

# Editorial

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This twentieth issue is an important milestone for *Foundations* as it represents nearly ten years of life as a theological journal. The first issue appeared in November 1978 but both the format and the content of the journal have steadily improved over the years. *Foundations* has met a real need, especially within the BEC constituency of churches, and many pastors have shared with us their conviction that this journal has made a 'useful contribution' to church life. One complaint regularly expressed, however, is that readers have to wait as long as six months for each issue! Please pray with us that the ministry of *Foundations* will become even more fruitful and significant over the next years.

You can help us, too, by subscribing to the journal yourself and also by commending it to other Christians and church leaders. We need to achieve a wider and better circulation for *Foundations*. Can you help us in achieving this?

The first article in this issue is written by Alan Gibson and is a helpful, biblical assessment of the frightening phenomenon of **Aids**. Our **Exegesis** article is provided by the Rev Murdo Gordon and concentrates on Jeremiah 29:7. **Islam in Britain: Threat or Opportunity?** is our third article and comes from the pen of the Rev Merle Inniger of the International Christian Fellowship.

Also in this issue is my **Review of Theological Journals: 1987-1988** which many of you ask me to include regularly in our journal. This is followed by a brief review of the **New Dictionary of Theology** again by the editor. Noel Gibbard has supplied a fascinating insight into ministerial training 200 years ago in his article on **David Bogue and the Gosport Academy**. We subsequently have two **New Testament Commentary Reviews**, then a **Video Review** before our **Old Testament Update** written by Stephen Dray.

We hope these articles and reviews will be helpful to you.

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*The statement is so vague that it amounts to saying, in effect, 'We agree to hold hands together in the dark, not knowing either who we are, where we are going, or where we will end up'!*

Rev John Shearer  
Rector of Nuffield, near Henley, explaining to his parishioners why he refused to read the **Swanwick Declaration** during public worship in October 1987.

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