

# 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 | AUTUMN 2019 | No 37

## BY ALL MEANS

("...I have become all things to all men that by all possible means I might save some."  
1 Corinthians 9:22)

The task of the Church has always been to share the unchanging Christ in a changing world. Vision, initiative, boldness and wisdom are required if we are, as Charles Wesley expressed it, "...to serve the present age". The passion of the Apostle Paul was to make Christ known in the communities and cultures in which he lived "by all means". This is the challenge we face in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

John Wesley expressed it in the following way;

*"Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can."*

## SHARING



The Leeds South Church of the Nazarene played a central part in this Leeds University Union's scheme featured on BBC Leeds and West Yorkshire. The student-run 'Leave Leeds Tidy' scheme, which aims to reduce the amount of rubbish

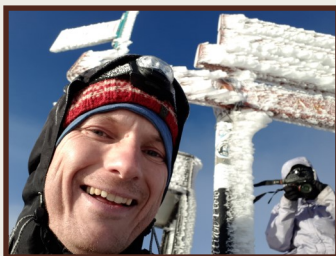
dumped in the street by students departing for their summer break, has resulted in "Pop-Up Shops" where items such as kettles, fridges, televisions, clothes, shoes, and pots and pans are given away free to people on low incomes. Over the 10 years of the scheme 138 tonnes of goods have been received for free distribution and the scheme runs for about 6 weeks before the summer break.

This year the Leeds South church was one of four 'pop-up' shops/centres where items were collected and available for people in the community.



## CLIMBING

To prepare for a sponsored Fund-Raising climb to the summit of Mount Kenya (16,555 ft - Kenya's highest and Africa's second highest mountain), David Allan



(Parkhead) trained by climbing a 'mountain-a-month' in Scotland during February and June of this year. The five Scottish peaks included, Ben Lomond and Ben Nevis. Then between 21st July-1st August and along with a group of 8, the 4-day climb up Mount Kenya was completed. David was raising funds for the Charity 'Raising

Futures Kenya' (formerly 'Vision Africa Give a Child a Future') and to date he has raised well over £4000. After the climb some time was spent in Nairobi visiting groups and individuals including the 'Percy Davies School' which provides foundational learning and physical therapy for less-abled children. (The school is named after Percy Davies who was a faithful layman of the Llay and Bolton 1st churches serving in local and district positions including Board Member, Sunday School Superintendent, and College Governor. He passed away 18th November 2005, age 90).

David Allan says that there are a number of "Seed of Hope" centres in Kenya and, in addition to the work among children, adults are learning practical skills such as cooking, car mechanics, dress-making and book-keeping. And these skills enable about 80% of graduates on the course to go on to establish their own businesses. David comments, "...their enthusiasm was incredible - the training they receive really makes the difference between life and death for them."



## WRESTLING

It was some months ago that Pastor Ben Goodwin (Cramlington) entered the world of professional wrestling. Ben reports, "I have for some time been working with a wrestling group and in March of this year we bought a commercial gym which has become our hub. It is called 'Contract Gym and Fitness Centre' and is based in Bedlington, which is a few miles north of Cramlington. I work as a part-time member of staff and I have recently obtained a level 3 personal training diploma to be able to train clients for their fitness goals. As well as the professional wrestling, I have also started to train in olympic/freesyle wrestling. The aim is to take the gospel message to those who would never step into a church or mission hall to hear about Jesus. It is a matter of being a witness as Jesus said, "to the ends of the earth."



Ben Goodwin's challenge is, "...find out what you are passionate about and go as Jesus sends to be His disciple in that place to share the love of Jesus and to build God's kingdom."



# IN MEMORIAM



**GRACE MURIEL STEVENSON** passed away after a difficult illness, 25th July, age 80. Originally from Dublin and a member of the Hogan family Grace, on leaving school, worked in her father's plumbing business in the office and shop. Grace married Harry Stevenson in 1963. After preparation at our College, during which time Harry pastored the Manchester Brooklands church, the Stevensons were appointed missionaries to Bolivia in 1971. On the mission field Grace had many tasks as well as raising her young family. She taught in the Bible School in La Paz, took care of the library, taught piano and accordion and also used her nurses training to treat those with health issues. The Stevensons missionary service spanned 35 years and included Bolivia, Spain, Greystones (Ireland), and Israel. A Service of Celebration for Grace's life was held 30th July at Belvoir Parish Church, Belfast. Howard (son) brought a family tribute and Rev Ken White (Bangor) spoke...many Ulster Nazarenes (clergy and lay) were present as well as folk from the Greystones, Co Wicklow, area. Our thoughts and prayers have been with Rev Harry Stevenson and Howard, Gwyneth, and Joanna and the grandchildren in these days.



