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Time to Seek the Lord?

Over recent months I have been drawn back, time and again, to verses in 2 Chronicles 15 in which the whole issue of seeking the Lord is given particular prominence. The chapter begins with the Spirit-endued Azariah bringing a message to Asa, king of the Southern Kingdom which embraced the tribes of Judah and Benjamin – a message that was intended for both king and people (v 2): ‘The Lord is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you’ [*in each case ‘you’ is plural*]. The Spirit-inspired Azariah then illustrated, from Israel’s earlier history, the great benefit of seeking the Lord (vv 3f): ‘For a long time [- possibly referring to the period of the judges -] Israel was without the true God, without a priest to teach and without the law. But in their distress they turned to the Lord, the God of Israel, and sought him, and he was found by them.’ He goes on to make it clear that these had been times of great turmoil both domestically and internationally ‘because God was troubling them with every kind of distress.’ Then, the ‘sermon’ was applied (v 7): ‘But as for you, be strong and do not give up for your work will be rewarded’ [*once again, ‘you’ is plural here*].

Asa responded immediately to that prophetic revelation with a whole series of actions that could be regarded as coming under the umbrella term of ‘seeking the Lord’: (i) He removed all that was clearly idolatrous from among the covenant people; (ii) he began to restore the true

worship of the true God, by repairing the altar of the Lord (v 8); (iii) he gathered all the people together and they worshipped the Lord with copious and costly sacrifices (vv 9-11); then (iv) ‘they entered into a covenant to seek the Lord, the God of their fathers, with all their heart and soul (v 12) ... (v 15) they sought God eagerly, and he was found by them. So the Lord gave them rest on every side.’

The history of the church in our own land provides partial parallels to these events in the experience of the Old Testament church. The people of God in Scotland have often experienced trouble, distress and turmoil of various kinds, sometimes in common with the whole population of the land as they suffered plagues, poor harvests, epidemics, clearances, warfare, etc; at other times as they faced specific persecution for their stand for Christ; and at other times still as the spiritual and moral state of the church – let alone the nation – burdened their hearts. Today, there are many Christians throughout our land seeking to restore the true worship of God in the land and working to reach the lost and hurting of our communities with the gracious and loving message of forgiveness, salvation and eternal life to be found in Jesus Christ. To all such, the Lord’s word of encouragement comes: ‘Be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded.’

But do we not also need to covenant to seek the Lord, the God of our fathers, eagerly with all our heart and soul? Former generations of God’s people in Scotland were pressed by their circumstances into doing that. What of us? Is it not time for us to seek the Lord, and to covenant with one another so to do until he is found, i.e., until he reveals himself in saving, restoring, renewing and reviving power again?

Rev Hector Morrison, Principal



The time is NOW!

A Year of New Beginnings

The academic session 2015-16 that has just drawn to a close has been a year of significant new beginnings for HTC. The academic year began with two new developments, one in the south - the opening of HTC-Glasgow; and another in the north - the beginning of our apprenticeship scheme among the churches of the north.

Thanks to the generosity and cooperation of the United Free Church of Scotland we were able to fully equip two rooms on the top floor of their centrally-located **Glasgow** offices with video-conferencing units to allow teaching to be received and provided live, thanks to the UHI network. In addition to the full-time and part-time students accessing weekly, this facility has also acted as a gathering point for a good number of our remote access students where they have been able to experience fellowship together, use the library and other resources and sit their exams. We expect the small cohort of students to grow in coming years as more people realise that they can access ministry-focused, evangelical theological education on their doorstep with (normally) fees being paid for by the Scottish Government and student loans available. **Anyone interested in beginning part-time or full-time study this September should contact us as soon as possible and make formal application no later than the end of August.** It is our intention to look for larger premises in the coming year or two, giving us greater capacity to expand our Glasgow provision.



We're recruiting now for ministry apprentices. Get hands-on experience in a church setting at the same time as some formal theological study. A great start for anyone wanting to be involved in church work or if you want to 'try it out' before taking the next step into ministry. See

www.htc.uhi.ac.uk/apprenticeships for information. If the church you want to be an apprentice in isn't on the list let us know. Tel. 01349 780000 or htc@uhi.ac.uk for all enquiries.



