



CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

TOGETHER

"Since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other and each of us needs all the others" (Romans 12:5)

British Isles — — — SUMMER 2010

ASSEMBLY REPORTS

District Assemblies were held over the weekend 12th-15th March in **Morley** and **Paisley**. South District Superintendent, **Rev David Montgomery**, brought his first report to the Assembly with the challenge to "...remain in Christ". As Jesus said, "...if a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit..." (*John 15:5*). Special features of the assembly were the times of prayer for each pastor, and a question and answer session with members of the District Advisory Board.

A weekend of Conventions and Rallies characterised the North Assembly, which followed the theme, The Church in **Community, Evangelism, Worship, & Mission**. **Rev Colin H. Wood**, brought his 18th report as District Superintendent and recognised the great need for God's Spirit to move in the land and across the district, and that God's Call would come to many to offer themselves for the pastoral ministry.



Ordination group Paisley standing (l.to r.): **Rev Jonny & Pamela Gios** (Carlisle), **Rev Derrick & Dayna Thames** (Perth), **Rev Rosemary Davidson** (Edinburgh), **Rev Michelle Sowerby** (Parkhead), **Rev Jennifer & Pastor Jonny Blake** (Carlisle), **JoAnne & Rev Nathan Payne** (Erskine). Seated (l.to r.): **Dr Paul D. Tarrant**, **Dr Jesse C. Middendorf**, **Rev Colin H. Wood**.

General Superintendent, Dr Jesse C. Middendorf, presided at both assemblies, and both assemblies concluded with ordination services.



Times of Prayer at the South Assembly



Ordination group **Morley** (l.to r.) **Rev David Montgomery**, **Rev Margaret Brown** (Ordinand – Atherton), **Dr Jesse C. Middendorf**.

Faith & Sharing Conference – NETHERLANDS



UK representatives outside the *Stephanuskerk*. (l.to r.) **Rev David Montgomery** (DS), **Rev Colin H. Wood** (DS), **Pastor Jason Nike** (London), **Mary Wood** (Glasgow), **Dr Deidre Brower Latz** (NTC), **Rev Matt Norris** (Salford), **Mavis Seymour** (London), **Rev Clive Burrows** (Bolton), **Rev Karl Stanfield** (Manchester), **Rev Martin Seymour** (London).

Representatives from the UK Church joined with some 80 delegates from the Global Church – *Eurasia, Asia Pacific, USA/Canada* – for this "Neighbour's Conference". Held in the *Stephanuskerk* (*Kerk van de Nazarener*), **Dordrecht, Netherlands**, 26th-29th April, the conference was the fifth in a series of Global Mission-sponsored conferences aimed at helping churches minister to people of other faiths. The programme consisted of nine seminars with question and answer sessions, and focused on the need to understand, listen to, ask questions of, and befriending those of other faiths...for it is only then that we can find common ground and a starting point for sharing our hope in Christ,



"Going Dutch" – a visit to the *Zaanse Schans* Dutch Village (l.to r.) **Rev Arthur Snijders** (DS - Netherlands), **Alison & Rev David Montgomery** (DS), **Mary & Rev Colin H. Wood** (DS), **Dr David P. Wilson** (General Secretary), **Rev Martin Wahl** (DS – Germany).



Rev Arthur Snijders (Netherlands District Superintendent) and **Rev Annemarie Snijders** (Pastor of the Veenendaal Kerk van de Nazarener) pictured on a recent visit to South Africa.

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INDUCTIONS

BRAMLEY, YORKS – Rev Andrew Aveyard was inducted to the *Bramley Church of the Nazarene* on Saturday, 3rd April. The church was well filled for the occasion. Dr Deirdre Brower Latz preached and the charge to the pastor and congregation – *to work together and build the kingdom* – was brought by Rev David Montgomery – District Superintendent. A time of fellowship and refreshments followed.



Bramley Induction (l.to r.) Rev Andrew Aveyard, Gloria Marsh (Church Secretary), Rev David Montgomery (DS).