**GARETH JOHN PHILLIPS** passed away Friday, 30th August, age 78. He had been unwell for some time. A Welshman, born in Sandersfoot, Pembrokeshire, Gareth was an apprentice at Bristol Aeroplane Company from age 17 and also studied at Technical Colleges in Bristol and Swansea and at Bolton Teacher Training College. For a time he taught in a secondary school in Uganda with VSO. Gareth and Barbara were married in 1966 and they both went to Sierra Leone where Gareth taught in a Technical College. From 1971 Gareth held teaching positions in Glasgow - at Springburn College and at the Nautical College retiring in 1990. A deacon and local preacher in Kilsyth, Gareth began preaching regularly in the Twechar Nazarene church and was appointed pastor in 1995, and served faithfully for 14 years retiring in 2009. Many will remember Gareth's Bible-based ministry, he had a pastor's heart and was interested in and concerned for people. He had a great sense of humour and, as a true Welshman, loved his Rugby. Funeral services were held in Strathblane, Tuesday, 10th September. We remember Barbara and the family at this time, Ieuan, Janice and Rhys, and the grandchildren.

## NORTHBREAK

It was another great North District holiday...at a new venue (Yarnfield Park, Staffs)...nearly 300 attended - some in their 80s, some in their 70s...and every other age represented! It was most encouraging seeing the many young people (teens and young adults) taking their faith seriously. Main Speakers included, Dr Wes White (Glasgow Learning Centre), Rev Derrick Thames (Dundee), District Superintendents Rev Jim Ritchie & Rev Carl McCann, Pastor Jordan Neill (Associate Carrickfergus) and Rev Claire Fender (Perth). There were many blessings and answers to prayer - one lady (a Glasgow grandmother) gave her heart to the Lord on the last morning and the next day (Sunday) gave her testimony in the Parkhead church.



Northbreak '19 (Leadership Team foreground l to r) Brian & Julie Patterson (Carrickfergus), Michael & Debbie Kane (NTC), Steve & Ruth Clarkson (Perth), Richard & Esther Wood (Parkhead), David & Pamela Allan (Parkhead), Ian & Carolyn Wills (Parkhead)

## BREAKTHRU'

South District Superintendent, Rev Carl McCann, reports. "The Breakthru' holiday was another huge success. Each year it grows in number as the fun and fellowship continues to reach more people: Last year one couple had Breakthru' as their honeymoon and this year they were back and proud to announce that they are expecting a baby. At a later stage in life, another couple were present despite being well into their 80's and with health complications, stating that even though it's a challenge for them, they wouldn't miss the holiday for anything.

"Whether it was timeless favourites such as the water slide and 'It's a washout' games, film nights, The Bistro, and nightly cafe, or newer innovations such as the 'Terror Tour' or Locked Room challenge, there was something for everyone, culminating with inflatables, clay pigeon shooting and a climbing tower on the last day. Spiritually, the Snijders (Regional Director - Rev Arthur Snijders and Rev Annemarie Snijders) preached and led seminars seeking to stimulate our 'Prophetic Imaginations', and also provided training for BISD Pastors on Discipleship. It was also exciting to host our first Pioneers Network event when 10 pioneering projects were represented for training seminars, team building activities and an inspiring late night session of testimony and prayer."



Breakthru': Ellesmere College, 18th-25th August

## SUMMER CAMP

The North District Children's Camp was held 5th-10th August at Lapwing Lodge Paisley - an Outdoor Centre run by the West Region Scout Council. SSDM Chair, Rev Nathan Payne (Ardrossan), reports, "...we had 65 children and young people and a wonderful team of about 20 adults. Pastor Chris Franklin (Dundee) led our youth seminars and Esther Wood (Parkhead) our 'Kids Club'. On-site activities such as kayaking, archery, high ropes and mountain biking were enjoyed by the children, and we also hired a 'petting zoo' where the children, and some adults, were able to handle small animals including snakes, lizards, rabbits and guinea pigs. The activities are good fun, but it is a special privilege to witness the children becoming 'family' as the week progresses and to see them take steps in the Christian faith. Summer Camp 2020 will be at the Windmill Christian Centre, Arbroath - 20th-25th July."



Children pictured at this year's North District Sunday School Camp in Lapwing Lodge, Paisley.

