



# 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 — — — WINTER 2010**

## At Christmas – Don't Get Distracted

A constant danger for the Christian Church is that it becomes distracted. We take our eyes off the mission and purpose of the church, and become side-tracked with secondary and peripheral issues. And when this happens the only person who is happy is the devil...for a distracted church is an ineffective church. Endless time-consuming discussions can take place on, pews or chairs, guitars or organs, choruses or hymns, screens or hymnbooks, which programme or resource to use, which translation of the Bible is best...and so on.

In 1 Timothy Paul warns against "getting distracted" – avoid, he says, "...myths and endless genealogies" (1 Tim.1:4). The church was in danger of being more concerned about fables than the truth about Jesus; more concerned about heritage than holiness. And at Christmas-time so many things clamour for our attention, but they can become distractions.

This is why Paul says a few verses later ...here's a word you can take to heart and depend on (The Message)...a trustworthy saying! *"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"* (1 Tim.1:15). And this is the message of Christmas... *Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you: he is Christ the Lord* (Luke 2:11).

With warm and sincere *Christmas Greetings* from the *TOGETHER Editorial Team*.

## JUST 10 – GOD'S WORD for TODAY'S WORLD

*"...the word of the Lord endures for ever."* (1 Peter 1:25). This is certainly true of the *Ten Commandments*. And over these past weeks many of our churches have been challenged and encouraged through the **JUST 10** series; understanding afresh the teaching of the Decalogue and applying these timeless truths to the contemporary setting.

Some churches have been using **JUST 10** as a means of outreach and evangelism. In **Houston** (Scotland) a conference room in a local hotel has been hired and folk from the local community invited to the weekly presentations. Prayer, discussions groups, and follow-up are all a feature of the series. And there are resources specially prepared for children too.

Many positive comments on the **JUST 10** series have been received, including: "...thought-provoking, insightful, entertaining, great discussions, deeply challenging, a blessing."

**Rev Trevor Hutton** (*Momentum*) who, along with the *District Superintendents*, helped to promote **JUST 10** - comments, "JUST 10 gives God a chance to shine His spotlight on things in believers' lives that need to be transformed to live out the 'Jesus ethic'." And **J.John** (**JUST 10** series author) says, "**JUST 10** examines how we can reclaim these timeless truths for living and apply them in a modern world."

It is our hope and prayer that the blessing and benefits of **JUST 10** will have a lasting impact on our churches and on many lives, and that our nation and world will give God His rightful place as Creator, Redeemer, and Lord.



**"Welcome!" - Jeanette Docherty & Robert Melville at the JUST 10 'welcome desk' - Houston.**



**JUST 10 group at the River Inn, Hotel, Houston.**

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# GRADUATIONS & INDUCTIONS

Congratulations to a number who have graduated in recent months. The 2010 *Nazarene Theological College, Manchester*, graduation was held Saturday, 16th October in the *Whitworth Hall* of The University of Manchester. Among the 35 that graduated were, **Rev Musa Kunene** (PhD, now pastoring in *St Helens*), **Pastor Jason Nike** (Post Graduate Diploma in. Theology - *London Thomas Memorial*), **Pastor Kathryn Wood** (BA – Associate pastor *Dewsbury*), and **Martyn Johnstone** (BA(Hons) – pastor of Youth & Music, *Uddingston*).



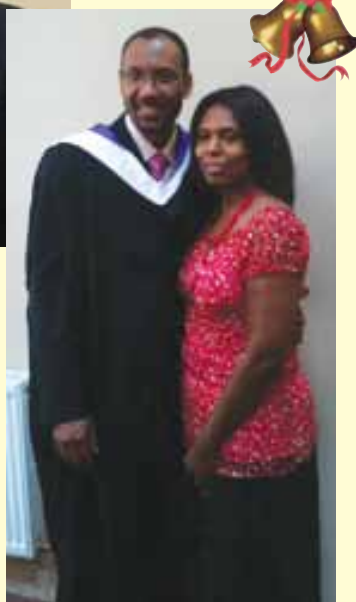
**Martyn Johnstone** surrounded by friends from the *Uddingston* Church – with pastor, **Rev Clive Tutty**, on the right. **Martyn** was inducted as Associate Pastor of Youth & Music in the *Uddingston* church in August.

...AND at the *International Christian College*, graduation, held 3rd July, in *Glasgow*, **Pastor Darnell Starks** (*Perth Trinity*) graduated with the MTh degree in Biblical Interpretation, and **Pastor Shelley McGeachy** (*Parkhead*) graduated with the BA(Hons) degree.



