

## **STUDENT LECTURES**

# **Bible Characters**

	DATE	<u>CHARACTER</u>	<u>STUDENT</u>
1)	17th October	Mary Magdalene	Ann Wallace
2)	17th October	Joseph	Philip Edwards
3)	24th October	The Lover	Simon Hobden
4)	24th October	Hannah	Denise Fairbrother
5)	31st October	Melchizedek	Edward Gosnell
6)	31st October	David	Philip Edwards
7)	7th November	Paul	Gill Reville
8)	7th November	Lydia	Daphne Edwards

## 1) ANN WALLACE SPEAKING ON MONDAY 17TH OCTOBER - MARY MAGDALENE

Hi my name is Ann Wallace, I am retired, having worked from the age of 16-64. I gave up a very demanding career in 2006 to develop and manage a Christian outreach. I have been a Christian for 30 years. My journey hasn't been smooth but I know that Jesus never left me (and never will) even when I may have ignored Him. I have learned to trust in the Lord and not myself, I feel his gentle encouragement. As a child, I was told by my Nana, that age is just a number, so I will continue to ask "what next Lord."

## 2) PHILIP EDWARDS SPEAKING ON MONDAY 17TH OCTOBER - JOSEPH

## 3) <u>SIMON HOBDEN SPEAKING ON MONDAY 24TH OCTOBER - THE LOVER</u>

I'm a vicar's son, but I rejected God very early on. I tried to live a "good life" until I was 19, even studied the Bible, but it didn't seem to be about me and the Christians I knew, other than my parents. My career, running a contact centre, took off but all the time I was battling terminal illness, increasing unhealthy relationships, depression, alcohol and drugs. Just before my 55th birthday in 2017, I gave my life to Jesus.

I teach in a girls grammar school. I'm just learning to live as the Spirit teaches me. I am putting myself forward to teach on this course trusting those who lead the academy.

#### 4) DENISE FAIRBROTHER SPEAKING ON MONDAY 24TH OCTOBER - HANNAH

My name is Denise, I work part time as a church administrator. About 30 years ago I came back to faith which has proved to be one of the best and most important decisions I have ever made. I enjoy reading and studying the Bible because it's full of wisdom, help and encouragement. Many times in different situations God's word has spoken to me personally, I have also been able to share the Bible's wisdom with people I pray for.

## 5) EDWARD GOSNELL SPEAKING ON MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER - MELCHIZEDEK

I came to faith rather suddenly 20 years ago. I retired from fund management 8 years ago and Sarah and I took the opportunity to join the HTH plant team and move to Hastings. Phil's bible teaching is a much appreciated (and needed) bonus for being in Hastings.

## 6) PHILIP EDWARDS SPEAKING ON MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER - DAVID

## 7) GILL REVILLE SPEAKING ON MONDAY 7TH NOVEMBER - PAUL

I'm Gillian Reville, I am a Hair Stylist by trade, a volunteer in hospital chaplaincy and a Tutor for Restorative Justice in H.M. Prisons. Since accepting Jesus as my personal Saviour three decades ago, He has been my strength and provider throughout all my imperfections. Amen to that!

#### 8) DAPHNE EDWARDS SPEAKING ON MONDAY 7TH NOVEMBER - LYDIA

My name is Daphne Edwards I worked as a Homeless Support Worker for many years helping disadvantaged people to be fed, clothed and housed. Although retired, I still have energy to work and volunteer in this sector. I was also a Pastor's wife for 37 years and helped my husband in the Church especially organising Overseas Missions. I have a passion to keep learning more of what the Bible says and then to put into practice in my own life.

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