

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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NEW THINGS... "See, I AM doing a new thing!" (Isaiah 43:19)

Rev Stephen J. Morley – Missionary and District Superintendent of the work of the Church of the Nazarene in Ireland, reports on the challenge and vision facing the church today.



Rev Stephen J. Morley
District Superintendent

I love seeing the signs of spring...new life! Wonderfully, God is doing "new things" here in Ireland, Pastor Paul Dempsey and his wife Helen, the new pastoral couple in the Greystones church in Co Wicklow, are providing wonderful leadership to the congregation. At a recent event held on "Pancake Day" the church was buzzing as over 200 people passed through the church facilities. God is on the move...



TEAM IRELAND - (l.to r) Mark Murray (Youth Leader), Pastor Paul Dempsey, Rev Stephen & Annette Morley, Michael Williams, Ted & Rev Sarah Voigt (with Simon & Abigail), Kate & Pastor Tim Bowen-Evans (International NCM Coordinator for the Church of the Nazarene) (with Alana & Dylan)

Michael Williams, a member of the Greystones church, has been feeling the nudge of God to start a new work in Walkinstown, a suburb of Dublin that is about 20 miles from Greystones. Michael began to share this vision with others and we are starting services this month. God is on the move...

In Wicklow, we recently commenced a monthly event called "Family Table". We had a number of families attend, as we explored the theme of LOVE and shared in a meal together. God is on the move...

I wonder...where is God on the move where you live? You don't know? Pray and ask God to show you. Why? Because there is one thing I do know...He IS on the move, doing new things!

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY INFORMATION

THEME: "All Things New"

SOUTH DISTRICT

18th-19th March, Dewsbury Minster

FRIDAY, 18th March

2.00pm—Assembly Business

7.00pm—Speaker: Rev Arthur Snijders (Regional Director)

SATURDAY, 19th March

9.00pm—Fellowship Breakfast (Dewsbury Nazarene)

10.00am—Assembly Business

3.00pm—Ordination Service: Dr Gustavo A. Crocker
(General Superintendent)



Dr Gustavo A. Crocker
General Superintendent

NORTH DISTRICT

18th-21st March, St Matthew's, Paisley

FRIDAY, 18th March

7.00pm—Speaker: **Pastor Shelley Kenny**

SATURDAY, 19th March

9.00am—Big Breakfast

10.00am—Devotions and SSDM Seminars

12 noon—NYI Convention

2.00pm—NMI Convention

7.00pm—Speaker: Rev Alan McWilliam (Forge Scotland)

SUNDAY, 20th March

3.00pm—NTC Principal's Meeting for Pastors & Spouses

4.30pm—NTC Presentation with Faculty & Students

6.00pm—United Service: **Dr Ian G. Wills**

MONDAY, 21st March

9.00pm—Assembly Business

7.00pm—Ordination Service: **Dr Gustavo A. Crocker**
(General Superintendent)

IN MEMORIAM



Rev G Kelvyn R Adams 1934-2015

GEORGE KELVYN RAYMOND ADAMS went to his eternal reward on Sunday, 15th November 2015, after a short illness – he was 80. Raised in Belfast Kelvyn became engaged to Emily on his 19th birthday, and the wedding was held at the Ulster Temple, Ravenhill, on 23rd April 1955...the honeymoon was held at Castle Erin, Portrush. After a couple of years in Canada, working for Kodak – where a first daughter, Angela, was born – the family returned to Ulster and Kelvyn worked in sales. Two more daughters were added to the family, Darlene and Judith.

As a young Christian Kelvyn joined the “Ever Ready Testimony Band” playing his accordion, speaking and testifying as well as taking some theological studies. But

after a meeting with Nazarene pastors, Rev Hugh Gorman and Rev Ronnie McCracken, Kelvyn was recommended to District Superintendent, Dr George Frame, and in 1966 a ministry in the Church of the Nazarene began.

For over 35 years Kelvyn was active in ministry as a pastor and evangelist, with assignments in Lurgan, Uddingston, Belfast First, Bangor, a short ministry in Oldham, and also Nazarene pastorates in Maine (USA) and Prince Edward Island (Canada). Emily who supported Kelvyn in ministry across the years passed away on New Year's Day 2011. An autobiography, “Enjoyed And Endured Through Good Times And Hard Times (125 pages) was published in 1991, and contains a foreword by Rev David J Tarrant - former District Superintendent.