**District Superintendent, Rev Colin H Wood, with Pastor Shelley McGeachy at the ICC graduation.**

**Pastor Darnell & Karren Starks**



## DEWSBURY INDUCTIONS

**Pastor Kathryn Wood** (daughter of **Rev Tracey Day** – *Penny-cae*) was inducted as Associate Pastor of the *Dewsbury* church on Friday, 9th July, and her husband, **Joseph Wood** (son of **Rev Sam Wood** - pastor of the *Pleasant View* Church of the Nazarene, *Jamestown, Tenn. USA*) was inducted **Deacon**. The **Woods** will be working alongside senior pastor, **Rev Tony Musgreave**.



*Dewsbury* double Induction...(l.to r.) **Rev David Montgomery, Pastor Kathryn Wood, Joseph Wood, Rev Tony Musgreave.**

## ST. HELEN'S INDUCTION



**Rev Dr Musa Kunene** pictured with his family – daughters, **Tiyandza, Phesheya, Sinenkhosi**, and wife **Prudence** - at the *St Helen's* Church. The church was packed for the occasion, **Rev David Montgomery** (DS) preached and special music was brought by '*Jubilate*' – a joint-churches choir from *St Helen's*.

## OLDHAM INDUCTION

**Pastor Stan Noonan** was inducted to the *Oldham* church on Saturday, 6th November. The church was packed for the occasion, and District Superintendent, **Rev David**



**Montgomery**, brought the message and inducted the new pastor. After a vacancy of 7 years the church is delighted to now have a pastor.

(l.to r.) **Rev David Montgomery (DS), Joan Noonan & Pastor Stan Noonan**



# COLLEGE NEWS – Library Dedication

A special service of dedication was held on the campus of **Nazarene Theological College, Manchester**, on Saturday, 16th October – graduation day - when the College Library was named the **HUGH RAE LIBRARY** and dedicated to the memory of former College Principal and Principal Emeritus, **Rev Dr Hugh Rae**. Housed in the **Emmanuel Centre** building, the Library contains some 25,000 volumes and subscribes to over 100 periodicals. Prayers of thanksgiving and remembrance were made for the life and work of **Dr Rae** and also for the teaching ministry of **Rev Gordon J. Thomas** in whose memory the new **Summer House** now stands. Members of the **Rae** and **Thomas** families were present for the occasion.



The official opening of the **HUGH RAE LIBRARY** – (l.to r.) **Rev Dr David McCulloch** (Principal), **Rev Don Maciver** (Librarian) and **Marjorie Rae Szurko**



The Summer House in memory of **Gordon J. Thomas**

## SHEFFIELD BAPTISM

Eight candidates – **Emma, Charlie, Adam, Jessica, Jack, Ben, Sophie & Pat** - gave witness to their faith in Jesus Christ by being baptised in the former **Norfolk Park** Church of the Nazarene, on Sunday evening 18th July. **Rev Leslie Evans** brought the message to the 200-strong congregation, from 2 Cor.5:11-17, challenging the candidates, and everyone present, to put away the old way of life and to discover a living faith in Jesus Christ.

**Emma**, the first and youngest to be baptised testified, *“The reason I want to be baptised is because when I go down in the water I can put all the bad things that have happened in my life behind me. Then when I come up I am a new person, with my new life ahead.”* **Pat**, the last to be baptised...and who had only been a Christian for a year...said that *“I want to be baptised as a symbol that I have put the hurt and pain of my past life behind me, and I now walk in my new life with Jesus, knowing how much I am loved.”*

**Rev Bruce Lloyd** and Assistant Pastor, **Helen Lawson**, officiated at the baptism...and **Rev Lloyd** comments, *“...it was a wonderful service and the presence of God was felt by all who were there!”*

*“Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new. God has done it all!”* (2 Cor. 5:17-18).



**Sheffield** baptism candidates.



Global Consortium group at **Korea Nazarene University**.

## Global Consortium Meets

The campus of **Korea Nazarene University** was the venue for the recent **Global Consortium of Nazarene Seminaries and Theological Schools**. Held 1st-3rd November, this 2nd Consortium (the first was held in Manchester 2009), was attended by representatives from Nazarene Institutions in **Brazil, Costa Rica, USA, Africa, Philippines, Korea**, and the **UK**. Representing **Nazarene Theological College, Manchester**, were, **Dr David McCulloch** (Principal), **Dr Kent E. Brower** (Vice-Principal) and **Dr Peter Rae** (Academic Dean).



