



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)

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SUMMER BLESSINGS . . . and fun

"*Blessings abound where're He reigns...*" and this was certainly true of two wonderful Church Family Holidays. Christ was present and the blessing of God was evident. Approximately 170 of all ages attended both weeks at Moreton Hall, Shropshire (Northbreak 30th July-5th August; Breakthru 6th August-12th August).

The theme of the North District (*Northbreak*) week was "*Roots & Shoots*" and speakers included Dr Ian G. Wills, Rev Colin H. Wood, Rev Trevor Hutton, Pastor Alan Baird, and guest speakers, Rev Hal & Debbi Perkins (pastor-author from Colorado, USA) who led devotional times on the theme, "*Meeting with Jesus*".

The *Breakthru* programme included seminars on, 'Holiness in the Gospels' with Dr Kent Brower, 'The Priesthood of all Believers' with Rev Barry Hall, and 'Studies in Corinthians' with David Warman, plus a visit from the *Birmingham Community Gospel Choir*.

Rev Peter O'Brien reports on *Breakthru*: "...cream teas and stirring singing from the Birmingham Community Gospel Choir. Challenging services and sermons, walks and a big quiz, morning seminars, craft workshops and a swimming gala, sports and 9-hole golf. The Crystal Maze, a steam-train trip, outdoor barbecue, and dancing the night away with a ceilidh band. A day-trip to Ironbridge, an inspirational singspiration, 5-a-side football and the illusionist 'Pat-trix'. It's a knock-out, fantastic food, a culinary café and 'fright-night'. Blodwyn, bowling, a bonfire, and a banquet. This is the all-age family fellowship that makes "Breakthru breathtaking!"

God was at work and prayers were answered during both weeks, and we thank Steve Clarkson (Northbreak) and Rev Pete O'Brien (Breakthru), and their respective committees and the many helpers, for leading and organising these holiday weeks.



Breakthru – The Birmingham Community Gospel Choir in Concert.



Breakthru – "It's a Knock Out!"



Breakthru – "Beauty Contest" – Rev Pete O'Brien with DS Rev David Montgomery (centre) and John Holman (right). (The DS lost!)



The "Northbreak Family"



Northbreak – "Paint-Ball" Squad



Northbreak - Hal & Debbi Perkins (foreground/left) and "Meeting with Jesus" seminar



Northbreak – some younger holiday makers...(l.to.r) Heather, Alicia, & Sarah



Northbreak – "It's a Knockout" (l.to r) Pastor Michael Kane & David Wills

CONGRATULATIONS . . .

...to **Sir Brian Souter** – entrepreneur, philanthropist, co-founder and Chief Executive of **Stagecoach Group plc** – who was awarded a Knight's Bachelor in the Queen's Birthday Honours List (published 11th June) for "services to transport and the voluntary sector." Sir Brian is a faithful member and Board Member of the **Perth Trinity Church of the Nazarene** and is a faithful supporter of the Church. Through the Souter Charitable Trust Sir Brian supports many Christian ministries and causes, and health, youth, community, and compassionate activities and projects. In accepting the honour **Sir Brian** paid tribute to the Stagecoach team, and to his wife **Betty** for her work and achievements through the charitable trust.



Sir Brian Souter

INDUCTIONS

Stockton

Churches in the North East of England were represented at the Induction Service for **Rev Gyula Fiak** at the **Stockton-on-Tees** church on Saturday 16th July. **Rev Philip McAlister** – District Superintendent – preached and conducted the induction. A graduate of **European Nazarene College, Switzerland**, **Pastor Gyula**, is originally from **Hungary**, where, for 7 years, he pastored a Nazarene church. He has a vision for growth and a burden for the people of Stockton. Pray for him...and for the work of *The Lighthouse Centre* and the outreach of the church.

Pastor Gyula was featured in a newspaper article in the *Evening Gazette (Teeside News)* on 22nd August, where he was described as "...a thoroughly modern minister...hoping to pull an ageing Stockton church into the 21st Century."



Rev Philip McAlister (left) with Rev Gyula Fiak.