## YOUTH CAMP

10th-16th August - South District NYUK had a great week together! We went back to the centre in Matlock for the last time before we head to South Wales next year. There were about 40 young people attending from nine different BISD churches, with some visitors from the Spanish District in addition to our speaker, Pastor Jack Swan, from Perth. The theme was superheroes so we spent a week training to be superheroes and having water fights and a great 'wide game' in Matlock, as well as spending time together worshipping and listening to Jack speak on 'Breaking Walls Down'. We're looking forward to the House Party on the 11th-13th October and seeing all the young people again.



Youth Camp Banquet



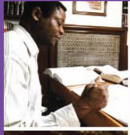
# NAZARENE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

WWW.NAZARENE.AC.UK



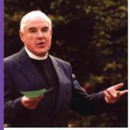
THE NAZARENE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE is an affiliated college of the University of Manchester, offering theological degrees in various specialised disciplines across BA, MA, and PhD. NTC has its roots in the Church of the Nazarene and is a member of the World Methodist Council. The main campus is located in Didsbury, Manchester and in Scotland there is the Glasgow Learning Centre.

**NTC ANNOUNCES "It's Our Birthday - and we're having a Fundraiser!"** Launched in March and in celebration of 75 years of service to the church, the goal is to raise £75,000 during 2019-20. It was in 1994 that Hurlet House, to the South East of Paisley, was purchased and Hurlet Nazarene College was founded. Readers of TOGETHER are invited to join the celebration and respond to the appeal to help meet this target.



# 75

Years of equipping  
the Church  
(1944 - 2019)



**COLLEGE AWARD** - The College has been awarded the prestigious 'Teaching Excellence Framework' Silver Award by the 'Office for Students'. This award, introduced by the Government in 2017, is an important indicator of the quality of teaching in an institution and the quality of students' experience. Universities which have participated in the scheme and have also been granted Silver Awards include, Heriot-Watt (Edinburgh), Cardiff, Leeds Beckett, Manchester, Chester and Liverpool. The award is valid for 3 years.



## RED LETTER CHRISTIANS UK

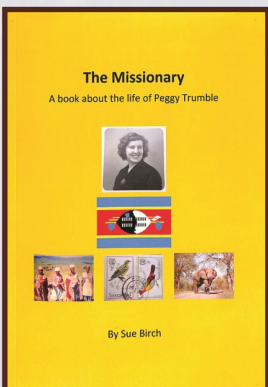
**LIVING FOR JESUS AND JUSTICE** - Rev Michael Kane (College Chaplain) participated in the launch of a new movement for Christian Social Justice in the UK - 'Red Letter

Christians UK' (RLC UK). On Wednesday 19th June in Piccadilly Gardens, Manchester (pictured) - which was one of 23 events in seven UK cities - a group of Christian justice activists gathered wearing bright yellow T-shirts with the message "Love Over Fear" and raised awareness about homelessness, addiction, knife crime, the plight of asylum seekers and refugees. An anvil was struck 100 times to remember the 100 persons who have died of knife crime in the UK this year. As part of the event Michael was interviewed on Premier Christian Radio - see picture (l.to r) Rev Michael Kane, Dr Sally Mann (RLC UK), Dr Tony Campolo and Shane Cliaborne (Leaders of RLC USA). For further information visit: [www.redletterchristians.org.uk](http://www.redletterchristians.org.uk)

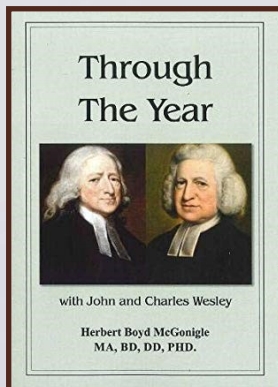


## NEW BOOKS

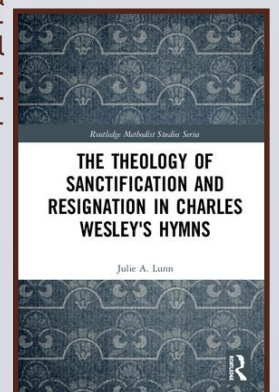
**"The Missionary - A book about the life of Peggy Trumble"** (67 pages with photographs, 2019). Authored by Sue Birch (who is one of Peggy's nieces), this little book traces Peggy's Trumble's early life, her University education, her call to missionary service, her work as a medical missionary in the hospital in Swaziland (Eswatini), and the terrible car accident Peggy had on 23rd December 1988 prior to her return to the UK in February 1989.



**"Through the Year with John & Charles Wesley"** (Moorleys Print and Publishing, 2019), by Dr Herbert McGonigle. This 370 page book brings together the writings of John and Charles together with the poetry/hymnody of Charles for each day of the year. The book is dedicated to the late Jeanne McGonigle and the Foreword is by Bill Graham (Manchester-Brooklands).