## Uddington Children's Club

Many churches ran special children's programmes during the Summer months... *Vacation Bible Schools, Bible Clubs, Activity & Craft programmes, etc.* Pictured are some of the children at the **Uddington Summer Holiday Club** held in July. **Rev Clive Tutty** is the pastor of the **Uddington** church.



## BOLTON CELEBRATION

The **Bolton First** church celebrated its 79th Church Anniversary 23rd-24th October with **Rev Dr Dwight D. Swanson** (NTC) as the speaker. The **Sharpe Memorial, Parkhead, Glasgow**, Church Choir shared in the celebrations, joining with the **Bolton First** choir to bring a programme of sacred music. **David Barnes** was honoured with a special presentation in recognition of 40 years of service in the **Bolton First** church as choir director, and 50 years as church organist.

Right photo – **Bolton First** ministry team, **Rev Sue Aveyard** and **Rev Clive Burrows** present an inscribed silver plate to **David Barnes** (centre).

Below photo – Members of the **Bolton First** choir and the **Sharpe Memorial** choir unite in song at the **Bolton** Anniversary.



## Minister's Fraternals

Annual conferences for **Nazarene Pastors** and spouses were held in October. The main speakers at the **North District** fraternal, which was held in the **Glenada Christian Conference Centre, Newcastle, Co Down** (11th-14th October), were **Rev Arthur Snijders** (District Superintendent, **Netherlands** District) and his wife **Rev Annemarie Snijders** (pastor & Church Planter).

The **South** fraternal was held at **Bawtry Hall, Doncaster**, (21st-23rd October), and speakers included, **Patrick Parkes** (*Tear Fund*), **Angie Tunstall** (*Synergy Partnership*), and **Rev Dr Ian Wills** (senior pastor at the **Parkhead** church, **Glasgow**).

Both conferences were characterised by times of prayer, inspiration and challenge.



*Discussion and sharing at the South pastor's fraternal.*





## Special Award

**Audrey Dawson** – Captain of 2nd Uddingston Girl's Brigade - has recently been honoured, receiving a Chairman's Award for Community Engagement from her employer, **Scottish Enterprise**. **Audrey** was given a special award for 'Outstanding Achievement' in recognition of her long-standing service to her community (2nd Uddingston Girl's Brigade). She was presented with a Quaich and £100 for her nominated charity – *The Girl's Brigade National Appeal*.

Joining the 2nd Uddingston Company as a girl, **Audrey** has worked her way up through the ranks...she has been an officer in the company for over 25 years.

Pictured is **Audrey Dawson** (right) with **Audrey Gracie** (a Lieutenant in the Company) outside **Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh**, where they were guests at the Royal Garden Party held 13th July.



## DOROTHY TARRANT HONoured

**Dorothy Tarrant** – *Eastern Nazarene College Professor, Mission Corps missionary, Founder and Director of Veritas* (Nazarene Compassionate Ministry) **Romania** - was honoured for her work in **Sighisoara, Romania**, on 27th September.

After 15 years as Director, **Dorothy Tarrant** has handed the work of **Veritas** over to its first Romanian director, **Petra Popa**, who has been involved in the work of **Veritas** since 2003.

On this special occasion a presentation by the vice-mayor of the city was made, who awarded **Dorothy** with honorary citizenship, and an evening celebration, under the banner, *"Together for the Community"* included, choral singing, **Romanian** folk music and traditional dances, Gospel Choir and individual testimonies. Approximately 250 were in attendance.

**Veritas**, which has 25 **Romanian** staff members, offers accredited social services for all ages, to the disabled, in domestic violence prevention, as well as educational programmes, community activities, and a coffee shop. What began as an overseas educational experience for students from the USA has taken root, and become an ever-expanding organisation under **Romanian** leadership.



**Dorothy Tarrant** is the daughter of **Rev David J. Tarrant** (former District Superintendent) & **Mrs Joy Tarrant** (former NWMS/NMI President).

## TWECHAR ANNIVERSARY

The **Twechar** church celebrated its 75th Anniversary over the weekend 10th-11th July. The *District Superintendent*, **Rev Colin H. Wood**, preached at the Saturday celebration. A former mining village, **Twechar** is located to the North-East of Glasgow, and the Church of the Nazarene - located on the main street - is not far from the Roman **Antonine Wall** built by the Romans in the 2nd Century AD.