GILLINGHAM, KENT – A good number were present at the induction of Rev Fred Calvert on Saturday, 17th April. Greetings were brought by Rev David Perry (*Watford Balmoral Road* - S. E. Zone), Pastor Peter Marchand (*North Gillingham Churches Together*), and Councillor Stephen Kearney (Local Councillor - Gillingham South). The District Superintendent, Rev David Montgomery led the service and inducted the new minister.

HOUSTON INDUCTION

Ana-Marija Tomic was welcomed, and inducted as Youth Pastor of the *Houston Church*, on Sunday, 9th May. Ana comes from *Zagreb, Croatia*, is a qualified teacher, and a graduate of *European Nazarene College, Switzerland*.



(l.to r.) Rev Benito Coetzee (Pastor), Ana-Marija Tomic, Rev Colin H. Wood (DS).



Ana-Marija Tomic (centre – back row) with *Houston* Youth.



Gillingham Induction (l.to r.) Rev Fred & Catherine Calvert, Rev David Montgomery (DS), Pam Grunwell (Church Secretary).

CHURCHES MERGE

‘SEE I AM DOING A NEW THING!’ On Sunday January 24th the District Superintendent Rev David Montgomery inducted Helen Lawson as the new Assistant Pastor of the *Sheffield Heeley Church of the Nazarene*. On Sunday February 7th *Sheffield Heeley* merged with the *Sheffield Norfolk Park Church of the Nazarene*. The new church will meet at Heeley and simply be known as the *Sheffield Church of the Nazarene*. It will retain its focus on compassionate ministry for all ages in the local Heeley community but also look at developing city-wide house groups. The nearby *Dronfield Church of the Nazarene* (which has been meeting at a local school) will close and be re-formed as a bi-monthly house group attached to the Sheffield church. At present around 80 adults live within a mile of the church building and around 60 travel between 2 and 30 miles to Sunday worship.

At the Merger Service a Building Fund was launched to raise an estimated £1 million for a much-needed restoration of the Heeley church building which has become increasingly damp. Three weeks later a special Week of Prayer involved finding a time and place to be still before God, by ourselves, in the church, and/or with others in special prayer groups in people's homes. It was a time to put our own hearts right with God, asking Him what He wants to do in us, and through us. The Week of Prayer led into an Away-Day on Saturday March 6th at the nearby *St Paul's Church of England* where we prayed and discussed what the real purpose of God was for the future of our church. The facilitator was Sue Stephens from Watford. Our prayer is that God will do a new thing in our own hearts and in the ongoing ministry of our church family.



Photograph; (l. to r.) Pastor Helen Lawson, Brian Stocks (who passed away, 4th March), Rev Bruce Lloyd (Pastor), Rev Leslie Evans (former Pastor), Mark Strong (secretary), Alistair Barclay and Pastor Kate Barclay (Youth Pastor)

Irvine Women's Fellowship Conference April 2010

Theme: Return to your first Love

The Conference was well attended by women who came from a good number of our churches and we were encouraged by the large number of women who had travelled all the way from Carlisle.

Rev, Trish Laird and Mrs. Cathy Tarrant were the speakers on the day and both brought informative, inspiring, challenging and topical messages that were a great blessing to those who were there. After the final session there was ministry and one woman surrendered her life to Christ

The written feedback reports were very positive showing a desire to hold another Conference in 2011. Overall it was a wonderful day of blessing and fellowship.

Pat Macdonald



Picture; (l. to r.) **Pat Macdonald** (Irvine), Conference Organiser, with speakers, **Cathy Tarrant** (NMI District President) & **Rev Trish Laird** (Largs).