Over 250 attended the Service of Thanksgiving held in West Church Presbyterian, Bangor, on Wednesday, 18th November. The service was conducted by the minister, Rev Charles McMullen, and Rev Philip McAlister brought a tribute on behalf of the Church of the Nazarene. We remember with appreciation Kelvyn's ministry over the years and express our condolences to the three daughters and their families, and to Mary Clarke Adams – she and Kelvyn were married just over two years ago, on 14th September 2013.



Kay Eades 1940-2015

CATHERINE (KAY) EADES went to be with the Lord 2nd December 2015. She was 75. Originally from Belfast, Kay Lewis was the second of six children, and as a teenager began work in a clothing factory. A friend who attended the Skegoneill Avenue, Belfast, Church of the Nazarene invited Kay to a Gospel Mission and Rev John E. Crouch was the evangelist. Although reluctant at first, Kay did eventually accept the invitation and on that first night in a Nazarene church she committed her life to Jesus Christ. And so began a walk of faith that was to last 60 years.

Kay married Rev Ernest Eades in 1976, following the death of his first wife, Jessie, in 1974, and not only was the wedding held in the Skegoneill Avenue church, but Rev John Crouch (who, like Rev Eades, was a Londoner) was the officiating minister. Thirty years of shared ministry were to follow – the Eades ministered together in Belfast, Keighley, London, Greenisland, as well as spending 7 years in missionary service in the Azores - and in retirement years the Eades have been actively involved in the Carrickfergus church.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Kay Eades was held in the Clifford Gay Memorial Church of the Nazarene, Carrickfergus, on Saturday, 5th December. The service was conducted by Rev Philip McAlister and Rev Michael Kane, and Alan Murphy sang the song “Above All”. Interment followed in the Victoria Cemetery, Carrickfergus. May God's grace and comfort be with Rev Eades in these days.



Louise Braham 1945 - 2016

LOUISE RAY TURVEY BRAHAM, wife of Pastor Dennis Braham (Gillingham) passed away 7th January 2016. She was 70. Although adopted at the age of 3 and given the name Wendy, Louise reverted to her birth-name in recent years. Louise grew up in Birmingham and Sutton Coldfield and after leaving school trained and worked as a nurse at Leicester Infirmary for a number of years.

Louise met Dennis Braham in the Grimsby Church of the Nazarene where they had both become members in 1991 and they were married in 1994 (Louise served as missionary president for a number of years). She went with Dennis to NTC Manchester where he studied for the ministry taking a number of modules herself and being involved in the Didsbury Community Church. Louise supported Dennis when he was appointed associate pastor of the Grimsby Church in 2014, before moving to share in the ministry in Gillingham Salem Church of the Nazarene in 2015. Louise had three sons from her first marriage, Thomas, Edward and David.

Pastor Dennis Braham conducted the Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Louise in the Gillingham church on Thursday, 21st January 2016, when Edward brought a fitting tribute to his mother. Our sympathy and prayers are with Dennis and all the family.

At the recent Regional Conference – held in Turkey last autumn – Dr Kent Brower was presented with the “Eurasia Region Lifetime Service to Higher Education Award”.

This quadrennial award was established in 2005 when Dr Hugh Rae was the first recipient.

Dr Brower first came to Manchester in 1973 and has over the years served the College with distinction in a number of ways. As Lecturer, Bursar, and Academic Dean, he played a vital role in guiding the College towards accreditation, first through Canadian Nazarene College, then with the Council for National Academic Awards, and in recent years as a partner College of Manchester University. A graduate of Canadian Nazarene College (BSL), of Eastern Nazarene College (MA), Dr Brower completed his PhD at Manchester University under Professor F. F. Bruce.



Dr Kent Brower is presented with the award at the Regional Conference

As College Vice-Principal, Senior Research Fellow and Senior Lecturer in Biblical Studies, and PhD Supervisor, Dr Brower has contributed much to the College and to the Regional and Global church. He is a member of a number of Research, Academic and Theological committees, is Chair of the International Board of Education of the Church of the Nazarene, for the past couple of years has served as Pro-Vice Chancellor Academics of the recently established Southern Africa Nazarene University in Swaziland, and last August he delivered the Frederick Coultts Lecture at Booth College, in Sydney, Australia. A New Testament specialist, with a particular interest in the Gospel of Mark, Dr Brower has authored and been involved in the production of a number of books and articles. “Congratulations, Dr Brower, on receiving this award!”

