

THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD - YOUR SANCTIFICATION

1st Thessalonians 4:3 – see also verse 7.

It is impossible to read the Bible and not confront God's call to holiness. "Be holy, for I am holy" (Leviticus 19:2) is the imperative of scripture and the regulations and laws of the Old Testament in the Holiness Code (Leviticus 17 to 26) were designed to keep the people of God separate, free from disease, and pure.

In the New Testament the idea of cleansing and freedom from sin is reinforced and developed. God's people are 'called to be saints' - to be holy (1 Cor. 1:2). This is the will of God – your sanctification (1 Thess. 4:3). Many New Testament scriptures underline God's will. And yet this is not our own achievement. It is God who draws us and empowers us. The holy life begins in the new birth (regeneration, which is initial sanctification) and the wholly sanctified life also has a beginning.

As the Holy Spirit fills our hearts we are able to love God with all our heart and soul and mind and strength. Sin is not to have dominion over the believer (Romans 6:14) since 'the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin' (1 John 1:7). The question is sometimes asked whether sanctification is a one-off event or an ongoing journey. The answer is simple...it is both. Growth in grace leads us to the full surrendering of the will and the abandonment of the life to God, which is followed by a life of obedience - walking in the light - and growing more and more in grace.

Will you pray, "Thy Will be done?" For this is the Will of God – your sanctification.

MAY GOD HIMSELF, THE GOD OF PEACE, SANCTIFY YOU THROUGH AND THROUGH.

May your whole spirit, soul and body, be kept blameless

AT THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ONE WHO CALLS YOU IS FAITHFUL AND HE WILL DO IT.

ORDINATIONS 2022 - SOUTH



Six were ordained at the South District Assembly. Front row (l.to r) Rev Jez Smith (Bolton 2), Rev Kirsty Burke (Didsbury), Rev Dr MiJa Wi (NTC/Manchester Yedam), Rev Tassadaq Naomi Gull (Taunton), Rev Joseph Prescott (Sheffield). Back row (l.to r) Rev Carl McCann (DS), Rev Tom Burke (Didsbury), Dr David A. Busic (GS). Rev Jim Ritchie (RD).

ORDINATIONS 2022 - NORTH



Three were ordained at the North District Assembly; (l.to r) Rev Ruth Turner (DS), Rev Jim Ritchie (RD), Rev Tori MacKinnon (Erskine) & Findlay MacKinnon, Pastor Bev & Rev Rob Fitzjohn (Cramlington), Kate & Rev Tim Evans (Greystones/NCM) Richard Wood (District Secretary), Dr David A. Busic (GS).

DISTRICT OFFICERS

Rev Carl McCann	- District Superintendent
Rev Tracey Day	- Assistant DS
Rev Michelle Lynam	- DS Assistant
Rev Erica Tuxworth	- District Chaplain
Rev David Gilmour	- District Secretary
Andy Hollingsworth	- District Treasurer
Susanna Smith	- NMI President
Rev Tom Burke	- NYI President
Beth Ford	- District Youth Pastor

Rev Ruth Turner	- District Superintendent
Lucy Allen	- Admin. Assistant to the DS
Rev Ann Goodwin	- Manse Ministries
Richard Wood	- District Secretary
Michael Ferguson	- District Treasurer
Cathy Tarrant	- NMI President
Pastor Hannah Clarkson/Nick Barclay	- Joint NYI Presidents
Rev Nathan Payne	- Chair: Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries

IN MEMORIAM *Remembering those who have served*



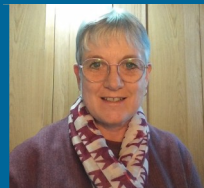
Pastor Jim Fugard passed away 3rd February after a brief but difficult illness – he was 63. Born in Lurgan, Jim was a teenager when the tragic death of his mother and the Christian witness of an uncle caused Jim to think about his spiritual condition. At his mother's graveside, as the coffin was lowered into the grave, Jim heard the words, 'is this the way you want your life to be?' and he asked Jesus into his heart.

