturday 12th October, 10.00am - 4.00pm. Doors will be open for registration at 9.30am.

The day will follow a similar format to our day-conference in Doncaster. Light refreshments and hot drinks will be provided but we ask that you bring your own lunch. The cost for the day will be £15 per person.

You can find details, book and pay online through our website - gnba.net. Or call the office on **01777 817138**, email info@gnba.net or pop a cheque in the post (address on back page).

We look forward to seeing you!



FAITHFUL DAY CONFERENCE

Saturday 12th October 2024, 10am - 4pm

Speakers: Derek Stringer and Tom Ward

Elmwood Church, Eccles Old Road, Salford, M6 8AG

Registration from 9.30am. Bring your own lunch, hot drinks provided.

To book, visit gnba.net, call 01777 817138 or email info@gnba.net.





RADIO TIMES

BY TOM WARD

It's called Babel. A tower of 800 old and new radios which form a tower three metres high. The largest radios have been arranged at the bottom and the smallest are at the top which gives the illusion of it being much taller. All of the devices are switched on and tuned to different channels from around the world. I have not seen it in person but I've read that as you approach it the noise is almost overpowering. It is housed at the Tate Modern and is the work of Brazilian artist Cildo Meireles.

Meireles refers to it as a 'tower of incomprehension' and obviously took his inspiration from the biblical story found in Genesis 11. In the passage God is offended by the arrogance and autonomy shown by the people of the world who wanted to make a name for themselves instead of giving honour to the creator of all good things, God Himself. So the Lord decided to 'confuse their language so they can't understand each other' (Gen 11:7). This was a punishment for rebellion but we often forget that in the very next chapter God began a plan of redemption through Abram and his descendants in which 'all peoples on earth will be blessed'.

This plan of blessing became much clearer in the life of Jesus who was of course in the line of Abraham (Matthew 1:1). But it didn't stop there. After the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Christ a beautiful reversal of Babel happened in Acts 2. The believers were filled with the Holy Spirit and given the ability to speak in different languages. Author and pastor Andrew Wilson puts it this way:

'At Babel, this scattering was an act of judgment in response to disobedience, bringing incomprehension and fracture. At Pentecost, it's an act of blessing in response to obedience, bringing new understanding and unity.'

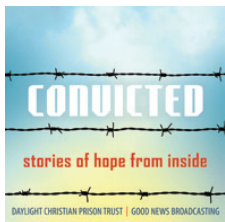
God spoke through Abraham, God spoke through Christ, God spoke

through the believers in Acts and, amazingly, God speaks through us today! It's truly humbling that God would trust us with such an important message. The apostle Paul puts it so well: *'We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.'* 2 Corinthians 5:20.

This is a call for every Christian individually, and so we need to seek out opportunities to share the good news with friends, family, work colleagues and neighbours. But it is also a call on us as a ministry.

Good News Broadcasting has been sharing the good news of Jesus Christ for 70 years - primarily through radio - and I am excited for all that God is currently doing and will do in the future. I hope you are as well. So when I look at photos of Cildo Meireles's Babel, I don't think of a tower of incomprehension, instead I smile to myself and think of all the radios and smart phones and laptops and TVs that are currently playing our programmes day in and day out. And I smile a bit wider when I think of all the radios that have played our programmes over the past seven decades. I have no idea what the number is but it's definitely over 800.

With God's help we will continue to produce programmes to encourage and equip believers and to stir up and intrigue non-believers. We will do this one radio at a time.



CONVICTED

In our last newsletter we told you about a new partnership with Daylight Christian Prison Trust ... the first episode of our podcast is now out!

The title of the podcast is *Convicted - stories of hope from inside*. David Binder, who has worked with Daylight CPT for some time, is the host and interviews a different guest in each episode. So far seven interviews have been recorded - some with chaplains from across the UK who describe their prison ministry, and some with ex-prisoners who share their testimonies of coming to faith in Christ.

It has been great to have David and Director of Daylight CPT, Gaius Phillingham, visit the studio to record the podcast with their guests over the last couple of months. We hope the podcast will really encourage the Church as it reveals the impact the gospel is having in prisons across the UK. Our vision is that it will inspire Christians to get involved in prison ministry whether purely as pray-ers or even as volunteer chaplains!

A new episode of *Convicted* will be released fortnightly on Fridays. Please do listen if you can and let us know what you think. If you have a smartphone just search for it on your usual podcast app or you can find a link to it on the homepage of our website (www.gnba.net) to listen online. It would be great if *Convicted* was broadcast as a radio programme in the future - something to pray for!

In addition to recording the interviews, each guest has recorded a chapter of Mark's gospel in order to produce an audio Bible for prisoners to access. Please pray for this too. To find out more about Daylight CPT visit www.daylightcpt.org.



David



John



Jean, Eamonn, Gaius, John, Tom

THE GIFT OF FREEDOM

An update from Henryk Dedo, Director of Voice of the Gospel, Poland

Voice Of The Gospel's radio programmes have been broadcast on 68 different radio stations over the last year and listened to by more than 25,000 Poles. Most of our broadcasting is on commercial local FM stations and a few internet stations. We provide a short programme called *A Drop of Eternity* to air and also continue to have some of our documentaries broadcast on Polish National Radio. *The Fun of Life* has been nominated for the Grand Press Award.

Presently we have over 500 radio programmes available for the listeners on CDs, DVDs and USBs. They contain testimonies of people who were set free by God from alcoholism, addiction to drugs and general meaninglessness of life. They show the positive impact of faith in God on the way the main characters of our documentaries deal with their problems.

We also air programmes in over 138 prisons and remand centres throughout Poland. Feedback received from educators indicates a positive reaction from inmates as the programmes are used by therapists and educators for social rehabilitation.