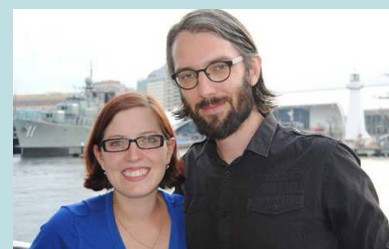
LIBRARIANS VISIT SWAZILAND – College Librarian, Helen Stocker, was a member of a team of librarians from Nazarene Universities and Colleges (from the UK, USA and Canada) to visit Southern Africa Nazarene University (SANU), Swaziland, 13th January – 3rd February 2016. The purpose of the trip was to help with the implementation of a new library management system OPALS (Open Source Automated System) at SANU and to train other librarians from other Nazarene Colleges in Africa – representatives from NTC South Africa and NTC Central Africa (Malawi) were also present. Working at the three University Faculty Libraries at SANU – Health Sciences, Education and Theology – Helen, along with the librarians from Nazarene Theological Seminary, Trevecca Nazarene University, Northwest Nazarene University, plus a representative from the International Board of Education, provided the training.



Librarians at SANU – the Global Team & the African Team (Helen is in the back row, 2nd on the right)

INTRODUCING THE WRIGHTS

The Wright family moved from their native Australia to Manchester just over a year ago. Dr Stephen Wright began his new assignment at NTC in January 2015 as Lecturer in Christian Theology and Wesley Studies replacing Dr David Rainey who retired last year. An ordained minister in the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Australia, Dr Wright was in the pastoral ministry in Sydney for 4 years. He has earned a BA (Hons) degree from the, now closed, Kingsley College, Melbourne, a MTh from the Sydney College of Divinity, and a PhD from the Charles Sturt University of Australia - his thesis was entitled “Dogmatic Aesthetics: a theology of beauty in dialogue with Robert W. Jenson” – which was published under the same title by Fortress Press in 2014.



Dr Steve & Heidi Wright

Dr Wright comments, “...my denominational background is deeply Wesleyan, and most of my published essays have some connection to Wesleyan theology. Before coming to NTC I taught as an adjunct lecturer in theology at Booth College, the training college for the Salvation Army.”

Married to Heidi, who is an academic administrator and is serving as Registrar at NTC, the Wrights have 3 children, Samara (8), Elise (6) and Rowan (1). The family worships at the Longsight Community Church of the Nazarene. We welcome Steve, Heidi and the family to the UK!

INTENSIVE WEEK

Approximately 70 students attended the Intensive Week, held 18th-22nd January. Three courses were taught: “Church History” taught by Rev Andrew Ollerton of the Free Methodist Church, “Socialisation” was taught by NTC Lecturer in Social Theology and Youth Work,



Wesleyan Tradition lecturers (l.to r) Rev Colin H. Wood, Dr Joseph Wood, Bill Graham

Rev Louise Kenyon, and “Wesleyan Tradition” was ‘team-taught’ by Dr Joseph Wood (NTC Lecturer in Church History) Rev Colin H. Wood (former District Superintendent) and Bill Graham (retired Headmaster).



Manse Ladies – with speaker, Adele Duncan, 2nd from the right

MANSE LADIES – The Annual Manse Ladies retreat (North District) – for pastors and pastor's wives – was held 5th-7th February in Kinross. Organised and led by Pastor Ann Goodwin (Manse Ministries Director) with Mair Paton helping with the music and accompanying the singing, this year's speaker was Adele Duncan of the Parkhead church who spoke on the theme, "Who Are You?" Adele shared Old Testament stories and related them to daily living to help each one face the challenge of discovering themselves. 20 attended from across Scotland and N. Ireland. It was a time of blessing and encouragement for all who attended.

