## CREATION RESEARCH UK

**...wh**ere dragons praise the LORD











G'day and welcome to the first newsletter of 2023! Sarah-Ann and I took a much needed break over Christmas, after the hectioness of the last 12

break over Christmas, after the hecticness of the last 12 months, but now we're back in action! Busy times still at Creation Research UK, as we

begin preparations for ministry, travels, and new media projects. Our biggest update this year is the regular opening of the Creation Research Centre in Oswestry, as well as developing the research facility which it incorporates. I'd also like to give a very warm welcome to Susanna Kinloch, who is coming onboard to work with us in the ministry. Continue to keep us in prayer as we move forwards with the ministry in the UK, as well as working on overseas projects in the USA and Australia. I would like to also ask you to prayerfully consider supporting Creation Research and the Creation Research Trust in the UK. The last couple of years has seen donations and support drop drastically, but the Lord has sustained us, and even enabled us to take on a new building and museum project. However, we now need support more than ever – see the Creation Research Trust details to give tax-free with Gift Aid.

God bless, and happy new year!

Joe

# OPEN DAY SUCCESS & MUSEUM OPEN REGULARLY



We were thrilled to host our first ever UK open day in the brand new Creation Research Centre on 29th October last year. We were able to open the museum up to supporters and interested people who could come and see the new building and get a feel for its potential, as well as explore the abundant evidence held within. We were able to take tours around the displays, looking at brilliant evidence for Creation, Noah's Flood, the Tower of Babel, and many other aspects of Biblical history. The day also featured several presentations; Joseph Hubbard talked about the potential of the Centre for research, evangelism and discipleship, Dr Diane Eager gave a presentation on Jurassic Ark – Creation Research's unique outdoor museum in Australia – and how we could incorporate the research-focussed concept in the new museum, John Mackay gave a virtual presentation on the Christian heritage of museums, and Sam Jenkyns gave us a look

into the future of media production. All these presentations and tours emphasised that Christ is the

God of the real world, and we want people to come and see evidence for themselves, as well as carry out our own research.

These Museum 'Open Days' will become an annual feature of all the Creation Discovery Centres in the UK, but for now, we are focussing on getting the Creation Research Centre in Oswestry open regularly. As it currently stands, the Centre will be open every Wednesday and Saturday, 9am – 4pm. This includes the downstairs exhibits and the Creation Research Store. The upstairs museum will be by appointment only, and is also available outside of the opening times. Follow us on our new Facebook page, and see details on <a href="https://www.creationresearchcentre.com">www.creationresearchcentre.com</a>



# CREATION RESEARCH SUPPORTERS' NETWORK (CRSN)

We are organising a new system of volunteer organisation, which will assist UK Director Joe, while also facilitating the great need for helpers that we have in the UK. Every month we will

set a list of targets – exhibitions to design, areas of the museum to sort, fossils to catalogue, etc. We will then set specific days that we will be working on them, and send it out to all volunteers on our network, along with a list of requirements. These will vary from month to month, and include anything from building maintenance, graphic design, fossil shifting, research engineering, and more! We need builders, electricians, designers, computer experts, accountants, as well as general volunteers who are willing to get stuck in and help with the huge amount of cleaning, organising, cataloguing, and set up! Can you give any time to help? Get in touch now! Everyone is welcome to come and support, to sign up to the CRSN, email info@creationresearchuk.com.

## **The Rocks Cry Out Convention Success!**

Creation Research UK hosted their first camping fossil convention in September, which was a resounding success! Each day we began with devotions, before heading down to the beach to dig fossils! Evidence abounded as we discovered ammonites, nautilus, belemnites, and fossil wood from southern pine trees! These discoveries were brilliant examples of both living fossils and flood deposition. Fossils such as the nautilus and pine trees both have modern counterparts alive today, showing that they have been doing exactly what God told them to do when He created them – reproducing after their own kind! We finished





the afternoons off with a workshop, before an evening seminar each night. These featured a number of speakers from various organisations, including Joseph Hubbard, John Mackay and Dr Diane Eager from Creation Research, Simon Turpin from Answers in Genesis, Prof Andy McIntosh from Truth in Science, and Dr John Matthews. Topics included fossils and Noah's flood, dealing with scoffers, science & mathematics, the origin of races, and recognising design. Many of these Seminars are available to watch on our YouTube channel – <u>SEE HERE</u>. Yes, we want to host another convention again this year! Pray that this is possible, and watch this space for news and how to book!