HISTORIC SITE



Sharpe Memorial Church

The **Sharpe Memorial Church of the Nazarene, Parkhead, Glasgow**, was designated an "Historic Site" by action of the District Assembly held in *Paisley*, 15th March 2010. Founded in 1906 by **Rev George Sharpe DD**, as the **Pentecostal Church of Scotland**,

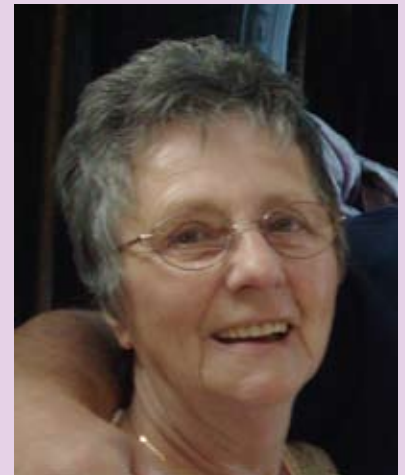
"**Parkhead**" is the Mother Church of the Church of the Nazarene in the British Isles; it was where the first woman in *Scotland* was ordained (**Olive Winchester** in 1912), and where District Assemblies were held across the decades of the last century.

Although there are plans to redevelop and rebuild the church on the present site, the designation will remain, and be presented to the General Assembly in 2013 with a view to the site being designated an **Historic Site** of the International Church. **Dr Ian G. Wills** is the senior pastor of the **Sharpe Memorial Church**.

In Memoriam

Elizabeth (Betty)

Grossmith was called home 4th April; although active, she had not been keeping well for some time. She was 75. Along with her late husband – **Rev Fred Grossmith** (who passed away April 2002) – **Betty** served in the **St Helen's, Grimsby, Glasgow Hart Memorial, & Cleethorpes** churches.



Betty Grossmith

The funeral, held in a packed church and conducted by **Rev Joy Osborne**, was held on Tuesday, 13th April, in the **Trinity Nazarene Church, Cleethorpes**. Others taking part included, **Pastor Gary & Jean Gladwell (Cleethorpes)**, **Rev Clive & Grace Burrows (Bolton)**, **Rev Bill Townsend**... and a family tribute was brought. Representatives from the various ministries **Betty** supported were present, including the **Prison Fellowship** which **Betty** supported through the prayer ministry and in supporting chapel services at **Lincoln Prison**. The **Grossmiths** had 4 daughters – **Kristina, Margaret, Denise & Rachel** and we remember them, and their families in prayer.

Rev Joy Osborne writes: "The family and friends of Betty wish to express their deep appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy, prayers and support which they have received, especially over the last weeks of Betty's illness. Betty was a wonderful saint; faithful to God and the Church...loved and cherished as a sister in Christ. Her life, lived to the glory of God, is one we shall treasure and her ministry a legacy beyond measure."

CREATE WORKSHOPS

Sponsored by the **National Board of Evangelism & Church Development** in partnership with **Momentum (UK) Ltd**, the **CREATE** programme is to be brought to zones across the UK church. Seminars will cover the following areas, *Building Missional Communities, Becoming Missional Kingdom Builders, Missional Leadership, Mission to Generation Y*.

Scotland	Erskine,	23rd October 2010
N. Ireland	Belfast First,	27th November 2010
England (N)	Leeds South	22nd January 2011
England (S)	Watford Woodside	5th February 2011

.... **AND** has your Church made preparations to teach the **Ten Commandments** over 10 Sundays this autumn (12th September-4th November)?

The District Advisory Boards have endorsed this programme, and **Momentum UK Ltd** is partnering with the **Philo Trust** to bring to the Church of the Nazarene this challenging project. A number of churches have already ordered the materials. For help and guidance contact: South District – **Rev Trevor Hutton**, North District – **Pastor Dave White**.

CONGRATULATIONS

Rev Ian G. Wills – Senior pastor of the **Sharpe Memorial Church, Parkhead, Glasgow** – graduated with the **Doctor of Ministry** degree from **Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky**, on Saturday, 22nd May. A graduate of **Glasgow University (BD, MTh)**, **Dr Wills** was an **Asbury “Beeson Scholar”** and was in residence at **Asbury** 2007/8.