Up north, we were delighted to be able to begin our **apprenticeship scheme** with the local churches with three apprentices (Robin, Jacob and Fiona) coming into HTC weekly on one or two days for classes while spending the rest of their week working with their own congregation. We had another apprentice (Calum) in a congregation further away from the college; he accessed classes remotely by video-conferencing.

One of these apprentices will continue for a second year as an apprentice with their congregation; another looks as if they will continue to work full-time in their congregation; and two intend now to go on to train for the ministry of word and sacrament in Edinburgh Theological Seminary.

I'm sure you will agree that it is really encouraging to see young people offering themselves for the Lord's service in this way. But we need many more to lead the church in the years and decades ahead of us. Pray with us that a growing number of individuals will offer themselves for the Lord's service in this way either as a testing of the waters regarding full-time ministry, or simply to prepare them to be more effectively involved in the life and leadership of congregations, fellowships and expressions of church of which they will be part in the future.

We are hoping to have a number of new apprentices with us for the coming session. **Anyone interested in pursuing this option should get in touch with us as soon as possible.**

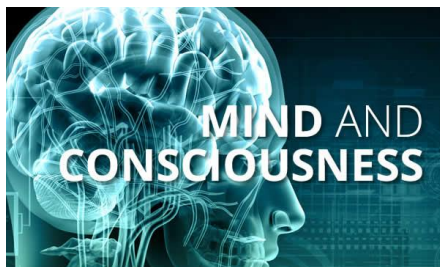
In the second semester of this academic session we had a third new beginning for HTC. Thanks to Dr Alan Fraser who led the sessions, we offered a short programme on issues of **faith and science** focused around *The God Question* DVD, dealing particularly with questions raised about the relationship between biblical teaching and scientific findings from the fields of cosmology; evolution; and mind and consciousness.



Flowing from this public forum it now looks likely that a small group of scientists, philosophers and theologians will begin to meet on a regular basis to pursue these and other issues in greater depth than is possible in a public forum. It is likely that, from time to time, this forum will also provide further opportunities to the wider community to engage with some of the issues covered.



This is an important development for HTC as we seek to equip the leadership and membership of our churches for the challenges posed and opportunities raised by the sciences in our day.



And now, fourthly, we are preparing for another new beginning of a quite different kind. We are about to launch our **Highland Church History Forum** with an Inaugural Conference. The seed-thought for such a forum was planted in my mind many years ago, when HTC (Highland Theological Institute, as it was then) was still based within premises in Moray College, Elgin. Professor Donald Meek addressed the college staff and leadership at one point and highlighted various possibilities for us to consider pursuing, one of these being a gap that he had identified in rigorous research of many aspects of Highland Church History (some of which he has sought over the years to fill himself). Many years have passed but at last it appears that the time is right to get such a forum off the ground and it is a great delight for us to have Donald Meek himself involved in the 'launch' (a most apposite term for those who are aware

of Donald's penchant for boats and ships of all kinds, but particularly those of the MacBrayne line!). While many Christians today have little time or place for church history, regarding it as a 'fusty' subject for doddering, old scholars and completely irrelevant to the present day, I have found that it could be very relevant to the present position of the church in many parts of our land to see how the church in former generations sought to bring or, perhaps better, to re-introduce the gospel to many parts of the land.

Donald, who, I am pleased to say, has agreed to be one of our key speakers, will give the evening public address on 'Highland life, religious and otherwise, in the early nineteenth-century: the journals of the Baptist itinerant preacher Dugald Sinclair, 1810-15'. To some, the title might seem a 'big yawn' guaranteed to bring instant sleep to the greatest of insomniacs. But when we realise that Sinclair's ministry was exercised in the Inner Hebrides and in the West Highlands at a time when the church in these parts was in the early stages of coming alive in the quickening and reviving power of the Spirit through evangelical preaching based on the newly translated Gaelic scriptures which the people had for the very first time in their mother tongue, we might

anticipate that there may be something in Donald's message to quicken our own hearts in these days. When you add to the mix the fact that Sinclair was a Presbyterian turned Baptist working largely among at least nominal Presbyterians, that makes for additional interest, and is perhaps also very relevant to our day. Is Presbyterianism a spent force in the Highlands? Are the Baptist, Pentecostal and charismatic churches the way forward? Come and join us and think through what lessons these characters and areas of Highland church history may have for us today.