YOUTH WEEKEND – Held at Comrie Croft in Perthshire, 12th-14th February, over 70 young people from nine churches across the North District shared in this 'winter weekend away'. The theme of the weekend was "Brave" and speakers included Jack Swan (Youth Pastor, Perth), Ben Goodwin (Pastor, Cramlington), and Samuel Robinson (Pastor, Dunfermline). The young people were encouraged to step out for Jesus and to take a stand for Him. Emma Burleigh (Parkhead) comments, "Young people are always encouraged and strengthened in their faith through the winter retreat...events like this are often a lifeline for young people from smaller churches...it was encouraging to see many make a decision to go deeper with Jesus."



Winter Weekend Retreat

FAITHFUL SERVICE – A special presentation was made on Monday, 25th January at the Lisburn church's Annual General Meeting to longstanding members, Sam and Florence Perkins. A Certificate and Gift was presented to Sam Perkins, in recognition of 50 years of faithful service in the church and on the Church Board. The presentation was made by Lisburn pastor, Rev Albert Griffith.



(l.to r) Rhoda Griffith, Florence & Sam Perkins, Rev Albert Griffith

SPORTS CHAPLAINCY – Jack Swan, licenced minister

and Associate/Youth Pastor of the Perth Trinity Church of the Nazarene, has recently been appointed "Club Chaplain" of the Letham Football Club in Perth. There are 24 teams in the club with players' ages ranging between 8 to 24 years and involving a total of over 350 young people. The Letham Football Club is one of the biggest youth football clubs in the area and Jack's responsibility as Chaplain is to be available to the



Pastor Jack Swan

young people, to listen and to guide, to get to know the players and to support them. Jack says, "...I am there to live a life of faith, trusting Jesus in all situations and to let that rub off on the players and coaches through the Holy Spirit. My job is to take the Gospel into this sphere of life, letting the love of Jesus transform."

SPECIAL AWARD – Rev Bruce Lloyd, recently retired pastor of the Sheffield Heeley Church, was one of 25 Sheffield citizens to receive the annual "Lord Mayor's Civic Award". Presented by the Lord Mayor, Councillor Talib Hussain on Tuesday, 5th January, the award is given to individuals "...on behalf of Sheffield City Council to honour and celebrate their achievements and contribution to the city and its communities." Bruce received the award in recognition of 35 years of service to the church in Heeley and to the wider community. Award recipients also had afternoon tea with the Lord Mayor and were given a guided tour of the Town Hall.

Rev Lloyd comments, "This Civic Award is really a tribute to, and a reflection of, the faithfulness and commitment of many people down through the years who have faithfully served God in the church and local community. It has been a great privilege to have been their pastor."



The Lord Mayor of Sheffield presents the Award to Rev Bruce Lloyd

80TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

The Govan, Glasgow, church celebrated its 80th Church Anniversary over the weekend 7th-8th November when 4 new members were welcomed into the fellowship. The guest speakers were Rev Albert Garrick and Rev Anne Findlay...both of whom came originally from Govan. And the following month, on Sunday, 13th December, two members of the congregation who had attended Northbreak 2015, were baptised. Pastor Rob Fitzjohn comments, "It was a great time of celebration for us here in Govan...we would like to thank the Parkhead church for allowing us to use their baptismal pool."



New Members, (l.to r) Pastor Bev Fitzjohn, Ian Dock, Sharon Dock, June Taylor, John Taylor, Pastor Rob Fitzjohn



Baptismal Candidates, (l.to r) Pastor Bev Fitzjohn, Theresa Donnelly, Martin McAuley, Pastor Rob Fitzjohn

DARE TO DREAM – Although retired from the pastorate, Rev Bruce Lloyd has a vision for future ministry. Rev Lloyd writes, "For some time I have wanted to start a church that's different – for people who don't 'do' church. A local public house, "The Waggon & Horses" which is about 150 yards from the Sheffield Heeley church, has recently been taken over by Jeannie Laylor, a West Indian lady who is a former probation officer. Jeannie is keen to develop the premises as a community resource and has kindly allowed us to start a "Pub Church" in the function room. We are aiming to contact people of all ages and backgrounds who live in the Heeley area who don't regularly attend a 'normal' church. 'Pub Church' will be about faith, hope and love and in a very relaxed and informal setting. Services will include music, chat, stories, prayer and humour - and no long sermons! We hope people will soon get to know each other and feel a real sense of belonging. After a trial of Sunday afternoon monthly services over three months we will review and see what people think, and consider the future of 'Pub Church'."