Erskine

Approx 200 gathered in **Erskine** on Sunday, 11th September for the induction of **Rev Derrick Thames** as senior pastor. After ministerial preparation and graduation from **Point Loma Nazarene University, Derrick** and his wife served as missionary volunteers with the church in **Kosovo**. For the past 3 years, **Derrick** has served as youth pastor in the **Perth Trinity Church**. The family, **Derrick, Dayna, Hope & Hudson** were warmly welcomed to the **Erskine** church – **Rev Philip McAlister** (District Superintendent) preached the message and prayed the induction prayer as members of the Church Board gathered around the new pastor and his wife.



The **Erskine** Church Board with (front row l.to r) **Rev Philip McAlister, Dayna & Rev Derrick Thames**.



Pastor Gyula outside the Stockton Church (Photo courtesy of the *Evening Gazette*).

Carrickfergus

On Sunday, 4th September, the **Carrickfergus** church welcomed **Pastor Michael & Debbie Kane** as **Associate Pastor** and **Children's Worker** respectively. The Church Board gathered round the **Kanes** as they knelt at the altar, and senior pastor and DS, **Rev Philip McAlister**, prayed for God's blessing to be upon the couple. A service of commissioning is planned when the **Kanes** will be confirmed in their new roles. **Michael & Debbie** are originally members of the **Parkhead, Glasgow** Church; **Michael** is a graduate of **Glasgow University** and has completed studies at NTC, Manchester.



Pastor Michael & Debbie Kane in the **Carrickfergus Church**

Pastor Michael comments, "My role as associate pastor will give me an excellent opportunity to develop areas of pastoral ministry...I anticipate much learning! The main areas...are preaching, developing and supporting house groups, and visitation. **Debbie's** role is to provide leadership in developing the current children's ministries in the church."

IN MEMORIAM

Hawtry Eric Walters passed away 29th July 2011. He was 93. Originally from South Wales, and a carpenter and joiner by profession, **Eric Walters** became associated with the Church of the Nazarene in **Stockton** in the 1990s eventually joining the church as a member. His Christian testimony and experience in ministry made him an ideal lay preacher, and when a vacancy occurred in the church he was appointed lay pastor. The wise leadership and godly ministry of **Eric Walters** were greatly appreciated. He served as pastor of the church for a number of years, and when a stroke threatened to rob him of his speech, he was determined to be able to bring a word and participate in the services.



Pastor H. Eric Walters

Funeral Services were held in the **Stockton Church** on Tuesday, 9th August, and taken by the pastor, **Rev Gyula Fiak**. We remember the family at this time... **Christine** (Eric's daughter from his first marriage), three granddaughters – **Debbie, Sally & Rebecca** - 5 great grand-children and 1 great great-grandson. We thank God for every remembrance of our brother, who has now gone to his reward.



Mrs Esme Arnold

Esme Arnold, wife of 54 years and partner in ministry of retired Nazarene Minister, **Rev Attil Arnold**, peacefully passed away, Friday, 16th September. She was 75. Originally from **Diego Martin, Trinidad**, the **Arnolds** initial ministry was in the Wesleyan Holiness Church in **Trinidad & Tobago** and **Barbados**. They began an itinerant ministry in the UK from 1962. From 1978 – 2000 their full time ministry was in

the **London Walthamstow Church** of the Nazarene. Since retiring, the **Arnolds** have continued to be committed to and involved in the work of their local and beloved Walthamstow church.

Funeral Services were arranged for 5th October at the Walthamstow Church, to be conducted by the pastor, **Rev Martin Seymour**, who says, "**Esme Arnold** was known for her love and dedication to the youth of our church. Her humour brought joy to all and she prayed as if everything depended on prayer. Bedbound for the last few years, she remained cheerful, encouraging others as she actively participated in her 'shut in' services. We will miss her and look forward to meeting together in Jesus' presence."

We remember **Rev Attil Arnold** and the extended family at this time of loss, especially daughters, **Ruth** and **Rosemary**, and 8 grandchildren, **Robert, Catherine, Eleanor, Jessica, Joshua, Lucy, Lily** and **Jamie**. The **Arnold's** son, **Richard**, died in 2007.