#### SUPPORT THE UK CREATION RESEARCH TRUST

The UK Creation Research Trust is committed to supporting the museum project in the UK. You can donate directly to them via a Gift Aid Declaration form HERE.

Or set up a standing order to them HERE.

## **Creation Conversations is back!**

After our Christmas break, we are now back in action with Creation Conversations! The whole CC team had an extensive meeting regarding the future of our media presence, which was very productive, and we have several new ideas and inspiration for future programs. Creation Conversations will begin to follow a pattern, every six weeks we will have a special guest presenter join us for one of the broadcasts, a special Bible-themes Creation Conversations, and a QnA special. Do you have a topic you want to see dealt with on our program? Let us know!

We are also focussing on creating more content for our YouTube channel and Creation Research Live. These include museum-feature shorts, live on-location broadcasts, research updates, and more road trips! The shorts especially have been very successful at boosting our subscriber numbers. Be sure to follow and subscribe to us on all social media forms, and watch out for the new app announcement! Be sure to catch our latest Broadcast HERE!

## Around the Museum with Joe & Diane!

Join Indiana Joe & Dr Diane Eager in a brand new series for Creation Research, as they wander around the new Creation Research Centre in Oswestry. Home to over 25k fossils, artefacts, exhibits and dinosaurs, the Centre is more than just

a museum - its a research facility, cinema, gift store, training centre, and more!

While Dr Diane Eager was visiting the UK, we got to take her around the museum collection during the preparation for our 2022 Open Day, giving her a closer look at what we had on display - and what wasn't! We ended up filming an entire series, with an informal, chatshow style presentation, that took Joe & Diane around the entire centre, giving YOU an insight as well! Discover the

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fascinating artefacts and exhibits that the museum holds, as well as the vision for the centre - a place for evangelism and discipleship. All available to watch for FREE on our YouTube channel! <u>SEE HERE</u>

## **New App Coming from Creation Research!**

Have you heard about our plans for a new and improved Creation Research website and brand new mobile app? This brand-new app will be the best way to consume all the amazing content from Creation Research, with features like a built-in live chat and livestream so it's even easier to tune into any live content! Plus, there's an easy-to-use donation button so you can support the ministry while you watch. The website will also get a makeover, making it easier to find and access all the articles and



content you need. No more juggling multiple websites - it'll all be in one place. And if you're into our documentaries, the app and website will be the best place to find and watch new ones. We will even have a subscription model similar to Netflix or Amazon Prime Video, so you can always find something new to watch. It will also facilitate self-guided museum tours, and Virtual Reality animations of dinosaurs and more in our books, displays and museum centres! All in all, the upgrades to the website and the new Creation Research app will make for a much more streamlined and user-friendly experience. But we need your help! It's not a cheap project, so we need donations! So hop on over to creationresearch.net, click on the donate button and help spread the truth of God's word to all the world!

## **MUSEUM REPORT**

With the Creation Research Centre now open regularly, we are hard at work developing several museum displays and exhibitions. Each discovery centre will have a static exhibit relevant to the local area – in the Oswestry centre, it will be 'Tites 'n' 'Mites! With Chirk canal tunnel nearby and full of fast-formed stalactites, it makes sense to create a special display all about how stalactite and stalagmite formation is all about process, not time! As such, we have been working on a stalactite machine for the museum, which other experiments have shown can produce cave-type formations at a rate of 2.5cm a month.