"Pub Church" Venue

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Rev Ian Newton reports on Community Outreach in Barnsley. "Following a very successful Christmas Outreach Programme, the Barnsley Church of the Nazarene was full on Wednesday, 3rd February, for a "Winter Warmer Community Buffet". Residents, Councillors, Police, and others from the community, enjoyed this social gathering and gifts of appreciation were given to community workers. The forthcoming film nights were publicised, which include the Nazarene film "The Grace Card" and also the film "War Room", and it is hoped that these events will enable the church to further reach out and encourage people to find Christ and come closer to Him. The church is also hoping that young people will be encouraged by the visit, in March, of cricketing legend, the former umpire, "Dickie" Bird, whose foundation supports young people in sport."



Winter Warmer Community Buffet

GRANT AWARD

The Belfast First (Skegoneill Ave) Church of the Nazarene is the grateful and delighted recipient of a £40,000 grant made from the Belfast City Council's Local Investment Fund. The grant has been designated for improvements to the church hall, kitchen and toilets, to enable increased community activities to take place in the hall. Belfast First church is grateful for the support and help of local politicians and City officials in the awarding of this grant. Local Pastor, David Hamill, comments, "We will be the first church group in the area to receive such a substantial grant for this kind of work, and we believe it is a recognition of all the good work the church is already doing in the community. We thank God for His goodness and we give to Him all the glory."



Politicians visit Belfast First. (l.to r) Alderman Guy Spence (Deputy Lord Mayor), Nigel Dodds MP OBE (Local Member of Parliament and Deputy Leader of the DUP), Pastor David Hamill, William Humphrey MLA (North Belfast)

CHRISTMAS REMEMBERED

The events, activities and blessings of Christmas can be quickly forgotten as the church moves into the New Year, and the regular life and programmes of the church resume. Here are a couple of events to remind us of "Christmas Blessings".



Members of the Houston church went carolling in Glasgow's Sauchiehall Street. An open-backed lorry was kindly provided by the haulage/logistics company, W H Malcolm Ltd



Members of the Brooklands, Manchester, church enjoy a Christmas Banquet

PRAYER CONFERENCE

Over 40 pastors and ministry team members met in Irvine, 1st-2nd February, for the annual Prayer Conference for North District clergy. Prayer, reflection, worship, fellowship characterised the 2-day conference. Those taking part this year included, Rev Derrick Thames, Rev Alan Baird, Rev L. Richard Porter, with Melanie Ward and Pastor Ben Goodwin providing the music. Thanks are expressed to Rev Des Robinson and the Irvine folk for providing hospitality and meals.



Prayer Conference - Irvine

CHURCH OPENING

The Didsbury Community Church of the Nazarene, Manchester, was officially inaugurated on Saturday, 14th November - about 150 were present. The District Superintendent, Rev David Montgomery, officiated and also preached in the Sunday morning service at which 5 new members were received by Profession of Faith and 2 were baptised by immersion. Over the past 3 years 30 new members have joined the church. The ministry team is as follows, Rev Trevor Hutton (Lead Pastor), Rev Michelle Robinson (Associate Pastor), Jess Geddis (Toddler Pastor), Rachael Yacovone (Family Pastor), Kirsty Waddell (Youth Pastor). The Didsbury Community Church meets in the Maclagan Chapel on the campus of Nazarene Theological College.



Members of Friends of the Didsbury Church - approx 40 in all - gather on platform