Local pastor, **Alan Hughes**, spoke of the history and significance of the church, and a display board of photographs from across the years was of great interest. And there was a half-page feature included in the local paper – the **Kirkintilloch Herald** – with pictures and an article on the history and ongoing mission of the church.



**Pastor Alan Hughes**  
leading the Anniversary  
Celebration

## Garricks Retire

On Saturday, 24th July, in a packed **Morley Church Hall**, a "farewell" meal and programme was held for **Rev Albert & Mary Garrick**, to mark 40 years of ministry in the Church of the Nazarene. The **Garricks** have served on both districts in a total of 8 churches...**Falkirk, Hull, Barlanark (Glasgow), Uddingston, Belfast First, Bolton First, Troon, & Morley.**



**Rev Albert & Mary Garrick**

Originally from the **Govan** area of **Glasgow**, **Albert Garrick** was greatly influenced, as a Sunday School scholar, by his pastor, the late **Rev John Townend**. After studies at **BINC** (now *Nazarene Theological College*), **Albert Garrick** proceeded to the ministry and was ordained, in 1973, by **Dr Eugene L. Stowe**, *General Superintendent*. The **Garricks** have retired to **Perth, Scotland**.



# YOUTH IN MISSION

## GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

The 21-strong North District NYUK Mission Team conducted a Summer Mission, 17th-24th July in the **Broomhill** church. Working with children (kid's club), in the community, and doing practical work around the church, the team was led by **Michael & Debbie Kane** (NTC), **Jonathan Coulter** (Parkhead), and **Ellie Wallace** (Bethany).

Comments from the team included:

*"...my first mission...I felt it went really well...everyone got along and did what they needed to do for God and the community."*

**Andrew Patterson** (Carrick).

*"...Mission was amazing...we only spent a week together but became so close...we worked together so well in everything we did."*

**Steven Purdy** (Bethany).

*"...it was amazing to meet other people from the district and bond so well with everyone...God was certainly present in everything we did."*

**Jessica Hutt** (Parkhead).

*"The best experience of my life and I was living for Jesus"*

**Jessica Geddis** (Carrick).

*"...a real eye-opener as to how the love of Jesus displayed through people can really change the lives of those we come in contact with...we need to keep our eyes fixed on Him in order to be effective in reaching others for Him."*

**Samuel Robinson** (Larne).

**Jonathan Coulter** reports: "Transformations" was the topic for the kids week, and this became the theme of the **entire week. Hearts were touched, attitudes changed, and a church was invigorated. Hard work, integrity, spiritual sincerity, relationship-building, and good-natured fun combined to be a testimony to the character and brilliance of our young people, but more importantly, to the awesome presence of God in our midst.**

**Ellie Wallace** adds: Mission was an awesome experience... the team was simply wonderful and amazingly talented. It is a blessing to be able to say that every person involved was changed for the better... God is good!



The Mission Team at **Broomhill** and **Jessica Hutt** (Parkhead) completes a paint job

## YOUTH LEADERS MEET

NYI Presidents from North Europe met at NTC 20th-22nd August for a leadership weekend. Representatives from **Germany, Denmark, Hungary, UK, Ireland, Netherlands & Poland** brought reports, shared burdens and blessings, and spent time together in prayer. God is at work across this part of Europe, and raising up a generation who passionately love Him and who are stepping out in faith to serve Him...wanting to live lives that reflect the truth, hope and love of Christ.



## HUNGARY MISSION

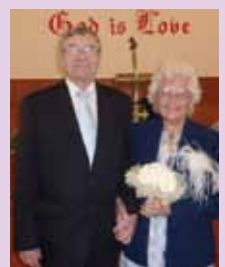
Ten young people from the South District spent a week in July, ministering and helping in the Church of the Nazarene in **Hajduhadhaz, Hungary**. The daily programme included team devotions, VBS with the children, English classes with older children - with opportunities for sharing God's word and testimonies - and games. The team was also involved in the youth club...a time of food and fellowship - and more games. Team leader, **Jo Tamburello**, reports, "...the team really made an impact on the church and community. They were so grateful for us being there...and for the resources we took. Even though we were a team of 10, with God's



help we were like a team of 100! This really shows the powerful and amazing things that God can do... when we just trust Him!"

## Anniversary Celebration

**Rev Raymond and Jenny Busby** were honoured on Sunday, 8th August, at the **Barnsley** church, when 50 years of marriage and ministry were celebrated. **Rev Busby** began his ministry in **Earlsfield, London**, and the **Busbys** have pastored in **Port Glasgow** and **Dewsbury**. **The Busbys'** daughters, **Susan** and **Sharon**, led the service in a full church, and many brought greetings and words of gratitude and congratulations.