**"The Theology of Sanctification and Resignation in Charles Wesley's Hymns"** (232 pages, Routledge, 2019). This book is adapted from a Durham University PhD Thesis by Dr Julie A. Lunn who is an Ordained Methodist Minister and a Lecturer in Practical and Social Theology at Nazarene Theological College, Manchester.





# CHURCH NEWS

## CARRICKFERGUS

Pastor Jordan Neill was welcomed and inducted as Associate Pastor on Sunday 7th July in a full church and with many friends from Belfast East Point Elim present. A graduate of Belfast Bible College (BA) Jordan has worked alongside Rev Tommy Goodwin MBE in Paisley St Matthew's first in 2016 for a 6-month period as Youth and Children's pastor, and then for a 6-week placement in 2018 as part of his course requirements. Jordan will be working alongside senior pastor Rev Philip McAlister in leadership, preaching and teaching. Jordan says, "...I hope and pray that we will see our church family grow deep in their faith and experience of God and reach wide to touch every corner of our community in Carrickfergus...deep and wide is the prayer!" (Pictured l.to r. Rev Philip McAlister, Chloe Lowry, Pastor Jordan Neill, Rev Tommy Goodwin MBE).



## ERSKINE



Rev Jacob and Dorothee Morris, and their 3 children, arrived in Scotland at the end of July and following some weeks of settling in have begun their ministry. Originally from Alabama, USA, Jacob is a graduate of Trevecca Nazarene University (BA) and Vanderbilt University (MDiv) and has experience in ministry to young adults and as an associate pastor. Dorothee is the daughter of Dr & Mrs Klaus Arnold (Rector of European Nazarene College) and grew up in Büsingen, Germany. She and Jacob met at Trevecca where Dorothee studied music. For the past 3 years the Morrises have worked in Serbia, Greece, and in Berlin with Nazarene Compassionate Ministries. Jacob says, "...we look forward to what God has in store for His people here in Erskine and on the B.I. North District."

## BARNSELEY

Originally from Nigeria Dr Osahon Jeremie I. Ogbeiwi qualified in 1986 as a medical doctor at the University of Ibadan and for a number of years worked with The Leprosy Mission in a number of African countries. Relocating to the UK in 2006, Dr Ogbeiwi obtained an MA degree from NTC and was involved in ministry in the Leeds South and Ardsley churches. It was last year (1st September 2018) that Jeremie, supported by his wife Grace, was inducted to the Barnsley Church. In addition Jeremie is serving as a member of the Leeds South pastoral team as Bible Study Pastor. Jeremie says, "Our focus is heaven, our work is pastoral care and discipleship, our value is holiness, our source of power and inspiration is the Holy Spirit!" (Pictured: Dr Ogbeiwi with former District Superintendent, Rev David Montgomery).



## LARGS



Following a period of involvement in the Broomhill Glasgow church, Dr Steve Fountain and Tasha Alison were inducted as joint pastors of the Largs church on Friday 12th July. The service was led by the District Superintendent, Rev Jim Ritchie, and the church was packed for the occasion. Steve is the son of Nazarene missionaries and has studied at three Universities - Trevecca Nazarene, South Carolina, and Glasgow - in the fields of medicine and theology. Tasha has had a career in marketing and research and together Steve and Tasha founded, in 2009, Icebox Ministries. Already God is blessing the work in Largs and new initiatives are being planned.

## HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB



Held 29th July-2nd August at the Dromore (N. I.) church, this year's theme was "Fixer Upper!" and the hall was decorated like a building site. During the week boys and girls were taught what Jesus could do in their lives. The programme included games, singing, memory verses, crafts, quizzes, and Bible stories. It was an opportunity to reach new children and families in the community. The week concluded with a Sunday evening service to which children and adults were invited.

## LOCAL MINISTER



On Sunday, 23rd June, longstanding member of the Megain Memorial Church, Gary Heenan, was granted a Local Minister's Licence. Pastor Sammy Robinson says, "...Gary has been gifted by the Lord in preaching and teaching... and these are recognised in the granting of this licence." Prayer is requested for the Heenans and for the work and outreach of the Megain Memorial church which is strategically located on the Newtownards Road in East Belfast. Pictured (l.to r) Chloe & Pastor Sammy Robinson (Church Secretary and Pastor), Gary and Gillian Heenan.

## CONGRATULATIONS!



Edward 'Ted' Solly, a longstanding member of the Clapham Junction (formerly Speke Hall) church, celebrated his 100th birthday on 17th June. For a number of years the Sollys have lived in Wokingham - Ted's wife, Marie, who was for many years the South District NWMS/NMI Treasurer, passed away September 2015.