INSPIRE 2

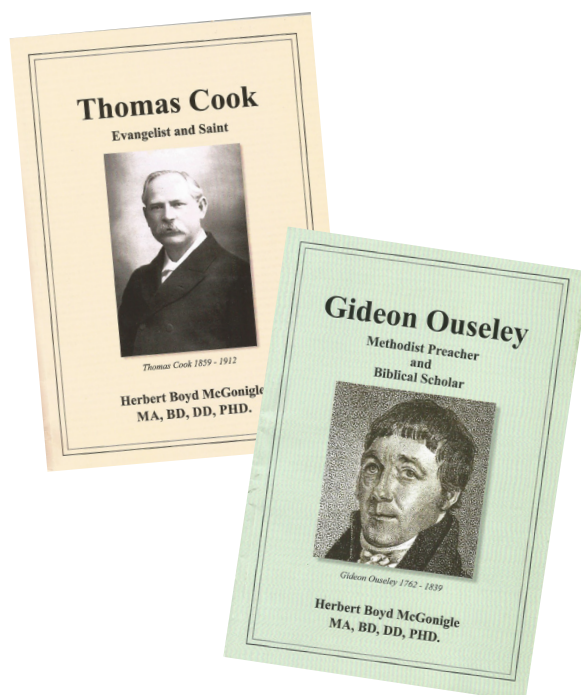
Held Saturday, 16th January, pastors, leaders, and laity from across Ireland (North and South) gathered at Megain Memorial church, Belfast for INSPIRE. SSDM Chairman, Rev Nathan Payne, reports, "At this second ministry training day we welcomed speakers Dr Fred Drummond (National Director, Evangelical Alliance, Scotland) and Kathy Stewart (pastor's wife/worker with autistic children). Fred shared helpful and challenging insights for the church today as we seek to grow and bear fruit and to be the people God is calling us to be. Kathy gave us a glimpse into the 'autistic spectrum' which gave us an understanding of how we can engage with autistic children. It was a helpful, challenging, thoughtful – inspiring – day. We thank the speakers and all who supported the day...it was good to be together."



Dr Fred Drummond - Evangelical Alliance/INSPIRE speaker

NEW BOOKS

Over the past few months Dr Herbert McGonigle – Principal Emeritus – has published two more books in his series on Methodist preachers, scholars and evangelists. "Gideon Ouseley: Methodist Preacher and Biblical Scholar" (68 pages) tells of this Irish preacher and writer. "Thomas Cook: Evangelist and Saint" (69 pages) surveys Cook's ministry and travels, his time as the first Principal of Cliff College, and his emphasis on New Testament Holiness. Both books are available from Dr McGonigle c/o Nazarene Theological College, and have forewords written by Dr David McCulloch and Rev Leslie Evans respectively.



RETIREMENT

The Ardrossan church was well filled – approx 150 - on Saturday afternoon, 27th December for a farewell-retirement meal for Rev Geoff & Jane Austin. Originally from London, on leaving school Geoff Austin worked for a time with the BBC in the BBC Television Centre, White City. Following training and ministerial studies at British Isles Nazarene College (now NTC), and marriage to Jane Naylor, he entered the Nazarene ministry. The Austins have served in Salford, Erskine, Perth, Watford and Ardrossan over a period of 38 years. Geoff has also served as District Secretary, and on a number of Boards including District Advisory Board, District Board of Ministry, Board of College Governors, as well as serving for a time on the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene. The Austins are living in Saltcoats on the Scottish Ayrshire coast and plan to support and be involved in the Ardrossan church.



Rev Geoff and Jane Austin

LADIES CONFERENCE

The Third Annual Ladies Conference, N. Ireland, was held Saturday, 14th November, at the Loughshore Hotel, Carrickfergus. Organised and led by Isabel Hamill, a total of 80 ladies met to share in worship, fellowship and to enjoy the ministry of inspirational speaker and author, Catherine Campbell. The theme for the day was, "Rise Up and Walk", and all those present were challenged and encouraged. "It was a blessed day..."



Catherine Campbell



Isabel Hamill welcomes everyone to the Conference

INDUCTIONS

PASTOR GARY LAW was inducted to the Desertmartin church on Saturday, 5th December. Gary, who had been Youth Pastor of the Megain Memorial church, comes originally from Dromore, and is a graduate of Belfast Bible College. He is engaged to Rachel Jackson and they are to be married on 10th March. The Desertmartin church was full for the induction service at which Rev Philip McAlister officiated and preached.



(l.to r) Pastor Gary Law, Rachel Jackson, Ruth McAlister & Rev Philip McAlister

REV COLIN DUFFY was inducted to the Dewsbury church on Saturday 31st January. The church was packed for the occasion and DS Rev David Montgomery presided and preached. Originally from Lisburn N.I., Colin began attending the Nazarene church from the age of 3. After a career in engineering he attended Nazarene Theological College graduating with a BA(Hons) degree and has later obtained an MA. Married to Corrie (whose father, Rev Steve Butcher is a Nazarene pastor in the USA), the Duffys have two children, Cara and Ciara. Colin has served as Associate Pastor and Youth Pastor in Nazarene churches in California, USA and was ordained on the Los Angeles District by General Superintendent, Dr J K Warrick, in June 2011.