Capital News

In **London** – the nation's capital – a vision continues to take shape at the historic **Thomas Memorial Church** on Battersea Rise. Originally the head-quarters of the **International Holiness Mission** (which united with the Church of the Nazarene in 1952), imaginative plans for a completed refurbishment of the building with glass entrance and café terrace, plus 'pent-house' accommodation, are in hand.

For the past couple of years the "**Fresh Ground**" initiative has been led by **Pastor Jason Nike**, who reports: "We are so excited about the vision for the building because it truly has the potential to be the relational hub in our community. ...the building will be a multi-functional 24/7 space that will bring the community together with one another and with God. ...we often refer to church buildings as 'the House of God', but when we view buildings as physical resources they can become effective spaces to help Jesus get on with His project of building new dwelling places in the hearts and lives of those He loves."



Proposed design for the Battersea Rise church

In **Edinburgh** – **Scotland's** capital city – the **Mosaic Church** plant reports on exciting times over the Summer months, especially over the **Edinburgh Festival & Fringe** weeks. The visit of **Latreou** - a 20-strong youth mission team from **South Africa** – brought much blessing and interest as they spread an infectious joy through their ministry of dance, singing and testimony, presenting the message of the gospel in venues around the city. And **Trelelese** – a band from a church in **Kansas City, USA** - busked nightly on the Royal Mile sharing the gospel message in word and in song. One young man decided to follow Christ, and was baptised in a wonderful service held in the grounds of the **Clermiston Church** of the Nazarene...and others are showing interest in what it means to be followers of Jesus Christ.

The clergy team – **Rev James Petticrew** and **Rev Rosemary Davidson** - request prayer for the ongoing work in **Edinburgh**, that those who have made commitments, and those who are showing an interest in the Gospel, will be led into a deeper understanding of spiritual things. And that the monthly meeting in the **Granary** in **Leith** would be a place where spiritual seekers find God.



Baptism in the grounds of the Clermiston Church with Rev James Petticrew (left).



Latreou share the Gospel message on the streets of Edinburgh.

Houston Celebrates!

The **Houston (Scotland)** Church of the Nazarene, which has, over its 13 year history, met in rented accommodation (hotel, school, community centre) has moved into its own permanent premises. Saturday, 20th August, was a day of celebration as the “**Village Hall**” **Church of the Nazarene** was officially opened.

Local pastor, **Rev Benito Coetzee** cut the ribbon, and others taking part included founding pastor **Rev David Thirkell** and former District Superintendent, **Rev Colin Wood**. **Rev Philip McAlister** (District Superintendent) brought congratulations and greetings from the District Church, and brought a challenging message and prayed the prayer of dedication. Approx 160 shared together in a wonderful occasion of praise to God for His providential goodness, and enjoyed fellowship and refreshments following the service.



Cutting the ribbon (l.to r) **Rev David Thirkell**, **Rev Colin H. Wood**, **Rev Benito Coetzee** and **Rev Philip McAlister**



Mrs Jean Thirkell cuts the “**Celebration Cake**”



Previously used as a meeting house, school, and community centre, the “**Village Hall**” is a listed building



A packed sanctuary at the opening of the “**Village Hall**”

Carlisle “Vue”

The latest venture of the **Carlisle, Belle Vue**, Church of the Nazarene, is the **Vue Café**. Open three days each week (Tuesday – Thursday) between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm, the Café seeks to provide a focal point for the local community and a place in which the community and the Church can engage. The Café specialises in home-made soups and meals, and has already established a good reputation in the community. The local environmental health gave the Café its highest score of **4-Stars** on an initial visit demonstrating that the hygiene and quality of food preparation is of the highest standard. On days when “**Parent & Toddlers**” groups are using the church they usually stay on for lunch, in addition to the 30-35 who visit the Café on any single day.

Local pastor, **Rev I. Barrie Thomas**, comments, “...we trust that the conversations held in the Café and the engagement possible with the community

will result in a deepening relationship with the community enabling the spiritual health of the area to be of the same high standard as the food!”



