

WHY WE CARE ABOUT COP26

"This article – prepared before COP26 – is based on a presentation made by Emma & Calum Watkins on Sunday, 10th October, at 'The New Charter' Fellowship, Parkhead, Glasgow. Electrical and mechanical engineers, Emma and Calum are both involved in projects that seek to create new sustainable power solutions and cut emissions to zero."

What is COP26? The Conference of Parties or more commonly known as the UN Climate Change Conference which comes to Glasgow in November, will gather world leaders, activists and businesses, whose ambition is to make bold commitments towards keeping global temperatures safe for humans and nature. If you go to the Tron-gate area of Glasgow, there is an old clock tower which displays a countdown of less than 7 years which is the time climate scientists believe we have until irreversible climate damage occurs without urgent global action. This is what COP26 is all about!

Why address climate change?

The UK was the first nation in the world to become industrialised and back in 1750 became the first fossil fuel CO2 producing country, paving the way for all other nations to industrialise by burning fossil fuels. We therefore have an enormous responsibility to not only cut our emissions to zero, but create new sustainable solutions, invest and support other countries in their own climate change ambitions. Climate change undoubtedly has the greatest impact on vulnerable communities often in low income countries and we should see this as an opportunity to steward the resources we have been given, in loving our global neighbours.

What should we be doing as Christians?

Right at the beginning of the Bible, God gives us responsibilities to care for the world He has created and to care for each other. We also see the response of characters like Joseph, who responds with courage and leadership when climate related famine devastates Egypt. He plays a pivotal role in saving the nation and glorifying God through his actions. In the New Testament, the Prodigal Son returns to his Father when famine in the land leads him to seek the safety of his Father's house. What an opportunity we have to share the hope we have in Jesus when the foundations of the things people trust in for their safety and wellbeing are shaken. Time and time again, how God's people respond to crisis reflects his character and reveals his glory to those around.

And perhaps you are wondering, what can I do? Well in the story where Jesus watches the widow present her offering to the Temple, he is not concerned that her contribution isn't

materially significant. He is far more concerned about her attitude of worship and generous giving. This should be our attitude when we care for the planet, even if the changes we make seem small, we know that God is ultimately in control.

Our prayer for the church is that we would be a community characterised by radical generosity, full of joy and thankfulness for all that Jesus has done, and that by our response to the climate crisis, we would present a better Good News story, one that brings wholeness and healing for the nations.



Calum & Emma Watkins

INTRODUCING:



Dr David A. Busic has been appointed jurisdictional General Superintendent for the Eurasia Region which includes the UK. Ordained in 1991, Dr Busic has served the church as senior pastor in Nazarene churches in California, Kansas and Oklahoma. During his tenure at Bethany First Church of the Nazarene, Oklahoma, Dr Busic helped to initiate and establish, in 2007, the Swaziland partnership to help reduce the HIV/AIDS rate and assist vulnerable children in Eswatini (formerly Swaziland) Africa. He has also served as President of Nazarene Theological Seminary.

Dr Busic was elected a General Superintendent at the 28th General Assembly held in Indianapolis, USA, in 2013. A graduate of Southern Nazarene University and Nazarene Theological Seminary, Dr Busic holds a Doctor of Ministry in theology and culture from Fuller Theological Seminary. We look forward to when Dr Busic can visit the UK in the days to come.

EUROPEAN LEADERS MEET

District Superintendents of Northern Europe met 19th-22nd October in Shiptonthorpe, Yorks, for fellowship, prayer, and discussion. Discussions centered on the post-pandemic church and questions addressed included:

- What has the Holy Spirit said to the church through this time?
- What have we realised is essential to how we minister and operate and what is not?
- What is unique to our Nazarene DNA which we must retain and celebrate?
- As we move forward, what can we leave behind and what must we take with us?