Rev Dr Ian G. Wills

Pastor Alan Baird – youth pastor/associate – of the **Erskine Church of the Nazarene** – was awarded the National (Scotland) Youth Worker Award for 2010. Organised by **Youth Link Scotland** (The National Agency for Youth Work), **Alan** received the award for the ‘Faith Issues’ category...this award is sponsored by the **Church of Scotland**. **Alan**, who is a graduate of the **International Christian College, Glasgow**, received the award at a presentation on 18th March in **Glasgow**.



Pastor Alan Baird receiving his award from (left)) **Rev Mark E. Johnstone** (Convenor: Mission & Discipleship Council, Church of Scotland), and (right) **Bruce Crawford MSP**.

And congratulations to **Rev Philip McAlister** (*Field Strategy Co-ordinator /Pastor Carrickfergus*) who has been awarded the **MBA** (Master of Business Administration) degree from **Northwest Nazarene University, Nampa, Idaho, USA**. **Rev McAlister** was unable to be present at the graduation ceremony which was held 8th May 2010.

... and in Canada

Rev Andrew Tarrant - pastor to youth and their families (**Guildford, BC**) - was ordained at the **Canada Pacific District Assembly** held 25th June, at the **Guildford Church of the Nazarene**, by **Dr Jerry D. Porter, General Superintendent**. **Dr & Mrs Paul D. Tarrant** were present for the ordination of their son.



Scots in Canada (l.to r.) **Rev Andrew & Hayley Tarrant**, and **Rev Robert & Lara Gray** (**Guildford** pastor, former pastor of the **Erskine Church**).

LONDON BAPTISM

Held Sunday, 20th June, in the **River Mole** near **Box Hill, Surrey**, a group of 22 – part of the **Thomas Memorial church plant** - attended the baptism of **Aimee Quinn**. **Pastor Jason Nike**, officiated, as **Aimee** gave witness to her new life in Christ.



Baptism Group – (l.to r.) **Aimee Quinn**, **Pastor Jason Nike**, **Kostya Gaiduk**

Desertmartin BAPTISM

Nine were baptized on Sunday evening, 20th June, at the **Desertmartin (N.I.) Church of the Nazarene**. Included in this group were some who came to faith during a recent **Christianity Explored** course, which was run by **Pauline Evans**, and **Andrew Evans**.



The nine baptism candidates, with pastor **Rev David Evans**, far right.



Mervyn Hutchinson being baptized... (**Mervyn's** mother, **Iona**, was also baptized).



BAPTISM at Parkhead

Six young people were baptized at the **Sharpe Memorial Church, Parkhead**, on Sunday 27th June. (l.to r.) **Jessica Hutt**, **Paige Kenny**, **Rebecca Lister**, **Rachel Lister**, **Emma Lister**, **Emma Burleigh**.

SPORTS DAY

It was good weather for the 2010 (North) District Sports Day, held Saturday, 1st May in **Glasgow**. Many churches from across Scotland and from the N. England were represented. Congratulations to the winning teams: **1st Irvine, 2nd Parkhead, 3rd Perth**.



Medal Giving Ceremony - part of the Sports Day Crowd...the medal giving ceremony was held, this year, at the Sports Ground.

CHILDREN'S QUIZZING

Children's Quizzing – North District - was held on Saturday, 8th May, in the **Govan Church of the Nazarene**. Congratulations to this year's winners – the team from **Govan**. Thanks to District Quiz Director **Jim Jeffrey** (Irvine) and his helpers for another great quiz!



Quiz Teams at **Govan**

The winning **Govan** Team

CHARITY SHOP OPENED

The **HOPE** Charity Shop was officially opened on Saturday, 15th May. Located on the Shore Road, the shop is an Outreach and Compassionate Ministry of the **Belfast First Church of the Nazarene**. The shop is conveniently situated near to the church and is next door to the Constituency Office of the local MP, **Nigel Dodds OBE MP MLA** – who cut the ribbon and declared the shop open.

Local pastor, **Rev Robert Birnie**, believes that the shop will be the presence of the church in the community, making contacts, and helping, in practical ways, those in need and on low incomes. The shop is open 6 days a week – for 5 hours each day - and is staffed by 21 volunteers, 14 of whom are church members. Proceeds from the shop will enable the church to be more effective in mission and ministry at home and abroad.