Further details can be found at

[www.htc.uhi.ac.uk/resources/
highland-church-history-forum](http://www.htc.uhi.ac.uk/resources/highland-church-history-forum)

Highland Church History Forum

Inaugural Conference

Seasons of Change and Times of Crisis

29th– 30th August at Highland Theological College UHI, Dingwall

Anyone can come – you don't need to be an expert. All lectures will be accessible to the non-specialist.

Registration is required for attending the daytime lecture (no registration required for the Monday evening Public Lecture). Details on how to register are on the Conference Flyer (copies can be downloaded from our website).

Keynote speakers:

Professor Marjory Harper *Promised Lands: Emigration, Faith and Concepts of 'Home' in the Scottish Diaspora*
Public Lecture (see below)

Professor Donald Meek

Other confirmed speakers:

Andrew Jones *The Highland Imagination of Rev Norman MacLeod of the Barony, Glasgow (1812-1872)*
The Haldanes and the Highlands

Rev Dr Nick Needham *Reflections of the Theology of Adomnan's Columba*

Rev Dr Bruce Ritchie *Family Worship: Evangelicalism at Home in the Clearance Era Highlands*

Dr Elizabeth Ritchie

Rev Dr John Ross *Feisty, Feminist and Fearless: Jane Elizabeth Waterston, Inverness's Pioneering Missionary*

Public Lecture by **Professor Donald Meek**

Highland life, religious and otherwise, in the early nineteenth-century: the journals of the Baptist itinerant preacher Dugald Sinclair, 1810-15

Monday 29th August, 7.30pm, Dingwall Free Church

All welcome (no booking required for Public Lecture)

Saturday, 9th June 1810 I was, last night, solemnly set apart for the work of the Lord, as an Itinerant, by prayer, in Brother Barclay's meeting house at Kilwinning. Messrs Anderson, Barclay and McFarlane were present, and engaged in the service. The Season was peculiarly solemn and interesting to me indeed. The difficulties, the dangers, the arduousness, and the blessedness of the work before me, moved and overpowered my soul.



Students and Graduates News

Ordinations, Inductions and Appointments

James Bissett [BA student] has been ordained as an Ordained Local Minister to serve the Presbytery of Ross.

Jean Boyd [BA (Hons) 2014] has been ordained and inducted as minister of Drumoak-Durris Church in Aberdeenshire. Fellow HTC graduate Rev Dr Melvyn Griffiths [DMin 2008] preached at the Induction service.

Ros Clarke [PhD 2014] has developed a raft of online materials, mostly aimed at Christians in their teens and twenties. Check out some of her work at <https://onlinepastor.org>. (Interesting snippet: Ros has a hat-trick of firsts - she was the first woman to graduate with a degree in physics from her college at Oxford, the first woman to do the MTh course at Oak Hill and HTC's first female PhD graduate!)

Chris Davidson [Access 2013] has completed his studies with Edinburgh Theological Seminary and has been licensed to preach by the Free Church.

John Davidson [BA (Hons) 2015] has been ordained and inducted as minister of Dundee Associated Presbyterian Church. Fellow HTC graduate Rev Ross Macaskill [BA (Hons) 2008; MTh 2010] preached John in.

Janet Easton-Berry [BA 2014] has been ordained and inducted to the charge of Bracadale & Duirinish Church of Scotland, Isle of Skye.

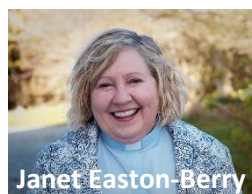
Gavino Fioretti [BA 2013] has accepted a call to become the pastor of a church plant near Milan.

Farquhar Forbes [BA (Hons) 2014] has been appointed as Associate Minister at Inshes Church, Inverness.

James Haram [BA 2011] has been licensed as a minister of the Free Church (Continuing) and is awaiting a call.

Drew Kuzma [BA 2016] has accepted a call to Benbecula linked with Carinish Church of Scotland.

John Marker [BA 2011] has been inducted as minister of Thurso and the North Coast Free Church.