There are some great new additions to the museum collection, including a fabulous Wollemi Pine fossil. Wollemi pines were only known from their fossils until recently, and thought to be extinct since the time of the dinosaurs – until one was found in Wollemi National Forest! We now have both the fossil and the living tree in the Creation Research Centre! Read the Creation Research reports on Wollemi Pines <u>HERE</u>:





Other additions include some great fossils such as a giant Plesiosaur limb bone, and vertebrae collection, living fossil crabs, giant dinosaur teeth, and some spectacular new squid fossils from Jurassic Germany.

These 2 new squid fossils include spectacular detail, such as the tentacles and even the ink sac! We have already done experiments with <u>Jurassic squid ink</u>, so we're hoping to replicate this with our fossils as well! Fast formed fossils for sure, and certainly not millions of years old! Pray much as we continue to develop the museum, including the outdoor botanical garden and reptile room!

We continue to revamp and renovate the museum building, our next focus is to finish the offices and staff area, before moving onto the research area and courtyard. We need skilled workers, helpers, volunteers, and, of course, donations! Contact us to help today!



#### **Welcome Suzie to Start!**

Pray and give thanks for Susanna Kinloch, who after much prayer is joining the Creation Research UK team. Suzie will become an integral part of the ministry and museum centre, looking after the shop, administration, events and more! Thanks also to the rest of the Kinloch family, who have been a massive support to the ministry over the last year. Read Suzie's full bio HERE!

### A WORD FROM INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR JOHN MACKAY

**RESEARCH ON COAL** at Jurassic Ark is really hinting strongly that it is the presence of chlorophyll along with new growth in plants, that determines how easily they are carbonized, i.e. turn to coaly-carbonized fossils. Pray for these continuing experiments, which further point to the fact that it's not time but process, and that the Flood started at a time of maximum ideal conditions of growth. How did we discover that?

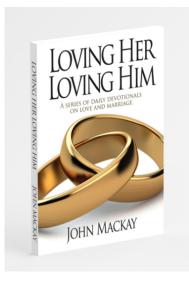
We cut several segments of fresh pine branch and placed them in kaolin clay, wet with dam water, then vacuum packed them. The bag was opened in the second year, so shown are 3 pine branches after burial in clay. Now compare these with a new pine branch, fresh cut to show the dead outer bark (brown), as well as the green chlorophyll of the inner bark, and the central pine wood (white). Note only the inner bark has gone black (carbonized).

Our results match what we have seen in coal field fossils where coal is often made of mostly carbonized inner pine bark. This has separated from the central wood which does not carbonize but rather petrifies. NEXT TEST...use a plant which has both chlorophyll and non chlorophyl leaves (green and white variegation).



**POINT IS** not millions of years in a swamp or under pressure, but the right process every time.

and gardens at Jurassic Ark.



**FROM 02**...New Book down at printers as John is asked to preach at the wedding of two young supporters who met at our 2022 Easter Creation to the Cross Conference. We have decided to turn the wedding sermon into a series of devotions and are releasing the book pictured shortly in Australia, initially available only for the wedding group, and then later as a full study book world wide. The wedding is on January 28 and John will be preaching for Victorian churches over the following week as well as visiting family and grandkids that we've only seen rarely in the past 3 years. Pre-order your copy HERE.

**FLOODS GALORE** as it's hot wet season in NE Australia so rain is widespread at present. Pray for the safety and protection of our staff homes, displays

**PRAYER NEED** as one of our workers will not be able to return to the office this year. Ideally, we would like someone we could train from scratch ie a Christian homeschooler, skilled in basic computing, and Office trainable in terms of the ministry, bookkeeping, etc. Contact John Mackay on <a href="mailto:info@creationresearch.net">info@creationresearch.net</a>.

# CAN YOU SUPPORT THE IMUSEUM IMINISTRY IN THE UK?

By individuals and churches committing just £50 a month to the Creation Research Trust, we are able to continue to develop the Creation Research Centre, acquire artefacts and fossils, while continuing to spread the gospel to all!