Jim and Helen were in their late teens when they met at the Nazarene Youth Club. They were married 7th September 1979 – the service was conducted by Rev Raymond Spence.

After some years in secular work – making parts for Hyster fork-lift trucks – Jim became involved in compassionate ministries. This included Charity Shop work, training to be a counsellor, and starting a Drop-in Centre, but the call to ministry was strong. When the Lurgan Nazarene church became vacant Jim was asked to preach from time to time. This led to interviews with Church Leadership followed by an appointment to be the pastor.

Jim Fugard was God's man for the Lurgan Church when he became pastor in 2010. His ministry was characterized by a deep devotion to Jesus Christ and a love for people, as well as practical skills which resulted in many improvements to the church property. The Lurgan church was full to overflowing on Sunday, 6th February for the Service of Thanksgiving, which was led by retired Elim Pastor, William McCandless. Those taking part included Rev Philip McAlister and Rev Sammy Robinson, and tributes were brought by family members. Our thoughts and prayers are with Helen, the two daughters, Michele and Tina, and all the family.

RETIREMENT



Rev Grace McKenzie has retired after a long and varied ministry. The daughter of Rev & Mrs Denis Applebee, Grace was born and raised on the Wirral, where her father pastored, apart from her primary school years when the family lived in South Wales. Grace trained as a primary school teacher, obtaining, in 1978, a Certificate of Education from the North Riding College in Scarborough. Following work and teaching experience, Grace felt the call to Missions and in 1981 applied to the World Gospel Mission. Preparation included studies at Wesley Biblical Seminary (Jackson, MS. USA) where Grace graduated, in 1984, with a MA in Christian Education which was followed by a teaching ministry in Kenya.

Having been headmistress of the Good Shepherd Nursery School in Kenya for some 14 years, Grace returned to the UK to obtain a BA, studying for 3 semesters at Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, graduating in 2000. Grace returned to Kenya for a further 4 years of teaching at the Kenya Highlands Bible College. Returning to the UK, Grace was a member of the pastoral team at Lee Abbey for 2 years before joining the Church of the Nazarene and becoming pastor of the Taunton Church. Grace was ordained in 2009. After 9 years in the pastorate, Grace met, in 2014, Ian McKenzie and they were married in 2015. Farnborough has been home for Grace and Ian and for the past 5 years Grace has been a volunteer hospice chaplain. The McKenzies are in the process of moving to the Isle of Wight where they plan to exercise a ministry of hospitality.

CHURCH HOLIDAYS



Edith Brown passed away 28th February – age 94. Born 15th July 1927 to Walter & Annie Ashmore, Edith grew up in Oldham. Leaving school at age 14 Edith joined the Oldham Cooperative

Society as a clerk/typist and she had links with the International Holiness Mission/Calvary Holiness Church in Oldham and became a Christian in her teens. Edith was in her late teens when she met Rev George Brown (a Scot who had attended the Lambhill Mission in North Glasgow), when he came to Oldham in 1946 as guest speaker at a Church Rally. Edith and George were married, on 1st January 1948, in the Oldham Methodist Church.

The Browns had a fruitful ministry in churches on both districts including Glasgow (Govan), Perth, Paisley, Belfast, Ashton & Bournemouth. Edith was a gifted pianist, with a unique style and played mostly by ear, and her playing and singing duets with George were a vital part of their ministry. The Browns retired to N Wales – George passed away May 1996 age 87.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Edith Brown was held at Denbighshire Crematorium, St Asaph, on Wednesday, 9th March. Edith's nephew, David Ashmore, brought the eulogy and the service was led by David Jones (elder at Deva Church, Prestatyn, N. Wales, where Edith had been a regular worshipper).