(l.to r) Rev David Montgomery, Corrie Duffy, Rev Colin Duffy, Steve Prescott (Board Secretary)

REV NATHAN PAYNE was inducted to the Ardrossan church on Saturday, 20th February. A graduate of Nazarene Theological College, Nathan was ordained in 2010 and serves as Chairman of the Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries Board. He has been involved in ministry in Dewsbury, Erskine, Glasgow Broomhill and Paisley churches. Married to Jo-Anne, the Payne's have one daughter, Leah. The church was full for the occasion and DS Rev Philip McAlister presided and preached.



(l.to r) Rev Philip McAlister, Rev Nathan & Jo-Anne Payne with Leah, Craig Crosthwaite (Church Secretary/Treasurer)

IMPORTANT DATES

2016

DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES

18th-19th March – (SD)
18th-21st March – (ND)

LADIES CONFERENCE (ND)

23rd April – Irvine

PASTOR'S SUMMER SCHOOL

16th-19th May – NTC

SPORT'S DAY (ND)

Ayrshire Athletics Arena
21st May

QUIZZING/FUN-DAY (ND)

Perth
4th June

CHILDREN'S CAMP (ND)

Auchengillan
2nd-8th July

CHILDREN'S CAMP (SD)

Alton Castle
25th-28th July

NYUK HOLIDAY (SD)

Quinta
30th July-5th August

BREAKTHRU

Ellesmere College
14th-21st August

NORTHBREAK

Lancaster
30th July-5th August

M+POWER TRAINING

Sofia, Bulgaria
4th-7th September (new dates!)

COLLEGE GRADUATION

Rev Peter Read
15th October

DIDSBURY LECTURES

Professor Michael Gorman
24th-27th October

2017

DARE TO DREAM 2 & DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES

Weekend 18th-19th March

PASTOR'S SUMMER SCHOOL

22nd-25th May – NTC

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Indianapolis USA
21st-30th June

PAISLEY – An Induction Service and a New Year Gathering and Celebration were held in the St Matthew's church on Sunday evening, 3rd January. DS Rev Philip McAlister spoke and the church was well filled with many from other churches attending. The new Paisley Ministry Team was installed...Rev Tommy Goodwin (Royal Navy Chaplain), Zoe Donnelly.



(l to r) Rev Philip McAlister, Pastor Ann Goodwin, Pastor Zoe Donnelly, Rev Nathan Payne, Rev Tommy Goodwin

Rev Nathan Payne has been working as a member of the team prior to his move to Ardrossan to be the pastor there.



The crowd at Paisley St Matthew's

COLLEGE LECTURESHIPS

Over the years Lecture Series at NTC have become a valuable and important part of the programme of the College. In 1979, Professor F.F. Bruce delivered the first "Didsbury Lectures", which have become a prestigious annual lectureship given by leading scholars or theologians standing within the historic Christian Faith. Other lectures have been added and this year's lecture programme is as follows.

Drysdale Lecture – in memory of J.D. Drysdale, the founding Principal of Emmanuel Bible College – was delivered on 1st February by Professor Howard A Snyder (Visiting Director of the Manchester Wesley Research Centre and former faculty member of United Theological Seminary and Asbury Theological Seminary) on the topic, "Christian Mission, Creation, and New Creation."

Sydney Martin Lecture – in memory of preacher, pastor, Bible teacher and author, and Minister Emeritus of the Sharpe Memorial Church of the Nazarene, Parkhead, Glasgow – will be delivered on 17th May by Dr Helen Cameron (Head of Public Affairs for the Salvation Army) on the topic, "Justice Seeking: Practical Politics for Local Churches."

Annual MWRC lecture – sponsored by the Manchester Wesley Research Centre – will be delivered on 14th June by Professor Kenneth J. Collins (Professor of Historical Theology and Wesley Studies, Asbury Theological Seminary) on the subject, "The Method of John Wesley's Practical Theology Reconsidered."

Didsbury Lectures – 24th-27th June. Professor Michael Gorman – the United Methodist Scholar and 'Raymond E. Brown Professor of Biblical Studies and Theology' at St Mary's Seminary and University - will speak on the subject, "Becoming like God: Missional Theosis in the New Testament."