Martin Paterson [BA 2015], Ministry Assistant at Paterson United Free Church, Lanarkshire, has been appointed Scotland Area Representative for OMF.

James Ross [BA 2008] has been inducted as minister of Buccleuch Free Church in Edinburgh.

Allan Shearer [BA 2014] has accepted a call to become the assistant minister of Glasgow City Free Church.

Kim Watt [CertHE 2011] was ordained as an Ordained Local Minister at John Knox Church Stewarton, Ayrshire.

We love to hear how our graduates are getting on after they've left HTC but we lose track of some of them. If you studied at HTC please keep in touch! It's encouraging to hear the wide range of ministries and denominations HTC graduates are serving in.

Congratulations to.....

Mark [BA student] and **Annie** [Access 2008; BA 2011] **Boag** on the safe arrival of their first son; **Peter-Edmund Conroy** [Access 2013; BA student] on the birth of their first daughter; **Zander Duffy** [BA student] on the safe arrival of their third son; **Peter Fullerton** [BA student] on the birth of baby Luke; **Javed Kailab** [BA student] on the birth of a daughter; and **DI Murchison** and **Jodie Cleary** who got married recently. DI and Jodie are both currently studying on the degree programme.

Beth Fraser, student, has been elected HISA Depute for HTC in 2016/17. HISA is the Highlands and Islands Students' Association.

It was good to have **Walter Strickland** a lecturer at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in North Carolina, with us for a short visit to meet up with his PhD supervisors, Dr Jamie Grant and Rev Dr Innes Visagie. Walter's PhD research is on 'Liberation and Black Theological Methods: A Historical-Analysis'.



Staff and Volunteers News

Staff and students were saddened to hear of the passing of **Mrs Helen Jackson**. Helen served as a Volunteer in the HTC library for many years. We will miss her very much but know that she is now rejoicing in the presence of her Lord. We continue to pray for Fraser (former ICT Technician at HTC), Dawn and the family.

Rev Dr John Nicholls, one of our tutors for distance learning Access students, has succeeded Rev David Robertson as Moderator of the Free Church.

Well done to **Susan Drew** (volunteer in the HTC Development Office) on conquering Kilimanjaro! Everest Base Camp was Susan's previous big trip. Where next, Susan?!



We enjoyed a visit from intrepid UHI colleague **Fiona Grant**, Assistant Principal at the West Highland College UHI campus, as she stopped at HTC for refreshments on her bicycle trip around all 13 main campuses of the University of the Highlands and Islands. Fiona was fundraising for the UHI Scholarship Fund and Lucky2BHere www.lucky2bhere.org. Her journey stretched from



Shetland to Perth and from the Western Isles to Moray, covering approximately 1300 miles including several ferry rides. Of course, being Scotland, she had all weathers to contend with too! Well done, Fiona!

Overseas Visits

Martin Cameron represented HTC at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) in Mobile, Alabama. **Dr Jamie Grant** (Vice principal) and **Rev Dr David Kirk** [BA (Hons) 2010; PhD 2016] visited **Rev Dr Slava**



Viazovski [PhD 2015] in Minsk to see how his work is going. **Hyo-Ju Kang** [MTh 2015; PhD student] won a scholarship to attend the Advanced Theological Studies Fellowship programme with the Theological University of Kampen, Netherlands, where he presented a paper on 'John Davenant at the Synod of Dort'. **Rev Dr Alistair Wilson**, New Testament lecturer, taught a course on Colossians in Senegal. As if that wasn't enough, he did it in French, the official language of that West African nation!

Season of Prayer

Earlier this year we had a 'season of prayer' when we invited people to pray specifically for the work of HTC. Daily prayer points over an 8 day period helped direct prayer for particular areas of concern and highlighted areas where we can praise and thank God for his guidance, provision and sustaining. Here is a very brief summary of our daily topics:

Theological education: Give thanks for the positive impact HTC has as an academic institution in an increasingly secular nation as it trains students to fearlessly teach and declare the gospel.

Our Supporters: HTC is highly dependent on its supporters and we value each of them – *you!* – very highly. Without your prayer, interest, encouragement and financial provision we could not sustain the work.

