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“The Burning Bush” bows out



This edition of The Burning Bush will be the last. It has been in print since March 1970, becoming a regular monthly read since 1988. The founding editor, Rev Ivan Foster, retires next year. It is for this reason alone that the publication is coming to an end.

However, “The Burning Bush” website (www.ivanfoster.org) will continue for some time and it is hoped that pertinent articles will still continue to be made available by this means.

The Editor appreciates very much the encouraging comments that have been made by readers regarding the ending of “The Burning Bush”.

I would like to thank all those who have faithfully supported this witness, some from the earliest days of its publication.

I must also thank my wife, Ann, who has carefully scrutinised each issue for spelling mistakes etc; since 1970. No one was more pleased at the arrival of a computer in our home than she was, since she had the task of typing out the earliest editions on a typewriter for me then to physically “cut and paste” in order to prepare it for duplicating.

The computer meant that she had only the scrutiny to take care of.

We have received some more communications from some brethren in the ministry which we print below.

To you one and all, I say a sincere thank you.

Ivan Foster.

There is an old saying that “all good things must come to an end.” Sadly, this is the case with “The Burning Bush” as it concludes its 37 year history with the February 2007 issue. As its name suggests it has been a fiery publication, not always popular, but consistently faithful in warning God’s people of the dangers of religious and political apostasy, especially within the context of Northern Ireland.

As one who has edited a church magazine for almost thirty years I can appreciate the time and effort, not to mention the deadlines, frustrations and disappointments, of keeping such a ministry going for 37 years. Of the ‘Burning Bush’ editor, the Rev. Ivan Foster, it could be said that he is a living example of the unwavering spirit of Jeremiah, “He that hath my Word, let him speak that word faithfully.” (Jeremiah 23:28).

I wish him well as he relinquishes the paper he loved but I know that he, also like Jeremiah, will find God’s word in his heart “As a burning fire shut up in (his) bones, and... weary with forbearing...could not stay.” (Jeremiah 20:9). The Burning Bush may come to an end, but the fire will burn on.

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There are few voices crying in the wilderness of apostasy today, which are not ashamed to maintain the honour of Christ, or to bear His reproach. Although often unpopular, they nevertheless remain faithful to the Word and play a vital role in the edification and protection of the Church. The Burning Bush has been one such voice.

Since its inception, the Burning Bush has been set for the defense of the Gospel in an honest, no-nonsense, common sense approach.

It is refreshing to find courage in these days when many around us are weak and sickly in their stand for Truth. We appreciate the fortitude of the editor, Rev. Ivan Foster. His unwavering stand has been a great encouragement and inspiration not only to me, but to my family and others here in Toronto.

Brother Foster has fought a good fight. His paper will be missed by many of us. May God raise up others to stand in this needy gap for Truth and Righteousness.

With sincere appreciation,

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