(Pictured Rev. George & Mrs Edith Brown)

CONGRATULATIONS



To Dorothy J. Tarrant who was awarded the MBE in the New Year's Honours for her work in Romania. It was in 1995 when Dorothy, a Professor at Eastern Nazarene College (Mass. USA), developed the 'Romanian Studies Program', first in Bucharest and then in Sighisoara, which enabled college and university students to visit Romania, study the language and culture and engage in compassionate ministries serving disadvantaged people.

In 2001 Veritas was legally registered as a Romanian NGO with Dorothy as director and property was obtained...the Family Center for social work and the House on the Rock for educational programmes and activities. In 2010 the work was handed over to the Romanian staff. It is estimated that over the years the 'Romanian Studies Program' has brought some 500 students and volunteers to Romania.

Now retired and living in Edinburgh, Dorothy is the daughter of Rev David J. Tarrant (former District Superintendent), & Mrs Joy Tarrant (former NWMS/NMI President). For more information visit: <https://veritas.ro>

IN THE NEWS



Nazarene Hospital Chaplain, Rev Ian Newton, has been in the news recently for breaking the Million Steps world record as part of fund raising to support the NHS staff and patients.

In 2020 Ian started volunteering with the North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Trust subsequently joining the Chaplaincy Team. In this role Ian has met many dedicated people. Ian is quoted by the Cumbria Volunteer Service as saying, 'In the worst of the pandemic we witnessed the best of people. Volunteering brought together individuals from all walks of life willing to give all that they had in the support of others.'

Ian says, "I volunteer as an NHS Community Responder; volunteer at the Cumberland Infirmary with the Chaplaincy Team each week, and I became one of the many volunteer vaccinators ... In the process you meet amazing, dedicated people. It has been a privilege to serve alongside them, to hear their stories, share their heartbreaks and to see the hope they bring." Ian lives in Penrith with his wife Sharon who continues her four-decade long nursing career.

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College News: Theory to Practice at Church on the Street

Students on our Christian Perspectives on Community Development module recently had the opportunity to see how theory is turned into practice at Church on the Street in Burnley. Beth Ford reports on an inspiring trip.

In March, NTC's Community Development lead Anna Whitfield, took a group of students and alumni to visit the Church on the Street (COTS) hub, in Burnley. During the field trip, students were able to see first-hand just how Community Development is being put into practice locally by NTC alumnus, Pastor Mick Fleming.

During the past 6 weeks, the cohort of undergraduate theology students have been exploring an introduction to the theory and practices of Community Development from a Christian perspective. The group started by looking at the biblical narrative about how we might see the 'kingdom of God, on earth as it is in heaven,' by considering what is meant by community and how they might come to thrive and by asking difficult questions:

- What does a healthy community look like – what does it mean to live in Shalom?
- What are the values that underpin community development in practice?
- How do we empower people within communities to introduce and develop these values?

The unit is fully immersive, both theoretically and practically, which led to the trip to COTS. Students were invited to see just how Mick and the COTS team have enabled their understanding of biblical community to be put into practice in Burnley.

NTC students took a tour of the operation to understand the full range of services offered. In addition, they had the opportunity to meet staff, volunteers and visitors.

The exceptional work Pastor Mick and his team do in Burnley has been highlighted in the BBC news several times since COVID hit the UK. The COTS Hub, funded by generous donations after the first report, was opened less than a year ago. COTS work closely with several partners, including the NHS, to provide basic medical attention, GP and mental health support. Individuals visit the hub to eat, drink, shower, rest, chat, receive medical attention, food parcels, rehabilitation or housing advice...the list of services is endless and continues to grow as additional needs are identified.

Students were able to hear about just some of the challenges faced in communities overwhelmed by poverty, homelessness and addiction. One of the highlights of the trip was recognising the hope, equality and value of dignity offered to each individual we spoke to. Every individual was able to offer us drinks and food – as equals – since no charge is applied to the breakfast provided each day. Additionally, individuals were offered access to basic services like haircuts.