Pictured (l to r) front row: Rev Stephane Tibi (Regional Education Coordinator), Rev Ruth Turner (DS BI North), Lauren McCann & Rev Carl McCann (DS BI South), Maggie Ritchie & Rev Jim Ritchie (Regional Director); back row: Dr Ian Wills (DS Ireland) & Carolyn Wills, Dr Antonie Holleman (DS Netherlands), Rev Ingo Hunaeus (DS Germany), & Esther Hunaeus.

IN MEMORIAM *Remembering those who have served*

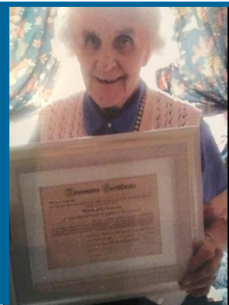


Agnes Ptolomey Davis passed away 29th June 2021; she was 60. A third generation Nazarene from Port Glasgow, Agnes, became a Christian as a child when her mother led her to the Lord. Upon leaving school Agnes trained as a general nurse and then as a psychiatric nurse, but sensing a call to missionary service, she enrolled, in 1985, as a student at our College (now Nazarene Theological College, Manchester) graduating with a Diploma in Theology in 1988.

Agnes Fowler had met Edward Davis at the North District Young People's Holiday in 1984 and on 25th July 1987 they were married in the Port Glasgow church with Rev John Paton officiating. Agnes was now to lead the life of a pastor's wife, home-maker and mother, serving in Ardrossan, Larne, Cardiff, and from 2001 in Croydon.

Agnes has been described as an amazing wife and mother, a long-standing Sunday School teacher, Board Member, Church cleaner-caretaker-cook, as well as a preacher and teacher of God's word. Although Agnes's missionary call did not result in her going overseas, her call to missions was fulfilled particularly during the past 20 years in Croydon when over 30 nationalities have been ministered to as part of the local fellowship.

A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for the life of Agnes was held in the Croydon Church of the Nazarene, 22nd July 2021 with Rev Edward Davis, Rev Carl McCann (DS) and family members taking part. Our thoughts and prayers have been with Edward and his family – Stuart, Victoria, Emma, and Claire.



Lily Ball (née Tuckley) passed away 10th September 2021; she was 91. Lily grew up in a small village near Clay Cross in Derbyshire, and became involved in the Church of the Nazarene when Rev Leslie Roberts started a church in Chesterfield some 5 miles away and she became a Sunday School teacher and youth leader.

In 1958 Lily was consecrated a deaconess in the Church of the Nazarene and became part of the College family when the College moved, in 1959, to Didsbury. She was employed as the College cook and lived on the College premises. In 1964 Lily married former BINC student, David Ball; the wedding took place in Ivy Cottage. After a time in Dublin, supporting Rev Leslie Roberts, David & Lily returned, in 1966, to Chesterfield with their son, Philip, who was just 2 months old.

For many years Lily gave leadership to the church in Chesterfield faithfully keeping the church going, and she gave faithful support to her husband (David passed away in 1993) and was devoted in her care for her son, Philip. Many will remember the Balls faithful attendance at District Assemblies and sharing in the Swanwick fraternals. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Lily Ball was held in the Sheffield Church of the Nazarene on 8th October conducted by Rev Tracey Day and Rev Bruce Lloyd. Interment followed at Clay Cross Cemetery.

Rev Geoffrey Douglas Austin passed away 22nd July 2021; he was 71. Geoff had been in hospital with Covid-19 in 2020 and experienced further medical issues in 2021.



Originally from Battersea, London, Geoff was Christened by Rev J. B. MacLagan and became part of the Sunday School and Youth Group of the IHM/Thomas Memorial Church of the Nazarene on Battersea Rise. He attended Sir Walter St John's Grammar School, spent a year at the Kingston College of Art and Design, and had a short career with the BBC at the Television Centre, White City, London, in the Costumes and Design department.