Top photograph: The HOPE Charity Shop, ready for business!

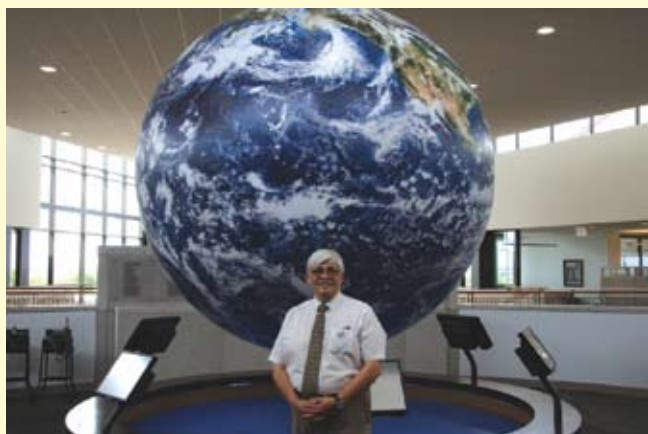
Cutting the Ribbon! – (l.to r.) **Rev Robert Birnie**, **Nigel Dodds MP**, **Rev Colin H. Wood** (DS).



USA VISIT

TOGETHER Assistant Editor, **Irvine Boal**, visited **Nazarene Headquarters** while on a visit to the **USA** in May. Located in **Lenexa, Kansas**, the recently built complex houses the Global Ministry offices of the International Church of the Nazarene.

During the visit it was discovered that the Board of General Superintendents were all present for one of the quarterly meetings of the Board and **Irvine Boal** was able to have his picture taken with 5 of them.



The globe of the world, located in the entrance area, reminds us of the mission of the church, **To Make Christ-like Disciples in the Nations**.



Irvine Boal with 5 of the 6 General Superintendents. (l.to r.) **Dr Jesse C. Middendorf**, **Dr David W. Graves**, **Irvine Boal** (who was given a picture of **Dr J.K. Warrick** to hold, as **Dr Warrick** was not available for the photograph!), **Dr Jerry D. Porter**, **Dr Eugenio R. Duarte**, **Dr Stan A. Toler**.



Flying the Flag! A picture was taken in March 2010 when it was the turn of the **Union Flag** to be unfurled for the week from the centre mast. The Church of the Nazarene operates in over 155 World Areas, and the flags of the nations are flown in turn from the "Global Ministry Center" building.

The Best Yet

Rev Geoff Austin (*Ardrossan*) reports that the recent **Pastor's Summer School** – held 24th-27th May at **Nazarene Theological College, Manchester** - was probably the best he had attended.

He writes; "Both Districts were represented and numbers attending were in the mid-twenties. Each day began with a **"Creative Prayer Time"** using a number of reflective approaches to think about and communicate with God in prayer. The programme included sessions on **"Evangelism Re-visited"**, **"Renewing Your Vision"**, **"Fundraising"** and **"Community Audit"**. There was also a choice of workshops such as *Networking*, *Lay Leadership & Team Ministry*, and, *Marriage & the Family*.

"The **Sydney Martin Memorial Lecture** was delivered by **Professor Paul Ballard** who spoke on **The Bible as Scripture – a Practical Theological Approach**. This meeting was open to the public and pastors were joined by NTC Faculty and others. It was a thought provoking session, **Dr Ballard** fielding questions at the end. The discussion continued among the pastors the following day! I would encourage all pastors to be there next year; and all Church Boards to make it possible for their pastor to attend."

FRESH EXPRESSIONS in STOCKTON

Rev Andrew McRae (*Stockton* pastor) reports, "We had a great day on Saturday, 22nd May, when 30 from the North of England joined together in **Stockton** for the **Fresh Expressions** seminars led by **Rev Trevor Hutton** of **Momentum**. These were excellent presentations, and they challenged and encouraged us to consider how we can reach people with the Gospel in relevant and creative ways. It was a most encouraging day!"