... a place to relax and chat.



Café Manager (and Church Board Member) **Julie Downie** with the **4-Star** certificate.



Rev I. Barrie Thomas sharing with ‘customers’.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER OUTREACH

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LURGAN

The **Lurgan, N. Ireland**, church held its Summer Outreach programme – known as **Splash Kingdom** – 2nd-5th August. This year's theme was based on *Noah and the Flood*, and approx 90 young people attended each evening – with over 100 on a couple of nights.

The programme included games and activities both in and outdoors, sing-a-long to a live band, drama and crafts...and the Water Slide - a big attraction for both children and adults!

Adam Craig of the **Lurgan** church reports; "...with a team of over 25 from the church it was a fantastic week...all who were involved were blessed and God certainly had His hand upon everything; the weather, the programme, the unity and hard work of the team...and upon the children. **Geoff Wilson** (a member of the **Lurgan** church) played a massive part in directing the whole programme... A fundraising concert was organised, which took place 15th July when over £500 was raised towards the expenses of the week...and we were able to purchase a new water slide, additional materials, and personalised T-shirts for the "Kingdom Crew". We give God the glory for the week that we had and for the blessing that He poured out."



Lurgan 'Kingdom Crew' with some of the children in the foreground... **Pastor Jim Fugard** is the pastor of the **Lurgan** church.

DROMORE

"Dromore on Safari". **Esther Somerville** reports on the **Dromore, N.Ireland**, Children's Holiday Bible Club, held 22nd-26th August.

"...entitled, **'Kingdom of the Son'** 96 children joined us on 'safari' as we explored the Lord's Prayer. Each evening had a theme which enabled the children to learn how God is always with us and we can pray to Him at any time. The five evening themes were, **God Listens, God Provides, God Forgives, God Protects, God Rules.**"

Rev Noel Somerville is the pastor of the **Dromore** church.



Some of the children "on safari".

PAISLEY

The **Paisley St Matthew's Church** held a kids club 7th-12th August. A team of 13 adults and teens from the USA, led by **Ray & Nancy Baldwin**, took the programme which was based on the theme, **"Summer Fun – the excitement of being a Christian!"** (Ray & Nancy are children's pastors in the **Turning Point Church, Forth Worth, Texas...** Ray comes originally from **Manchester** and is a graduate of **British Isles Nazarene College – now NTC**).



Local pastor, **Rev Wesley R. Hands**, reports, "...the programme included actions songs, magic, stories, Bible verses, games and crafts. Approx 45 attended

each evening, including the team, and helpers...31 children enrolled, and on one evening 13 children raised their hands to indicate that they wanted to follow Jesus. At a special Family Service on the Sunday over 90 attended. We are keeping in touch with these young people and encouraging them through our 'messy church' programme and youth group."



(1.to r) **Esther Somerville** with her sister, **Ruth Wethers**.

Ray Baldwin shares the Good News of Jesus at the **Paisley 'Summer Fun'** mission.

Helping Hands

Men from the **Twechar** and **Uddingston** churches joined together to paint the exterior of the **Twechar** Manse on Saturday, 10th September. Situated next to the church on the main street through the village, the walls of the Manse were in urgent need of attention. **Rev Clive Tutty (Uddingston)** and **Pastor Alan Hughes (Twechar)** were part of the painting team. It was a case of 'many hands make light work!'



Twechar Manse before.....



...and after! (The **Twechar** church is to the left of the Manse).

A Royal Celebration



Councillor Margaret Sheard Mayor of Barnsley 2010-2011 shares in the celebrations outside the church.



The **Barnsley** church has also been active in outreach ministries and prayer. The **Hope – When Life Hurts Most** presentations by **Louie Giglio** have been shown over recent weeks, and a call to "40 Days of Sowing and Praying" – praying for the growth of the church and for the community – has been launched leading up to Harvest.