Called to the pastoral ministry, Geoff attended our College in Manchester graduating with the ThB degree. It was at college that he met Jane Naylor and they were married on 21st June 1975 in the Bramley Church of the Nazarene. The service was conducted by Pastor Fred Upton and Rev Frank Morley brought the address. The Austins were blessed with three children, Jaime, Jonathan, and Jo-Anne.

Nearly 40 years of faithful ministry to Christ and the Church followed graduation in 1977, in Salford, Erskine, Perth, Watford Woodside and Ardrossan. In addition, Geoff served in many district and denominational positions...Advisory Board Member, College Governor, Holiday Director, General Board Member, District Secretary, Board of Ministry Member, and Member of the Regional Advisory Council. Geoff was ordained in 1979 by General Superintendent Dr Charles H. Strickland.

The Ardrossan Church was packed for the Service of Thanksgiving on Friday, 17th September, with many sharing in the service on-line. Led by local pastor, and the Austin's son-on-law, Rev Nathan Payne, a family tribute was brought by Jaime Lidstone and Rev Colin H. Wood spoke of Geoff's early years and his faithful ministry in the Church of the Nazarene. References were made to Geoff's friendliness, his humour, his commitment to the work of the church and the example of faithfulness he has given to us all.

A private cremation service had been held earlier and on Thursday 16th September, Geoff's ashes were interred in the grounds of the Erskine Church of the Nazarene where the Austins pastored for some 16 years and where the family grew up. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jane and the family.

BREAKTHRU

The South District Holiday was held, 17th-21st August, at Ampleforth College. Over 150 from 25 churches - and from about a dozen countries - attended. Speakers included, Rev Tommy Goodwin MBE & Rev Ann Goodwin, Rev Tracey Day, Rev Jason Nike, and Rev Carl McCann (District Superintendent). For the 2-3 days prior to Breakthru a 'Pastoral Household Retreat' was held at Ampleforth when Dr Ken Baker (pictured) spoke on "Word and Spirit".



YOUTH CAMP *District NYI President, Pastor Tom Burke reports*

"This summer, from 17th-21st August, NYUK South were able to enjoy 'Youth Camp' at Ampleforth College. We had determined that as soon as Covid restrictions were eased we would plan a few days away for our young people to reconnect or meet new friends for the first time. We had 23 young people and 9 leaders sharing together for a great time of activities and spiritual growth. The programme included team games, a trip to a theme park, and a fancy-dress movie night in the onsite theatre. Our spiritual theme was "Identity in Christ: Pandemic stories" when 3 of our leaders spoke on how the pandemic had informed our understanding of and brought us closer to who Jesus calls us to be. We are so grateful for your prayers, especially around our Covid-19 protocols, and we look forward to the young people around the district reconnecting with each other over the next year!"



NEW MEMBERS

New members were welcomed to the Govan, Glasgow Church on Sunday 4th July. Rev Wesley Hands, local pastor, says it was a great encouragement to welcome these friends into the membership of the church. Pictured (back row) Professor Edward Wasige and Mrs Judy Wasige, (front row, l to r) Johanne Gregory and Jennifer Swandells. (Professor Wasige leads the High Frequency Electronics Group, Division of Electronics and Nanoscale Engineering, School of Engineering, at Glasgow University).



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GRADUATION NEWS

Last year, NTC had a virtual Graduation, which seemed appropriate during the height of the pandemic. This year, we're aware of both continued levels of risk, but also an increased desire to gather together to celebrate an important rite of passage. We had explored options that would enable us all to gather together in October of this year: problems with travel restrictions, with mass indoor gatherings, and with venues, forced us to conclude that this wouldn't be prudent or possible. There is no doubt in our minds that we want to have an in-person Graduation - we'd like to be together, to share fellowship, to express our joy in our graduands' achievements. We love the chance to dress up and celebrate - to join our graduands in throwing hats in the air and in gathering on the back lawn.