Graduates: Over **300** graduates are serving in a rich diversity of ministries, including in pulpits from Caithness to Kenya, missionaries working from Ross-shire to Romania, and professors in seminaries from Pennsylvania to Poland.

Students and Apprentices: Over 100 undergraduate students plus PhD students as well as Access and Apprentices. Full-time and part-time, many studying from home. Men and women following God's call on their lives.

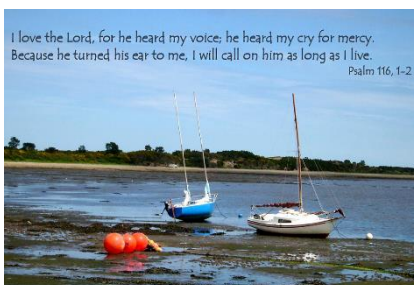
Staff & volunteers: Teaching and non-teaching staff, each carrying a heavy workload, and grateful to the small team of volunteers who give generously of their time and talents to help.

HTC-Glasgow: Our fledgling venue providing an excellent resource for students based in the Central Belt. Pray for the future of this project.

Finance & funding: Only approximately 70% of HTC's income comes from student fees. Our remaining 30% (around £180,000 per year) comes from donations. Many of HTC's challenges are due to lack of finance. Pray for sufficient income to meet our financial needs.

God-led: This is God's work. He guides, equips and enables. We pray for faithfulness to follow his plan for HTC.

More detail can be found at www.htc.uhi.ac.uk/resources/2016-season-of-prayer. Thank you to everyone who prays regularly for us. We are grateful to you and ask that you continue supporting and encouraging us in this way.



Graduation and Awards Ceremony 2016

HTC's 22nd Graduation and Awards Ceremony service was held in Dingwall Free Church. Professor Ian Bryden, UHI Vice-Principal (Research), presented the awards along with the Rev Hector Morrison, Principal. Following the presentation of awards, the Reverend Dr Fred Drummond, Scottish Director of



Evangelical Alliance, preached on Matthew 9:35-38.

A recording of the service is available on our website at

www.htc.uhi.ac.uk/studying-at-htc/college-life/graduation-and-award-ceremonies.

Three postgraduate awards were presented this year, two to PhD graduates and one at Doctor of Ministry level.

PhD

Dr Daniel Christiansen teaches Bible and Theology at Multnamah University, Washington, USA. Daniel's PhD research was on '*The Rhetoric of Gender Presentation in Paul's Thought*'.

Rev Dr David Kirk had previously studied at HTC, gaining his BA with 1st Class Honours in 2010. His PhD research was titled '*Seeds and Bodies: Cosmology, Anthropology and Eschatology in 1 Cor 15:35-49*'. David is Assistant Minister at Kilmallie and Ardnamurchan Free Church.

Doctor of Ministry

Rev Dr Richard Buckley is minister of Trinity Possil & Henry Drummond Church, Glasgow. Richard did his DMin degree part-time and is the last of the DMin students to graduate from this degree programme which HTC offered in conjunction with Reformed Theological Seminary, USA.

21 awards were made on the Bachelor of Arts Theological Studies programme.

Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Theological Studies

This award is given to those completing four years, or equivalent, of the Theological Studies degree programme.

Cara Devereux [Upper Second class honours degree] is from Dundee and studied partly from home and partly on-campus. She is currently working with a church plant in Edinburgh. Cara has a deep interest in foreign as well as local mission and hopes to become involved in Bible translation work.

Mirjam Murphy [Upper Second class honours degree] studied from home for the first three years of her degree and was thrilled when HTC-Glasgow opened. “Being able to study at HTC-Glasgow with other students on my final year has been a great blessing and a joy!” Prior to her degree studies, Mirjam had completed HTC’s Access Course (2012).

Sean Carnochan [Lower Second class honours degree] is from Edinburgh and moved to Dingwall to study on campus. Sean has worked in the care sector for a number of years with Crossreach, the Church of Scotland care provider.

Bachelor of Arts with Distinction in Theological Studies

This award is given to those completing three years, or equivalent, of the Theological Studies degree programme and gaining high marks.

Stephen Francis [BA with distinction] did most of his studying part-time by video-conference from his home in Belgium. Stephen works in the pharmaceutical industry and preaches occasionally in his local church in Brussels.