More information concerning the work of the **Barnsley** church can be found on the website www.nazarene.ch/barnsley

MOMENTUM

Directors Meet

A meeting of the directors and partners of **Momentum (UK) Ltd** – the Church Growth/Church Planting agency – met 15th July at **Nazarene Theological College, Manchester**. The programme director, **Rev Trevor Hutton**, presented a report entitled, "**An Overview of Momentum 2007-2011**". The report highlighted the areas in which **Momentum** was active...Education and Training, Evangelism, Healthy Church Development, Church Planting, and the Developing of Practical Toolkits.

Special mention was made of the **Momentum**-sponsored programmes: **Innovision Assessment Centre** (for Church Planters), Lay Training through the **Create** workshops (which were held in **Belfast, Glasgow, Leeds** and **London**), and **Local Church Health Checks**. And College Principal, **Dr David McCulloch**, spoke of the positive part **Momentum** had played in the developing of the missional curriculum at the college.

As a result of a very positive and encouraging meeting, the four partners – Region, College, and the two Districts – agreed to extend financial support for a further 3-year period. For more information about **Momentum** and news of upcoming events and seminars, visit: www.momentum-uk.org



Momentum Partners (l.to r) **Dr Gustavo Crocker** (RD), **Rev Trevor Hutton** (Momentum), **Rev Philip McAlister** (DS), **Rev David Montgomery** (DS), **Dr David McCulloch** (NTC Principal).

Many people were encouraged and blessed by the clear Christian content in the marriage service, held in **Westminster Abbey** on Friday, 29th April, of **Prince William** and **Kate Middleton** – now the Duke & Duchess of Cambridge. The hymns, readings and prayers brought the Christian faith to the attention of the nation and the world.

The **Barnsley, Leeds**, Church shared in the celebrations by organising a "Street" Party at the church. The church was full as approx 85 people watched the service on a large screen in the church. The Mayor visited the event and judged a children's fancy dress competition. There were games for the children, themed quizzes for the adults, and good food for everyone. Local pastor, **Rev Ian Newton**, reports, "...there was a tremendous community spirit."

MISSION IRELAND

"Welcome Morleys!" Rev Steve & Annette Morley have recently moved from a pastorate in **Richland, WA. USA**, to **Co Wicklow** in the **Republic of Ireland**. The **Morleys** are Church Planting missionaries for the Church of the Nazarene and their assignment is to develop a strategy for planting Nazarene churches in the Republic. Working alongside the pastor of the **Greystones** church, **Rev Erich Fischer**, the **Morleys** have been joined by two students from **Nazarene Theological Seminary** – **Ryan Robbins & Stephanie Borden** – who are on the Seminary 365M programme.

Steve Morley is the son **Rev Frank & Margaret Morley** (now retired; who pastored in the UK, Denmark and the USA), and **Steve & Annette** have two children, **Elizabeth & Matthew**.

In these early days of ministry the team is walking into town, praying and making friends. The **Greystones** congregation and churches on the N.I. Zone are partnering in prayer. **Steve Morley** writes, "...God is up to something here in Ireland...please remember to pray for us in these early days of ministry."

For updates and news of the work in the Republic visit: www.missioneire.com



(l.to r) **Rev Steve & Annette Morley, Iris & Rev Erich Fischer**, in the **Greystones** church



Greetings from NTC. Principal **Dr David McCulloch** writes: "Registration for the new College term here at Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, has just begun (22nd September). It is always exciting to see new students arrive at NTC and we are looking forward to a good academic year. The Beech Wing project is almost complete. This development will provide *en suite* single study bedrooms, a large lounge and kitchen, and a much needed upgrade for this building. I am just back from representing the Eurasia Region at the European Methodist Council meeting in Estonia. It was great to meet and have fellowship with other Wesleyan Church Leaders."

Dr McCulloch adds, "...we congratulate two of our lecturers who have successfully defended their PhD dissertations at The University of Manchester. **Dr Svetlana Knobnya** (in June) whose thesis is entitled, "The Father who Redeems and the Son who Obeys: Consideration of Paul's Teaching in Romans" and **Dr Sarah Whittle** (on 23rd September) whose thesis is entitled, "A Holy People: The Renewal of the Covenant and the Consecration of the Gentiles in Paul's Letter to the Romans." ...come and visit us at graduation – 22nd October. The preacher at the service is Dr Gustavo Crocker – Regional Director."

