



Scottish Christian Party

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD" Psalm 33:12

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TWO BY-ELECTIONS THIS MONTH

John Cormack is standing for the SCP in the Glasgow Govan by-election on 10/10/2013.

Craig Smith is fighting the Hamilton South by-election on 24/10/2013.

Anyone who would like to help, should get in touch with them or the office. The details are on the website at <http://www.scottishchristianparty.org.uk/elections/>

Those who would like to help financially can telephone the office 01698 536421 for how to contribute to the fighting fund.

Please pray for our candidates.

CHRISTIAN POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS MEET IN EUROPE

The leader of the Scottish Christian Party spoke about the global reach of Christ's kingdom at an international meeting in Switzerland.

The European Christian Political Movement (ECPM) hosted a four-day meeting in August at Leissigen, Switzerland, for leaders from various European Christian political parties.

In his address Dr Donald Boyd pointed out the 40-year delay in the recognition of Moses' mission to deliver the children of Israel from Egypt Acts 7:25, as well as the 40-year delay in the wilderness—for they "could not enter in because of unbelief" Hebrews 3:17-19.

He asked how many more decades must pass before Christians will understand the mandate to promote Christ's Lordship over the nations: "the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ" Revelation 11:15.



Peeter Võsu, Estonia first President of the ECPM (2002-2013)



Peter Östman (Finland) current ECPM President

Dr Boyd spent time with **Peeter Võsu**, the first President of the ECPM since its inception in 2002, discussing the blueprint for emerging Christian Parties in Europe and further afield.

Dr Boyd said: "The international secular coalition, which manifests itself in the redefining of marriage, has a strong base in the European institutions. So long as the vast majority of UK laws are made in Europe, so long we must engage with the European battlefield."

The ECPM has eighteen autonomous Christian political parties, with a growing number of associated political parties, think tanks and research institutes, providing a large corpus of collective resources. A new board was elected at this meeting in Leissigen. The new President is a member of the Parliament of Finland, **Peter Östman**.

Guido van Beusekom, general manager of the ECPM, is expected to attend the SCP Conference in October 2013 (see back page).



Dr Donald Boyd to the undoubted technological advances in the Christian western world throughout the past century.

Britain has often followed American culture, to the extent that it is said that when America sneezes Britain catches a cold. Our standard of living is about ten years behind America's, and slowly the standard of living throughout the whole world is rising. This is due

However, the Christian framework within which this took place is under threat. It is being eroded by another influence, not so much from America as from Europe. America influenced by persuasion and excellence, but now Britain is being influenced by the legal framework of the European Union. Law is coercive; the Christian Gospel is persuasive and voluntary.

The moral corruption and lack of political accountability in the European institutions became more apparent to me during my visit to Switzerland, reported on the front page.

The current social and moral corruption rides on the back of the benefits from scientific advancement throughout the 20th century. The political failure to improve society shelters behind the technological advances by pure science. We need to distinguish these in order to expose the secular attempt to claim scientific progress as support for secularism.



The Leissigen group during some Alpine sight-seeing (see report on page 1).

We cannot escape from the global reach of the humanistic assault on Christian values, but to influence it we need to engage in the battle. The battleground is not only in the field of ideas, but in the political arena—the European, Westminster and Holyrood Parliaments, which determine the legal framework and rules for action.

At Leissigen, I learned that some eastern European countries, on leaving the USSR, drew up new constitutions. Seeing the writing on the wall, they took the opportunity to write



The European Parliament, Strasbourg. What is the message? "Some languages and countries are more equal than others?"

into their constitution that marriage is between one man and one woman. On the other hand the SNP wants to redefine marriage and to have a nuclear weapons ban written into Scotland's constitution. The first purpose and duty of government is the defence of the nation, but marriage is under attack from our own government, and our defence strategy needs more than Alex Salmond's smile to ward off our enemies. We need the smile of heaven, but we are doing much to elicit God's displeasure.

The European Parliament, like Holyrood, will be the battleground for redefining marriage. Will it be a skirmish, as it was in Westminster? "The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle" Psalm 78:9. We need to train an army of Christian soldiers who know how to *stand* in the day of battle, Ephesians 6:11,13,14.

Every blessing,
Dr Donald Boyd
Leader of the Christian Party in Scotland

"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven" Matthew 6:10.

CHRISTIAN PARTY LEADER JOINS EUROPEAN CELEBRATION

Jeff Green, the leader of the Christian Party, attended the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Elysee Treaty – a peace treaty between France and Germany.

1,200 people from seven countries attended Europa Fest 2013 in Bad Rappenau, Germany on 6 Jun 2013. For several days, Welsh accents joined with those from England, France, Italy, Poland, Hungary, Sweden and other parts of Germany.

Jeff spent time with Hans Heribert Blättgen, the mayor of Bad Rappenau, and a delegation from Contrexeville, France, towns which are each twinned with Llandrindod Wells, where Jeff is mayor.

The twinning idea was one of the products of the post-World War II peace treaty. The Welsh mayor, together with about 25 local people from Llandrindod Wells, were invited into people's homes and integrated with the German community for seven days.



The Welsh delegation with members of the German and French Twinning Committees.

Left of front row: Jeff Green with Heribert Blättgen, mayor of Bad Rappenau.

The mayor of Bad Rappenau insisted that Jeff be first on stage to receive the welcome at the celebrations. During his time, Jeff chatted with Rainer Wieland, Vice President of the European Parliament; Detlef Piepenburg, Head of the District Authority; and Michael Link, a member of the German Bundestag and minister of state at the federal office in Germany.



Jeff Green acknowledges the crowd's welcome as he is introduced, along with a group of 40 mayors and visiting dignitaries from across Europe.



Front row: Michael Link (second from left) member of the German Bundestag and minister of state at the federal office in Germany; Rainer Wieland (second from right) Vice President of European Parliament, and other ministers of Baden-Württemberg,

Second row: Jeff Green beside Maïke, wife of Heribert Blättgen, the mayor of Bad Rappenau.

They discussed issues about the UK's membership of the EU, and Jeff was asked to explain why David Cameron's Tories are losing votes to UKIP.

Jeff reminded them of Jesus' teaching about leaders serving others. Michael Link responded: "Good point — I must go and see some of my constituents!"

Jeff Green is putting Llandrindod Wells on the national and international stage. At the centre of Powys, the largest region of Wales, Christian fortitude is breathing new life into the town council.

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FAQ - Surely religion and politics don't mix?

1. Truly, some people's religion does not mix with their politics. More is the pity that they cannot find a religion which mixes with their politics. Christianity does.
2. Christians are salt and light in the world.
3. Atheists mix their atheism with their politics.
4. See a fuller answer in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section of the website.

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