

PRECEPT MINISTRIES SCOTLAND – REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT THE FILLING STATION CONFERENCE
23-29 JULY 2017

Sandy Muirhead and Nigel Watts attended the Filling Station ‘Refuel’ Conference in Scotland over the period 23-29 July 2017. The Filling Station Trust oversee a growing number of lay-led meetings across the UK. These meetings are characterised by a time of worship followed by Bible teaching and then an opportunity for people to be prayed for.

Refuel 2017 was facilitated by the Filling Station Trust which is a non-denominational network currently welcoming 5,000 people to its non-church venues in over 80 gatherings across the UK and overseas. The meetings are overtly spiritual but always welcome those outside the church.



Richard and Jo Fothergill (photo above) set up the Filling Station network in 2007. Nigel and Molly have known them for many years as Jo is a fellow member at Wimbledon. They invited Precept to have an exhibition stand at their first conference in Scotland. The conference took place in the beautiful grounds of Gordon Castle near Elgin in North East Scotland.



Craig Mackay, who is the Regional Director for the Filling Station network in Scotland hosted the event with Fred Drummond, who is the Director both for Prayer and for Scotland for the Evangelical Alliance. They secured some excellent speakers (Bruxy Cavey –from ‘The Meeting House’ in Ontario Canada, Dr Andy Bannister who is Director for Solas Centre for Public Christianity and speaks for the Ravi Zacharias Trust, Andy Hawthorne OBE – Founder of the Message Trust, Roy Godwin – Director of Ffald y Brenin - a retreat centre in Wales which attracts thousands from around the world) We were invited to run 3 seminars during the week.



Sandy manning the stand. We had a lot of interest during the week, and sold lots of books. Most were 40 Minute, NISS and Bibles.

Nigel led 3 seminars, two on Tuesday and one on Friday.



Throughout the week we talked to many people who came by the stand. They came from all over Scotland and had a real interest in the work of Precept. They included church leaders, ministry leaders and many folk from different congregations from all over Scotland. One Methodist minister has invited Precept to come to her church in Peterhead, north of Aberdeen to run some inductive Bible study training. Nigel spent an hour talking through how she can use Lightning Studies to get people going from September until we plan to come in November. She was thrilled with the whole idea of IBS and just wants to get her people into the Bible.

Another guy came to the seminar with his wife. Rob was in the Army Air Corps for 7 years and now is involved with flying to the oil rigs off the coast of Aberdeen. He wants to come to the Peterhead training too. In fact, as the week went on, there seemed to be more and more people from that part of Scotland and we encouraged them to come for the training later in the year.

One of the great benefits of being at the conference was to start to build relationships with the key leaders of the conference. On the final day Nigel interviewed 4 leaders for the Precept Ministries UK 'Bible and Me Podcast'. The first was Brian Doerksen – the internationally known Canadian worship leader who wrote such songs as 'Come, Now is the time to worship,' 'Refiner's Fire'. The others were Roy Godwin, Fred Drummond and Craig Mackay – see photos next page.



Nigel with Brian Doerksen



Roy Godwin – Director Ffald y Brenin Centre



Fred Drummond
EA Director for Prayer and Scotland



Craig Mackay
Director for The Filling Station - Scotland

Sandy took every opportunity to explain about IBS using our Lighting Study boards – see photo to R.

Some people who, as a result of the explanations, better understood what we do bought studies.

We also took down the names and email contacts of those who wanted to remain in touch with Precept in Scotland and will contact them about events that we are running in Scotland.

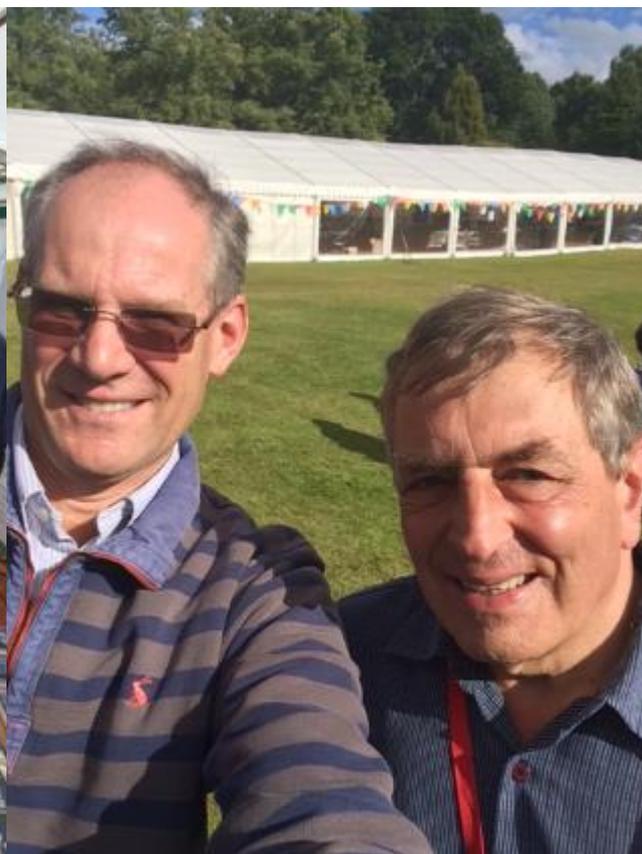
Although there were times when we were not that busy, at other times we were very busy. We also had a card reader so people could pay by debit or credit card, which made it easier for people to pay.



In summary, it was a very profitable week for Precept Ministries Scotland to be at the conference. We have made some really good connections with key ministry leaders in Scotland. It would be very worthwhile to return in 2018.



The Precept stand in the market place



Nigel and Sandy



The main venue/teaching tent



Brian Doerksen leading worship