Bachelor of Arts in Theological Studies

This award is given to those completing three years, or equivalent, of the Theological Studies degree programme.

Heidi Hercus studied at HTC’s Dingwall campus as a Church of Scotland ministry candidate. Unfortunately she could not attend the HTC Graduation ceremony as she was doing her final church placement for the Church of Scotland in her homeland in the USA.

Deborah Jones is from Callander. She studied part-time by video-conference with a view to becoming a hospital chaplain. Whilst on a placement during her third year she was offered a job as a hospital chaplain so was delighted to accept immediately.

Drew Kuzma is Canadian. He moved to Scotland to work, firstly as a Youth Worker with Youth Inclusive then as Assistant Minister at Kirkliston Church of Scotland. Just prior to Graduation he was elected unanimously to be the minister of Benbecula linked with Carinish Church of Scotland.

John McCulloch, a former lecturer in Hispanic Studies at Glasgow University, studied by video-conference. John is a candidate for the ministry with the Church of Scotland. John was unable to attend the Graduation ceremony.

Graeme Payne studied from home by video-conference and was unable to attend the HTC Graduation ceremony. Football fans will recognise Graeme’s name from his younger days as a Dundee United player.

Scott Reynolds already holds a BSc in Aquatic Science from Stirling University. He has benefitted from the flexibility of HTC's provision, having studied at different points in his degree from several UHI campuses including Argyll, Orkney, Glasgow and Dingwall. Scott studied with HTC as a Church of Scotland ministry candidate and starts his probation in October.

Diploma of Higher Education in Theological Studies

The Diploma is given to those completing two years, or equivalent, of the Theological Studies degree programme.

Alan Monk first came to HTC as an Access student, completing that course in 2010. Unfortunately Alan was unable to attend the Graduation ceremony. Also unable to attend was **Peter Willett** who had studied part-time as an open-learning student simply for his own interest in the subject.

Certificate of Higher Education in Theological Studies

The CertHE is given to those completing one year, or equivalent, of the Theological Studies degree programme.

Unfortunately, all of the graduates in this category were unable to be present at the Graduation ceremony and so graduated in absentia. They are **Catherine Appleby, Aileen Brookens, Calum Cameron, Marlane Cash, Neil Ingall, Cleone Jarvis, Colin Murdoch, Cameron Sim** and **William Skene**.

Calum has recently been accepted as a candidate for the Ministry of the Free Church and is required by his denomination to complete his theological studies at their own Seminary in Edinburgh. Aileen, Marlane and William are candidates for Readership in the Church of Scotland and with the CertHE have completed the academic component of their Readership training.



Access Course

The Access Course aims to give students a basic grounding in all aspects of theology. It can be used as a stepping stone to the degree course but many students take the Access Course for interest, personal development or to equip them for service in the church. The Access Course can be taken full-time at the college in Dingwall or part-time by distance learning at the student's own pace. 6 awards were made on the Access programme.

Access Certificate in Christian Theology

Kirsty Macdonald studied Access full-time on campus. She intends to continue her studies and has enrolled on the BA Theological Studies degree programme. In the future she hopes to work in counselling, mentoring young people, couples and women.

Lynne Munro also studied full-time on campus. Lynne left school at an early age having been told that she was useless and would never amount to anything. Her good pass in her Access studies proves that age is no barrier to learning and Lynne is living proof of the UHI ethos of life-long learning.

Naomi Murray is from Northern Ireland and studied Access part-time by distance learning. Having completed the Access Course to a very good standard she now plans to continue her theological studies through Queen's University, Belfast.

Cate Ramos is originally from the Philippines. Cate studied full-time on campus and, like Kirsty, is going to continue her theological studies on the BA Theological Studies degree course here at HTC.

Neil Slowman completed the Access Course by distance learning. Neil also plans to continue his studies with us on the degree course with a view to some form of full time Christian ministry in the future.

Certificate in Christian Theology

Iain MacDiarmid took the Access Course just for his own interest, with no plans to move on to further theological studies, therefore studied at a leisurely pace to fit in with his other hobbies and commitments. A great ambassador for the Access Course, Iain has often encouraged other students to join the course or drawn on his own experience to encourage them to continue when they falter.



