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“The Burning Bush” prepares to bow out



The next 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 communications from some brethren in the ministry which we print below.

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

Ivan Foster.

“For 37 years, The Burning Bush has been a staunch advocate of true Protestantism and Biblical separation.

The articles dealing with apostasy have provided excellent information and have provided keen insight into the methods used to lure Protestants into the compromise of their convictions.

In addition, the emphasis on the preaching of the Holy Scriptures has been an abiding feature of every issue.

Readers in North America will also miss the valuable background information on political developments in Northern Ireland and are thankful for the steadfast nature of this witness for Christ.”

Rev. David Mook.

Moderator, Free Presbyterian Church of North America.



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"In Isaiah 62: 10 the exhortation is found "Lift up a standard for the people." A standard was associated with conflict and warfare in Bible times. It was used to marshal, to guide and encourage the troops.

Through all the 37 years of its existence the Burning Bush has been a faithful standard for the people of the province and further afield.

It has spoken on the issues of the day, shedding the light of God's Word on subjects such as Ecumenism, Romanism, terrorism, education, abortion and Sodomy. God's people through the fearless message of the Burning Bush have been challenged, exhorted and edified. The Lord Jesus Christ has been exalted, the Gospel has been proclaimed, and the faith once delivered to the saints has been earnestly contended for in an age when truth has fallen in the street.

All who love the Lord praise God for this witness and testimony that has remained true to the Blood and the Book."

Rev. David Priestley.
Bangor Free Presbyterian Church.

"It was with a great deal of sadness that I learned that the final edition of the Burning Bush would be published in February 2007. In this day of the great falling away, when many churches are crowding the road that leads to Rome, and many ministers are willing to abandon the truth of God's word all in the name of church unity, I thank the Lord that for 37 years this wonderful publication has consistently been a Protestant witness in a day of Apostasy, taking a strong stand against the Rome-ward trend.

Over the years, the Burning Bush has earnestly contended for the faith which was once delivered to the saints, a position which has never been popular, but then the Lord did not call us to be popular, but to be faithful to His cause and to His dear name. This the Burning Bush has done for almost four decades. Now, this voice for Gospel truth is soon to fall silent, and I for one will be very sorry when it does."

Rev. Reggie Cranston.
Port Hope Free Presbyterian Church.

"Brown envelopes in the Irish Republic have become a synonym for political bribery. Not so, in the Maxwell household where they usually hailed the arrival of the Burning Bush newspaper. By nature ("A Protestant Witness in a day of Apostasy") it did not always render it enjoyable reading. Although many unpalatable subjects formed the monthly diet, yet the careful and perceptive analysis which accompanied more than made up for it.

My favourite part was the synopsis of a sermon preached during the previous month by the editor in Kilskeery FPC. Many an otherwise dull morning was brightened by its arrival.

We will certainly miss it."



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Colin Maxwell.
Missionary, Cork Free Presbyterian Church.