For College news and information visit www.nazarene.ac.uk

The new staircase in **Beech Wing** to the mezzanine floor



Youth Weekend Away at Portrush



N.I. YOUTH WEEKEND

Approximately 30 young people from churches in **N. Ireland** enjoyed a "weekend away" 9th-11th September. Held in the **Ballyhome Residential Centre, Portrush**, the weekend was a time of fun and fellowship, worship and teaching. Speaker, **Pastor Michael Kane** (Carrickfergus) challenged the young people on the subject of "unity".

PROJECT ROMANIA

Four churches were represented on the **Work & Witness** team that travelled to **Romania** on 3rd July. The team members were, **Thomas & Isobel Turner, Maureen Vosper, Lynne Dickie, Andy Donald, Colin Riach (Irvine), Aileen Smith (Largs), Rev Claire Fender (Troon), Raymond Weir (Houston).**

The main project was to build homes for three families, and over the past year £6,000 had been raised for this. The team was also busy unloading trucks (including a 40 foot humanitarian aid truck full of hospital supplies, and another which contained 14 pallets of bricks), visiting hospitals and helping patients with craft work, sorting clothes for children, setting up for children's camps, enjoying fellowship and times of worship. A well was dug, rubble was moved by hand, wood had to be collected for roof trusses - it was a busy 11 days. Half way through the week a team of 15 from **N. Ireland** arrived.

Team member, **Thomas Turner** reports, "...since returning home we have heard that families have been moved into the houses we were building and the roof is nearly on the houses for which we prepared the foundations. How great is our God? In a few short weeks 2 families have a home and another 2 families will be housed. *'Except the Lord build the house they labour in vain that build it.'* Psalm 127:1.



The Team



From this.....



All hands to the boxes



...to this

PROJECT POLAND

The members of the South District **Work & Witness** team to visit **Poland** in July were **Karen Daly (Bolton), Rev Bruce Lloyd & Pete Bower (Sheffield), Violet Fawcett (Ashton), Dennis Braham (Cleethorpes), George Newbert (Grimsby).**

In **Gdansk** the team was met by **Ev & Rhonda Tustin** and later joined by volunteers **Aaron & Brittany Bolerjack** and a team from the **Fairview Church of the Nazarene, Idaho, USA.** The team now numbered about 20, and it was a new experience for the UK team to be working alongside another W & W team. In **Gdansk** the "Sweet Surrender" coffee shop was refurbished, which included, plumbing, electrics, painting, soft furnishings...and gardening. The place was transformed, ready for the Autumn opening.

A week later the teams travelled by overnight train to **Krakow** for a few days of sightseeing and relaxation. The "Sweet Surrender" coffee shop - one of three in **Poland** - is up and running in **Krakow** and exercises a wonderful ministry.



"Sweet Surrender" Coffee Bar refurbishment ...

The team reports, "We met some wonderful people, and enjoyed sightseeing around the beautiful city of **Krakow** and experienced a very moving visit to **Auschwitz**. There was a lovely spirit amongst the two teams... Please pray for the ongoing work in Poland..."

...getting ready for the Autumn opening



YOUTH MISSIONS - Home & Away

Three NYUK (North) **Mission Teams** were involved in ministry this Summer in **Broomhill/Glasgow, Ayrshire (Ardrossan-Largs)** and in **Bulgaria**. Thanks are expressed to the team leaders and to the team members for their time and energy, and willingness to serve...and to the local churches and pastors who hosted the teams. God was at work, and team members were blessed. Some team members report...

"My first experience of mission was filled with joy and excitement to serve God. I've come away from mission with a growing passion to tell people about God and His love for them." **Emma Burleigh** (Parkhead - Ayrshire Team).