Kirsty Macdonald
Lynne Munro

Additional Awards

HTC Student of the Year

Students can be nominated for this award by staff or other students for various reasons including academic achievement, personal achievement or contribution to the student community. **Scott Burton** was nominated by several students and the nomination wholeheartedly backed up by staff. Scott is very popular and hugely supportive of his fellow students and goes the extra mile to help and encourage his peers. He is particularly good at keeping in touch with distance-learning students to ensure they feel as much a part of the student community as those based on campus.



HTC Endeavour Award

This award was donated by an HTC graduate and is awarded to students who have shown particular progress or worked particularly hard to overcome difficult



circumstances during their time of study. This year's winner was **Petra Gurney**, a first-year BA student. Petra was brought up in a Romanian orphanage in the 1980s and moved to Scotland when she was adopted. She has a keen interest in overseas mission and has travelled to Israel and other countries. Petra has worked hard to improve her grades and is always ready to volunteer if we need a helper. She is a worthy winner of the HTC Endeavour Award.

While HTC's primary focus is on providing education in theological disciplines across UHI, we also function as an access point for local students on **other UHI programmes** enabling them to access their classes by video-conference from HTC. This year six such students completed their studies. The awards made were in:

- Certificate of Higher Education in General Studies – Humanities and Gaelic
- MLitt with Distinction in Archaeological Studies
- Bachelor of Arts with Upper Second class Honours in Archaeology
- Bachelor of Arts with Distinction in Scottish Cultural Studies and Archaeology
- Bachelor of Arts in Scottish History and Archaeology

Warm congratulations to everybody who received an award!

Public Classes

The next series of public classes will commence in September.

CALVIN'S INSTITUTES

For more details see our website or facebook page or call us on 01349 780000.

Previous lecture series have included

- Colossians
- Old Testament Overview
- The River of God
- Columba

If you missed them – or if you want to listen again – the recordings are on www.htc.uhi.ac.uk/resources/audio-resources

THE INSTITUTES

Ranking amongst the *greatest works of Christian theology* and Western literature, **John Calvin's 'Institutes of the Christian Religion'** sets out an organised outline of the *basic tenets of the Christian faith* in four main sections:

- the knowledge of God the Father, creator, provider, and sustainer
- how the Son reveals the Father
- the work of the Holy Spirit
- the Christian church, and how it is to live out the truths of God and Scriptures, particularly through the sacraments.

Condensing the four main sections into a 9-part overview, Systematic Theology lecturer Dr Robert Shillaker explains the significance of Calvin's masterpiece and its influence on the church today.

An important lecture series for anyone interested in the Reformed faith, thoughtfully presented and not at all as 'heavy' as you may expect.

Invite us to your church

It is always a privilege to be invited to share something of the work of HTC at a mid-week meeting or other event in a church.

People enjoy hearing the story of how HTC started, some of the challenges it's come through and how it's able to continue its work. They especially love hearing about the breadth of the work and some examples of how graduates are serving the church in Scotland and beyond.

If you would like to invite someone to speak at your fellowship contact us – we'll see what we can arrange.

Exotic locations would be nice.... 😊

Gifts

We recently received a **legacy** bequeathed to HTC from the estate of a couple who loved their Lord and loved to see men and women being trained to spread the gospel. They wanted to continue supporting that work even beyond their earthly lives. HTC's ongoing work depends heavily on **donation support**. We are enormously grateful to our supporters for their kindness and generosity and never take it for granted. HTC operates on a shoestring and many of the daily challenges we face would be eliminated if adequate funding was available. Boxes of **books** are donated to the college regularly, some being used to increase the library stock and others being passed directly to students. We are grateful to several donors, including the family of the late Elizabeth Templeton, for recent donations.

Church of Scotland candidates

Statistics published at the Church of Scotland General Assembly showed that twelve of the present 36 candidates for Ordained National Ministry within the denomination are studying with HTC. In addition, HTC is training candidates for Ordained Local Ministry (OLM) and Readership. Anyone interested in applying is encouraged to contact us

www.htc.uhi.ac.uk/courses/ministry-training.

Date of Next Conference Day

Saturday 29th October 2016

www.htc.uhi.ac.uk/studying-at-htc/conference-days

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