"We have, therefore, decided to set a NEW DATE for Graduation - 7th May 2022. So we look forward to a spring celebration at NTC and are very hopeful that when we can finally gather it will be wonderful joy and delight."

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Save the Date for 2022:

Christian Hope and Science in a Warming World - Conference
4th - 5th February

The Present Preacher - Conference
11th February

The Drysdale Lecture 2022
21st February

Graduation
7th May

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NEW BOOK



"An Inside Job - The Life of a Prison Chaplain" (London, Austin Macauley, 2021, 114 pages), by Rev Joy Osborne (Grimsby).

An Ordained Nazarene minister and a graduate of Nazarene

Theological College, Joy Osborne has been involved in Prison ministry for some 13 years. In this book she shares some of the stories from inside HM Prison Lincoln.

The book has introductions/forewords by Terry Waite CBE, Dr Deirdre Brower Latz (Principal: Nazarene Theological College, Manchester), Rev Bruce Thompson (Methodist Church), and Rev Clive Burrows (former missionary, pastor, and District Superintendent).

MINISTRY ASSESSMENT CENTRE

Facilitated by Rev Claire Fender and Rev Michelle S. Lynam, and with representatives from both districts, the "MAC" was held at the college 13th-15th September. Two of the candidates share reports:-

Adam Sanders (Brownlow Fold, Bolton)
Attending Ministry Assessment Centre was very rewarding and was an exciting journey of discovery and development from beginning to end. The assessors were very supportive and caring and it has made me even more certain that I am definitely in the right church family to continue my ministry journey.



Lucy Frost (Brooklands, Manchester)
Attending the Ministry Assessment Centre was an incredibly valuable experience. I was able to learn more about myself and my calling. The assessments helped hone my pastoral skills. It was wonderful to be with the other candidates and see how God is equipping them for ministry also.



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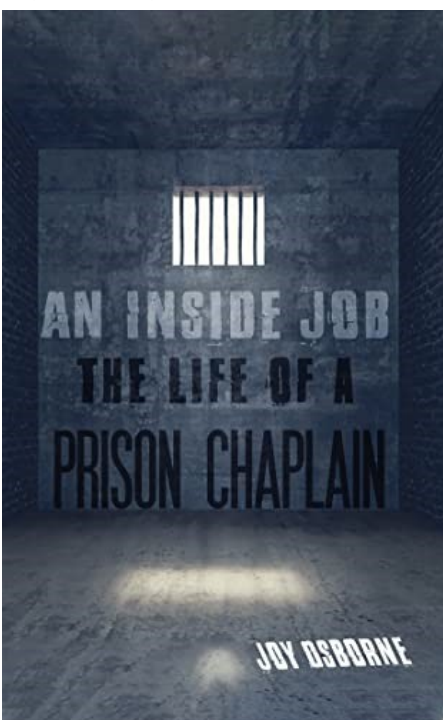
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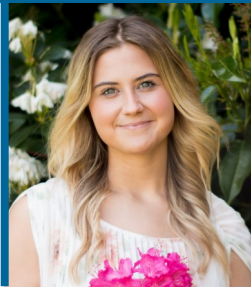
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ARCHIVE APPEAL

Would all Pastors/Church Boards remember the importance of retaining local church materials for the archives. This would include Minute Books, Membership Rolls, Church Anniversary Information and Booklets, Church Programmes, Newspaper Cuttings, Special Events, and online information, etc. (Although financial records should be kept for 6 years, they are not needed for the archives). Each pastor is, in effect, the 'Custodian of the Archives of the Local Church' and should ensure that such material is preserved and when appropriate deposited at "Archives@NTC".



CHURCH NEWS



ERSKINE – Pastor Tori MacKinnon joined the Erskine Ministry Team in July 2021 as Community Pastor. Originally from Centreville, Mississippi, Tori is a 2016 graduate of Trevecca Nazarene University with a BA in Religion and a 2018 MA graduate in Aspects of Christian Holiness from Nazarene Theological College. Tori has been in the UK for the past 4 years and is married to

Finlay MacKinnon of the Erskine church – they met in Serbia when different charitable organisations were seeking to meet the refugee crisis.