Ayrshire Team

"Helping out with the **Broomhill** mission was amazing, such a good opportunity to serve, which I am so grateful for. God's presence was with the team and although we may never see the final fruits of our labour, I'm sure God used our short-term efforts for the long time expansion of His Kingdom. We had great fun putting on the VBS and helping to improve the state of the church, as well as forming bonds with the locals which I pray will prove fruitful in the coming days." **William Robinson** (Larne - Leader Broomhill Team).

"I thought that 'mission' was an amazing opportunity which not only changed me as a person, but also as a follower of Christ. It was great to see that our God truly is an awesome God and He is still working today. I am grateful for all the team members and for those who organised the trip...To God be the glory!" **Tomas Canning** (Houston - Bulgaria Team).



Broomhill Team



Broomhill VBS



Bulgaria Team

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



The **Leadership Development Initiative** (UK) programme was launched 15th-18th September at **Lendrick Muir, Kinross, Scotland**, with 16 participants and 9 mentors attending. Over the four days teaching and discussion focussed on the area of Christian Leadership, and on how we can transform our world to be "in Christ, like Christ, and for Christ." Topics included, *The Person of the Leader, Biblical Models of Spiritual Leadership, The Nature of Christian Leadership, Continuing Development of Leaders and Followers*. Speakers included, **Rev Philip McAlister** (DS), **Rev Derrick Thames**, **Pastor Alan Baird** and **Rev Michelle Robinson**. The weekend finished with a "Covenant Service" where participants and mentors alike committed themselves to remain deeply rooted in Christ and to serve God in the power of the Holy Spirit.



LDI group at Kinross

Rev Michelle Robinson comments, "It was a really exciting and refreshing weekend, in which 16 young leaders committed themselves to a 2-year programme of ministry, mentoring and "radical obedience" to God. We are looking forward to what these next two years have in store for the work in our churches and on the district."

Pastor Alan Baird adds, "This was a fantastic weekend, which lived up to the anticipation that had built up prior to it...the weekend was a challenge to everyone to be a servant-leader..."

A South District (England) **LDI** is planned for 3rd-6th November, and one is planned for N. Ireland in April/May 2012.

CAMPS IN CUMBRIA

The North of England Summer Camp was held 22nd-25th August with 32 children and 11 leaders attending. Representatives from five churches – Carlisle Belle Vue & Raffles, Ashton, Larne and Parkhead – shared in the 4 days of adventure and challenge at **Blaithwaite House**. Speakers included **Rev Ruth Turner** (Larne) and **Pastor Shelley Kenny** (Parkhead).

Camp Co-ordinator **Rev Jen Blake** (Carlisle) comments, “The kids had a blast and the leaders just the same! No one wanted to go home and already there is excitement for Summer 2012.”



Camping Group in Cumbria



Carlisle Belle Vue Youth Camp was held 11th-13th August at **St John's-in-the-Vale** with 7 lads attending. **Pastor Jonny Blake** challenged the group to think about the purpose of life and what that might mean for us individually. The wet weather didn't dampen spirits, and on one day a trip was made to the South Lakes Wild Animal Park. Everyone has great memories of these days spent together and the boys were challenged and in awe of how great God is!

Carlisle “MINI-CAMP” was held in the **Belle Vue Church** on 16th August when 33 boys and girls enjoyed a “space” themed day, with games & crafts, food & fun...and a special visit from “astronauts”. The children were helped to discover our great big God who created the whole world! Spot the “Rocket Puppet Stage” back left.



SOUTH DISTRICT YOUTH CAMP



“**Eastbourne 2011**” was held 20th-26th August in a field outside **Eastbourne** where approx 75 spent a wonderful week in worship and fellowship – and fun. Braving the elements under canvas, the enthusiastic campers increased their knowledge of God and how to reflect His love to the world. Speakers included, **Rev Matt Norris**, **Rev Helen Lawson**, **Pastor Kat Wood**, **Rev Carl McCann**, and **John Mark Hutton**.

The week was full of games and activities based on the theme “superheroes”, which culminated in a bouncy-jousting tournament and feast. Highlights of the holiday included “Superhero Olympics”, a live-person game of Cluedo...and being chased by a giant banana!