Anniversary Celebrations

The weekend of 15th-16th of May saw **Belle Vue Church** celebrate 72 years in **Carlisle**. The Anniversary celebrations included Saturday night **Messy Church**, where kids and parents learned about Jesus' love, and a joint service with **Raffles Community Church** on the Sunday morning, followed by a BBQ. The service included a joint worship band involving new musicians which was really exciting, as well as a guest speaker in **Julia Powley**, a local *Church of England* vicar. In all the weekend was a great hit as people joined together in fellowship and worship of God and praising Him for all He has done and is doing in the community of **Belle Vue**. The church looks forward in anticipation to the next 72 years.



Sally at Messy Church with her 'junk boat'



Worship Band



Congregation listening to Julia Powley

CHOIR VISIT

The **Moody Chorale** – from the **Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, USA** – visited the UK in May. Concerts were held at a number of venues, including, **Strathclyde House, Irvine, Paisley St Matthew's, Perth Trinity, Portsmouth RN Base** with Chaplain Rev T Goodwin MBE, **Carrickfergus, Greystones, Ashton Under Lyne** and they were invited to perform in **York Minster**.



The **Moody Chorale** presenting a programme at the **Irvine Church of the Nazarene**.

WATFORD VISIT

Jen and Doug Mann are missionaries in **Kosovo** and recently they visited both the North and South Districts of our church. It was while they were visiting our church in **North Watford**, where Jen is a member, that she was presented with her **Local Ministers Licence**. We continue to pray for them in **Kosovo** along with children **Sarah** and **Jonathan** but also for **Jen** as she studies and works towards her ordination



Jen receiving her licence from the **Pastor** of the **North Watford Church**, **Rev David Perry**.

Youth In Mission - British Isles South District

Easter Mission

During the Easter holidays 17 young people took part in our **Easter Mission**, this lasted for a week with around 13 staying the whole week and the rest coming for the odd day or two. Our main purpose was to run a kids club with a superheroes theme with the theme verse of Phil 4 v 13 and doing litter picks in the local community. The team was from all over the district and represented a wide age range, but got on very well and by the end of a week were more like a family than just a mission team! Making a big impact on the children who came to the club and the local community who noticed how cleaner the area was.



Summer Plans

Our **Hungary** trip is nearly here, seeing 10 young people aged from 16-32, spending a week in **Hajduhadhaz, Hungary** doing kids and youth work. Over the past year a lot of the team have been fundraising to cover travel costs and to enable the team to take out resources for their VBS and ministries, through sponsored silences, runs, concerts, quiz and haircuts! This all amounted to over a thousand pounds which was a true blessing and will be put to good use. We also have the first ever **Young Adults** mission taking place over the last bank holiday in August (27th-30th August) at **Fresh Ground in London**.

We value your prayer for this ministry as it is doing great things and changing young people's lives. If you would like more information or would like to get involve just e-mail youthinmission@hotmail.co.uk

Jo Tamburello, YIM Co-ordinator

IMPORTANT DATES

2010

MEN'S WEEKEND (South)

2nd -4th July
Min-Y-Don

SS CAMP (North)

3rd-7th July
Whithaugh Park, Newcastleon

NTC ALUMNI REUNION

10th July
NTC Manchester

NORTHBREAK HOLIDAY (North)

31st July-6th August
Moreton Hall, Shropshire

BREAKTHRU HOLIDAY (South)

7th-14th August
Moreton Hall, Shropshire

MINISTER'S FRATERNAL (North)

11th-14th October
Glenada, Newcastle, Co Down

MINISTER'S FRATERNAL (South)

21st -23rd October
Bawtry Hall, Doncaster

LADIES RETREAT

25th -28th October
Benidorm, Spain

COLLEGE GRADUATION

16th October,
Whitworth Hall, Manchester

2011

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

4TH March

DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES

25th-26th March (South)
25th-28th March (North)

REGIONAL CONFERENCE

6th-10th October
Antalya, Turkey

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