The *Gift of Freedom* project - the buyout of Christian slaves and their entire families working in brick kilns in Pakistan - has so far resulted in the release of 4 families.



They are provided with the care of the local Christian community and a pastor, a workplace and a legal guarantee of freedom (debt relief).



And finally, I am looking forward to the youth camp in a few weeks time. We will take around a hundred young people away for 11 days of fun and Bible teaching. I am particularly excited that three of the leaders this year used to attend the camp as young people. Praise God!

Who should I vote for?



Some thoughts from FIEC Director, John Stevens ahead of the upcoming General Election.

Who do you normally vote for?

I am socially conservative on a variety of issues so I see the importance of supporting families and marriages. I also think we should encourage wealth creation - this is a huge benefit for society as a whole, but at the same time I want to combine that with principles of social justice and equality so that wealth is shared and poverty is addressed, and those who can't provide for themselves are provided for with sufficient support and dignity. I've found it difficult sometimes to find a political home, so therefore over my lifetime I have voted for different parties at different times depending on which is most approximated to pursuing the mix of priorities I have.

So you don't think there is an obvious choice in this election?

I think it's a difficult situation for Christians. It reflects the fact that we live in a post Christian society in which essentially a Christian outlook and

Christian worldview no longer shapes policies in the way that it might have done a generation or two generations ago. The choice is much more difficult because none of the political parties are actively pursuing what you might call a Christian orientated agenda. I think all of the leading parties are pursuing the values of liberal progressivism. Some seem intent on pursuing the progressive vote rather than protecting the freedoms that Christians might have enjoyed and to defend those who might have more conservative opinions in regards to same-sex relationships or on issues of transgenderism.

In light of that should we even bother voting at all?

Well it's very easy to be negative about the political situation that we're in. I think we ought to recognise that in the light of history and in comparison with many parts of the world we are immensely privileged in our country. We have a good and stable government and we have many rights that are respected and that are enjoyed - we enjoy civic peace and we live in a democratic situation in which we have the opportunity to exercise a vote. That is a privilege and a responsibility so I think we need to be grateful for that and thankful to God for it. I think we should exercise our right to vote. But saying that, I can see that in some situations to choose not to vote to not want to give your support to any of the options presently is a perfectly legitimate choice.

PRAYER DIARY				
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
SUNDAY	Thank God for His faithfulness to GNB for 70 years.	Pray for many listeners to Word Alive today.	Please pray for Tom, often preaching on Sundays.	Give thanks for all who support GNB in prayer.
MONDAY	Please pray for a warm reception to the <i>Convicted</i> podcast.	Pray for staff to benefit from their summer holidays.	Please pray for more listeners to <i>Bible Focus</i> this week.	Pray for a great team spirit among GNB staff.
TUESDAY	Pray for many good contacts at Keswick (week 3).	Pray for the development of new podcasts.	Pray that many would attend the next day-conference.	Pray for all the planning for the conference this month.
WEDNESDAY	Thank God for the success of the first day-conference.	Pray for Eamonn as he promotes GNB on social media.	Please pray for the Board of Directors.	Please pray for more new guests on <i>Sermonise</i> .
THURSDAY	Pray for freshness for Tom in his study and preaching.	Give thanks that many are listening to <i>The Bible OverBrew</i> .	Give thanks that <i>The Everlasting Way</i> is now on Cross Rhythms.	Please pray for the production of <i>Sounding Out</i> this month.
FRIDAY	Give thanks for Dave's help with the accounts.	Pray for Tom preparing for weekend preaching.	Pray for new organisations/people to partner with.	Pray for a great day-conference on the 12 th of this month.
SATURDAY	Pray for more subscribers to the <i>Word Alive</i> podcast.	Pray for an opening to broadcast <i>Convicted</i> .	Please pray for Mel in the day-to-day design work.	Praise God for His faithfulness.

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. Jeremiah 29:12

RADIO GUIDE

Premier Christian Radio

Digital Radio: DAB Premier
TV: Freeview 725 or Sky 0123
Radio: MW 1305, 1332, 1413, 1566
Word Alive: Sunday 6.30am

Trans World Radio

TV: Freeview HD Channel 733,
Sky 0138 or Freesat 790
Word Alive: Saturday 6.00am,
Sunday 6.00pm

Branch FM

Radio: 101.8 FM
Word Alive: Sunday 6.00pm
Bible Focus: Weekdays from 12 noon

Hope FM

Radio: 90.1 FM
Word Alive: Sunday 7.30am

Gospel 4 Grampian

Internet: www.g4g.org.uk

Blessed Radio

Internet: www.zeno.fm/radio/blessed-radio-uk
Word Alive: Sunday 6.00pm

Radio North

Radio: 846 AM
Bible Focus: Weekdays 8.45am

Radio Star Country

Radio: MW 981
Word Alive: Wednesday 5.30pm

Konnnect Radio

Radio: 846 AM
The Everlasting Way

Flame CCR

Radio: MW 1521 or Internet DAB
GNBA Show: Weekdays 10.35am

C.O.G. Grand Radio

Internet: www.coggrandradiouk.org
Word Alive: Wednesday 8.00pm
Bible Focus: Weekdays 7.00pm

Cross Rhythms

Radio: 101.8 FM (Stoke),
and 96.3 FM (Plymouth)
The Everlasting Way: Saturday and
Sunday breakfast shows from 7.00am

Genesis Christian Radio

Internet: www.genesischristianradio.org
Word Alive: Weekdays 6.32am, 1.31pm
Bible Focus: Weekdays 4.00am, 9.15am
and 4.00pm

Tune in on your radio or TV or listen any time at gnba.net.
You can also find *Word Alive*, *Bible Focus*, *Sermonise* and
***The Bible OverBrew* on Spotify or your podcast app.**



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