## Dromore Bible Club

A total of 104 children joined in the **Dromore** church Holiday Bible Club 23rd-27th August. Based on the theme, **Deep Sea Adventure**, the boys and girls were able to explore the depth of the Love of Jesus.



## YOUTH CAMP

Young people from the **Carlisle, Belle Vue**, community enjoyed a 3-day Summer camp at **St. John-in-the-Vale**, near **Keswick, Cumbria**. Also attending was **Sarah McRae** from **Stockton**. In addition to the fun and "wacky" outdoor games, **Pastor Jonny Blake** reports that, through the "RESPECT" talks, "...the young people were challenged to not only respect each other but also to respect themselves and to see themselves as God created them to be. Everyone enjoyed the experience so much that they want a longer time together next Summer!"



## KID'S SUMMER CAMP

Three churches – **Carlisle Raffles, Carlisle Belle Vue** and **Manchester Longsight** – sent a total of 19 children to a four-day/three-night adventure in the Lake District. Based at **Blaithwaite House**, the programme included, adventure and outdoor pursuits (fencing, abseiling, rock climbing, fire building, BMX biking), Bible learning and worship... friendship and laughter. Leaders included, **Rev Nathan Payne, Pastor Shelley McGeachy** and **Chris Kenny (Scotland)**. **Rev Jen Blake** reports: "... fun was had by leaders and kids alike and we are already looking forward to next year's camp."



## 100 NOT OUT!

**Congratulations! John Seccombe**, of the **North Watford** church, celebrated his 100th birthday on 24th September. The following day church members and friends gathered at his home to celebrate. There were many cards and gifts and a telegram from the Queen. **John Seccombe** has been a member of the church for some 70 years... although able to attend church up to a year ago, he says how much he misses being able to attend church.



John Seccombe with his card from the Queen

## DESERTMARTIN MEMBERS

Pictured are seven new members who joined the **Desertmartin church**, at a special service on Sunday, 3rd October. **Rev David W. Evans** is the pastor. And congratulations to the **Desertmartin** church for having recently cleared their indebtedness.



### Have you thought about it...?

**Giving by Gift Aid...Remembering the work of the Church in your Will...Supporting the College...Sponsoring a Child... Giving to Compassionate Ministries...**

Information is available at your local church or from the District Superintendents.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### 2011

#### NTC INTENSIVE WEEK

17th-21st January

#### CREATE WORKSHOPS

22nd January, Leeds South.

5th February, Watford Woodside

#### LADIES WEEKEND (South)

4th-6th February

#### PRAYER CONFERENCE (North)

7th-8th February, Irvine

#### MANSE LADIES RETREAT (North)

18th-20th February, Seamill

#### NMI CONVENTION (South)

26th February, Tamworth

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

4th March

#### DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES

25th-26th March (South)

25th-28th March (North)

#### EASTER WEEKEND

22nd-25th April

#### WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

30th April, Irvine

#### MAY TERM NTC COURSES

3rd-20th May

#### MEN'S WEEKEND (South)

1st-3rd July

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL CAMP (North)

2nd-8th August

#### NORTHBREAK (North)

30th July-5th August

#### BREAKTHRU (South)

6th-13th August

#### REGIONAL CONFERENCE

12th-16th October

Antalya, Turkey

#### COLLEGE GRADUATION

22nd October

### 2012

#### UNITED FRATERNAL

29th October-1st November

Swanwick

## SIGHISOARA, ROMANIA

A team of 4 joined with **Rev Norman & Linda Patterson** (*Project Romania*) 18th July- 1st August in *Romania*. The team spend most of the time in *Laslea* helping to run family camps for families from the village of *Tigmandru*. **Rev Michelle Sowerby** reports: "It was amazing to see how *Project Romania* is working in many villages to transform lives through sharing and demonstrating the love of Christ... it was a real privilege to be able to serve God and to see His Kingdom unfolding in the hearts and lives of the people."



*Romania Team* (l.to.r) **Callum Dunlop** (Irvine), **Zoe Robinson** (Irvine/NTC), **Linda & Rev Norman Patterson** (*Project Romania*), **Mark Robinson** (Irvine) **Rev Michelle Sowerby** (Parkhead).



The team with families from *Tigmandru* at the family Camp in *Laslea*.

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