Working with Rev Jacob Morris, Tori is involved leading worship, preaching and pastoral care. Tori says, "My desire in Christian Service and Ministry is to continue to walk alongside others to learn how to better love out the vision of the Kingdom of God in our world through love, hospitality, generosity, justice and compassion. My hope is that through this we, as the church, can better live out the invitation that God gives to all humanity to be restored in His image to Himself and to each other."

WATFORD WOODSIDE – nearly 70 were present on Sunday, 31st October, for the welcome and induction of Rev Tommy Goodwin MBE as part-time interim pastor. Having recently completed 19-plus years as a Chaplain in HM Royal Navy, Tommy will be ministering in Watford on a "Friday-Tuesday" basis until the beginning of March 2022.



Rev Tracey Day (Assistant District Superintendent) conducted the induction. (Pictured, Rev Tracey Day and Rev Tommy Goodwin MBE).

BIRMINGHAM ZION – Gabriel Modesto was commissioned as lay leader/pastor of the Birmingham Zion Church on Sunday, 5th September. A fellowship Gabriel had led for the past couple of years is uniting with the Zion congregation.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE – Rev Stephen Morley was inducted to the Ashton Church on Sunday, 12th September. The Morleys have pastored churches in the USA as well as giving leadership in Ireland.

WATFORD NORTH – Rev Jose Corriea was inducted to the Watford North Church on 19th September where a first language Portuguese congregation has been planted. This follows developments in the fellowship, which now has a Church Board and enables a pastor to be appointed.

SHEFFIELD HEELEY – Rev Tracey Day was inducted to the Sheffield Church on Saturday 25th September. Tracey also serves the South District as Assistant District Superintendent and is a member of the District Advisory Board.

LISBURN – Pastor Stephen McTernaghan was inducted to the Lisburn Church on Sunday, 24th October. The service was led by Rev Ruth Turner (DS). Pictured (l.to r) Pheobe, Naomi, Rev Ruth Turner, Carolynne and Pastor Stephen McTernaghan.



MEGAIN MEMORIAL, BELFAST, celebrated its 70th Anniversary 18th-19th September, with Rev Ruth Turner (DS) as the special speaker. Church member, Dr Graham Greenlee, has produced an updated Anniversary Booklet which recalls the founding of the Church in August 1951 as a result of a Tent Mission led by Rev John E. Crouch, and the establishing of the work with Rev Raymond Spence as the first pastor when the church was officially organised in September 1951. It is a story of faith and sacrifice - a rich and varied history over the years that includes the relocation of the church from Glenmore Street to Newtownards Road. Local pastor, Rev Sammy Robinson comments of the anniversary weekend, "...it was a wonderful time together...our people were encouraged and inspired...and... the best is yet to come!"

ARDROSSAN – Rev Ian Stewart has been appointed, as from 6th September, Volunteer Associate Pastor at the Ardrossan Church. Now retired, Ian, who served in Port Glasgow for 18 years, has been helping in Ardrossan since Easter 2021, and will continue working with Ardrossan pastor, Rev Nathan Payne. (Pictured (l.to r) Rev Nathan Payne and Rev Ian Stewart).



CARRICKFERGUS – Pastor Jordan Neill was inducted as pastor of the Carrickfergus church on Sunday 4th July. Part of the service honoured the 24-plus year ministry in Carrickfergus of Rev Philip & Ruth McAlister who retired in June.



Rev Tommy Goodwin MBE preached and Rev Ruth Turner (DS) inducted the new pastor. Pictured (l.to r) Chloe & Pastor Jordan Neill, Rev Ruth Turner (DS), Rev Philip & Ruth McAlister...and "passing the staff".