## **RESEARCH REPORT**

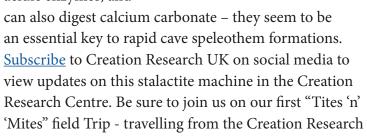
Great new research now being developed in the Creation Research Centre, including the construction of a new stalactite machine. These machines were first designed by John Mackay

for Jurassic Ark in 2015, based off years of real-life observations regarding the rapid growth of stalactites and stalagmites. These began as a concrete trough, but after criticism that the concrete was causing the rapid growth to be unlike a cave, we switched to plastic containers. These show that the stalactites are simply the result of the ingredients we put in – not the outside conditions.

The machine contains a layer of crushed seashells (predominant material being calcium carbonate), a layer of Portland limestone cement, and finally a layer of mulch. Why mulch? Well every observation of rapid stalactite formation seems to have something to do with the presence of organic microbial material. It's known that



these microbes can produce incredibly acidic enzymes, and



Centre in Oswestry, to some fabulous canal tunnel stalagtites, and then into a Welsh copper mine to see 8-foot tites grown in just over a century. Watch our website for details!

## MINISTRY NEEDS

Some of the many needs for the ministry in the UK. Support through the <u>UK website</u> or via the <u>Creation Research Trust</u>:

- **ACCOUNTANT/LEGAL ADVISOR**: We are now in the process of establishing Creation Research as an independent legal entity within the UK, working in close association with Creation Research Australia and the Creation Research Trust. We now need an accountant and legal advisor to help us with this set up and preparation.
- **ESSENTIAL BUILDING ADDITIONS**: As we open our new Creation Research Centre to the public, there are some legal and essential additions we need to add, including an external post box, signage, fire blankets, risk assessments, etc. COST: £1500
- MINISTRY LAPTOP FOR JOSEPH: Eight months ago, Joseph's Laptop crashed, and ever since he has been making do with a donated device, which is now also failing him. We urgently need a new high-power machine, ideally military-grade rugged for traveling, which is now picking up again. COST: £1500 £2500.
- MUSEUM BUILDING & RENOVATION: Ongoing rental costs of the building, renovation, utilities, and display exhibition design will be an increasing cost as we develop the project. The project will be developed as we can raise funding. CURRENT YEARLY COST: £20,000
- SUPPORT FOR JOSEPH & SARAH-ANN: With the cost of living ever-increasing and a recent move into a flat, times have become tight. Can you commit to supporting Creation Research, whom Joseph & Sarah-Ann are fully dependant on?

## Walking with Jesus through Genesis

A Bible Study with John Mackay

Key Verses: Jeremiah 33: 20-21

"Thus says the LORD: 'If you can break My covenant with the day and My covenant with the night, so that there will not be day and night in their season, then My covenant may also be broken with David my servant, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levites, the priest, My ministers.'

#### Genesis 1:5

"God called the light Day, ... So the evening and the morning were the first day."

Not only do we know the Scriptures above record the LORD said their to Jeremiah, but the five preceding verses inform us it is about the LORD keeping a promise to free His people, using 'a man' (singular), 'a' son of David who is the 'Branch of righteousness' who will save! So big hit - always read the lead up and follow up for any statements in God's Revealed Word. It's always an eye-opener. Now to dig deeper treasure.

Covenant? Not a familiar word to many but a very important legal one. No - a covenant is not a contract! That's what happens when two people thrash out details of a legal agreement. Each has equal or agreed authority in the arrangement. A covenant is certainly legal, but only one party makes the rules and the other party has no option but to accept. It's like that web site notice "click accept" if you wish to enter the site. You can either "accept" their rules, or get locked out. The choice is yours, but the results of the choice are not.

The same is true when dealing with God and his creation - of which we are a part. He invented both the universe and the rules by which it runs. We simply have no right to tell Him where to get off, any more than that ancient piece of clay the apostle Paul wrote about nearly 2000 years ago, had any authority to order the Potter what to pot (Romans 9:21). Paul's point was simple: the first Adam was a mere pile of God's clay reshaped for God's purpose, then stained by Adam's own simple choice. But the resulting penalty of that choice was way outside his control, including the consequence that we who are Adam's offspring now need re-potting by the Chief Potter Jesus. Any Christian is a clay vessel shaped anew to do his will and not our own. Humbling isn't it? But what freedom when you realise how true this is.