Thanks are expressed to leaders, **Pastor Kat Wood** (Dewsbury), **Dave Hodder** (Watford Woodside), and **Chris Leach** (Sheffield), and to all who made the holiday a success. We are asked to pray for our young people as they seek to live out their faith in the world.



Supermen (l.to r) **David Bean**, **Jonny Bean**, **Dean Housecroft**, **Chris Bean** & **Superwoman Alex Auty** (all from Dewsbury).



Robert Rae as “**Professor Lobotomy**” (Cluedo character).



Dave Hodder as **Wally Man**



(l.to r) **Rev David Montgomery** (DS) as one of the **Thunderbirds** and **Paul Welham** (Thetford) as **Banana Man**

BORDERS CAMP

Whithaugh Park, in the Scottish Borders, was again the venue for the North District Sunday School Camp, held 2nd-8th July. A total of 78 (children, teen helpers, and adults) attended camp and the theme of the week was “**The Armour of God**”. Daily activities included: Kid’s Club, Teen Seminar (using Youth Alpha material), afternoon activities, and an evening celebration led by **Rev Nathan Payne**.

Highlights of the week were the 300m Zip Wire, amazing food, games and sports, the water slide – and great friendships that are made and that continue.

The Ardrossan church sent 12 children and 2 leaders to camp. **Phil Tatlow**, of the **Ardrossan** church, reports that about £1000 was raised through a local Fun Day and a sponsored walk, in order to send the children to camp. And **Lauren Trainer** (**Perth**) now 16, who has been coming to camp since she was 7, commented, “... it is an encouragement to see that God is still working in children’s lives today.”



Campers and Leaders at Whithaugh Park

Thanks are expressed to all the camp workers and helpers, especially **David Tarrant** & **Ruth Clarkson**, and to **Ann Goodwin** and **Karen McCleary** for their help with the catering. A **Camp Reunion & Fun Day** is planned for Saturday, 29th October, 1.00 pm - 7.00 pm at **Erskine**. “Don’t miss it!”

'GOOD MORNING' CARRICKFERGUS

Now more than 3 years old this compassionate and social telephone-outreach ministry is one of 22 'Good Morning' services in N. Ireland, but the only one that is church-based. From small beginnings, operating only 2 mornings a week, the ministry has developed to 5 mornings a week with volunteers increased from 4 to 12. The service provides a whole range of benefits from ensuring the Service User is safe and well, to providing support, befriending and counselling, referrals to specialist agencies, home visits, and emergency shopping, etc.

Co-ordinator, **Joan Stephenson**, reports, "Over the last 3 years we have had 90 referrals and provide a service to over 70 vulnerable adults. On a daily basis we ring approximately 57 people whose ages range from 28-90 years. Many have mental health difficulties or sensory impairment. We are currently awaiting the outcome of an application to the local Health and Social Care Trust for the provision of the service in the Carrickfergus Borough area...if successful we will be extending the service to 7 days a week and providing a limited evening call service. ...it is our prayer that, by our attitude to clients, and by our care of them, they may see Jesus. And, for the first time, we have planned a meal and Sunday Evening Dedication Service to which clients have been specially invited...we are praying that many will be challenged and seek the Lord as a result."



The "Good Morning" call centre located in the *Carrickfergus* church.

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REGIONAL CONFERENCE

12th-16th October
Antalya, Turkey

COLLEGE GRADUATION

22nd October

DIDSBURY LECTURES

24th-27th October

NYUK (South)

NTC House party
11th-13th November

2012

NTC INTENSIVE WEEK

16th-20th January

PASTOR'S CONFERENCE (North)

6th-7th February

MANSE MINISTRIES (North)

10th-12th February

NMI CONVENTION (South)

25th February

DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES

16th-17th March (BISD)

16th-19th March (BIND)

Dr Jerry D Porter

NTC INTENSIVES

30th April - 19th May

PASTOR'S SUMMER SCHOOL

21st-24th May

SUNDAY SCHOOL CAMP (North)

30th June-6th July

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28th July - 3rd August

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20th October

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