So what's this covenant of the day bit? It's another humbling reminder that we didn't invent time. The Righteous Creator did - by fiat declaration! The old "I said it, that finishes it" bottom line argument. When Christ invented the "Light of the World," it was given the name day. As we have already mentioned, "Naming Rights" were his alone, so darkness was monikered "night." And he even bothered to give us a written record of the beginning of time - "the first day."

So why the term covenant here? Simply because the arrangement was totally one sided. The rules were made by only one party. The day had no say, for the LORD had the last word as well as the first one! The light shone into the darkness of that first day, solely at his behest. Now...fast forward to around 2700 years ago when the captive Jews of Jeremiah's day had this applied in their favour. The real King of Israel, informed them that if they could break his rules concerning time, He would break His arrangement concerning their ultimate deliverance, One Man, The Messiah, A Righteous Son and Branch of King David. Now join the dots...

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The disobedient decendants of Abraham, the rebels who were God's people, were paying the price of their sin via slavery in Babylon. They controlled nothing. Whether they lived or died, ate or famished, all was outside their control. But there was one thing their slave masters had no control over - how long the day was! Only the True Creator and LORD did. For He had made time, so it really shouldn't surprise us that the True Holy Father tied an encouraging unbreakable promise of salvation from bondage to a very Legal Covenant He made way back on the first day of creation. Now the promised "day of deliverance" was coming and "a day" would not be one thousand years at all.

Now to the punch line! It doesn't take much experience in law to discover that a legal arrangement without a valid base in fact or history, or one that worse still is full of errors of law or logic, is null and void. Invalid! But our arch enemy Satan already knows that well, even if you don't. This is a key reason Genesis day one comes under so much attack. It's why so many try to steer you away from what they call doubtful or disputed beginnings. The Devil wants you to doubt day one of creation more that any other part of God's revelation, because he knows the legal validity of your promised inheritance, your eternal Deliverer and deliverance is invalid when God's Legal Testament from Himself to us, is full of errors or incomprehensible myths. The fact of our faith is that our salvation was Testamented at Son-rise on the first day of the week, because it had been covenantally built into the light of the world on the very first day of the very first week. Now praise this Saviour LORD, this Mighty Creator God and Faithful Friend, for His eternal freedom's Light has shone into the captive bondage of our sin's darkness. We are Free at last! My Jesus I love thee...Oh how I love thee!

#### **Ministry & Field Trips 2023**

We are already getting bookings for 2023, and we have a whole list of fabulous fossil field trips to do. If you or your church want to host a Creation Research meeting, home-education day, field trip, or more, get in touch now!

Notable events coming up:

Isle of Sheppey Field Trip: Saturday 18th Feb

Hunstanton FT: Saturday 22nd April

Other upcoming field trips. Keep an eye on our website for details!

Tites n Mites FT:

Aust Cliff FT

Whitby FT

Kingsbarns FT

Valley of Lime FT

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www.creationresearchstore.com

Other notable events we have booked:

19th February - Calvery Chapel Maidstone

**SUPPORT DETAILS**: Can you or your church support the vital ministry that Creation Research and the museum provides to the UK? We are asking our supporting churches & individuals to commit between £50 - £100 a month to the Creation Research Trust. In their last meeting, the CRT has committed to fully supporting this museum project, but they will need an increase of funds to ensure we can continue. To give you some perspective, just 30 churches/individuals giving £50 a month will go almost all the way in covering our rental, business, and insurance costs, whereas 30 churches giving £100 a month will allow us to develop and sustain not only the building and museum, but also create displays that will be able to travel from church to church. Can we rely on you and/or your church for this support? Can you commit to supporting this vision, and allowing the future of a research-based, display-heavy, evangelistic museum project to become a reality?

SUPPORT CREATION RESEARCH & THE UK CREATION RESEARCH TRUST NOW!