Anna and all those students who attended send their huge appreciation to the team at COTS:

"Thank you for showing us around and sharing more about what services are offered. In particular, our thanks go to Chris, Sarah, Kevin and Caz for helping us to see where this fits within the Christian narrative, both biblically and contextually."



We are currently fundraising to repair the old roof of our historic White House. With matched funding in place up to £50,000, every pound you donate will be doubled, at no cost to you!

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Online Events

Graduation

Friday, 6th May, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Streaming live from the Whitworth Hall

The Sydney Martin Memorial Lecture 2022

Monday, 27th June, 7:30 pm - 9:00pm
Robert Beckford - 'Decolonizing Gospel
Music: A Practical Musicological Guide'

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CHURCH NEWS



DISTRICT APPOINTMENT Lucy Allen was appointed last August to the position of 'Admin. Assistant to the DS' working part-time with North District Superintendent, Rev Ruth Turner.

Originally from Ballycarry, Lucy went to school in Carrickfergus and studied at Union Theological College/Queen's University Belfast, graduating with a BTh(Hons) degree in Theology. Lucy has experience working in childcare and for the past 2 years she has been sharing in the Millbrook (N. Ireland) ministry as Youth and Community worker; a ministry she continues to engage in.

Lucy was in her early teens when a friend invited her to the Carrick Elim youth group. She went along and became a Christian. Lucy says, "...God has carried me through every moment since, and I can see His hand over my life from the very beginning. It has been such a privilege to serve God in youth ministry and have loved being a part of the Church of the Nazarene for the last 2 years. Through it all, I live in awe of the God who continually transforms me; the God who holds my life in His hands, and the God who gets bigger and better every year I grow."



VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATE Joanne McFarlane has been appointed Volunteer Associate at the Megain Memorial Church, Belfast. Born in Larne, Joanne is the daughter of former Nazarene missionaries to Swaziland (now Eswatini) Rev Tom & Mary Robinson and spent her teenage years in Southern Africa. Joanne has a HND qualification in Health and Social Care, a BA(Hons) in theology from Belfast Bible College/Cumbria University and holds a District Minister's Licence.

Joanne works as deputy director of the Belfast based "kids4school" charity which operates in Tanzania and this involves office and administrative responsibilities as well as fund raising promotions. Joanne is also involved in the preaching and visitation ministry of the church working with Megain pastor, Rev Sammy Robinson. Joanne is married to William and they have three children.

It was after a difficult period in her life that Joanne came back to the Lord and in 2013 rededicated her life to Jesus during a service in the Carrickfergus Nazarene Church. Joanne says, "...being in a pastoral role was never what I imagined I would do...since becoming part of the Megain Church I have felt a sense of contentment and I am excited to see what God has planned for me within this special church."



LADIES RETREAT Ladies from the South District were excited to be able to meet in person this year for the annual retreat. Held 11th-13th February, and at a new venue (King's Park Conference Centre, Northampton), nearly 100 attended. The theme of the weekend was, "Created in Christ" and the ladies were blessed to hear from those who

shared their talents and lead workshops – from crafts, cake decorating, and photography, to the spoken word and ministry in song.

Sarah Gilmour (Llay) reports, "...a highlight of the weekend was the time of sharing at the Sunday morning communion service when a number shared stories of how God had blessed them. There was a real sense of openness and togetherness throughout the weekend. It was a truly beautiful time together. Excitement is already brewing for the next retreat from 24th-26th February 2023. More information can be found on the 'Ladies Retreat South District' Facebook page or at bit.ly/BISDLadies23."



CARRICK TEAM MEMBER originally from Maghaberry, Co Antrim, Hollie Eagleson has been appointed Youth and Children's Pastor at the Carrickfergus Church of the Nazarene. For the past 2 years Hollie has been interning with the Causeway Coast Vineyard Fellowship in their Under 18s department and has completed their Encounter School of Mission programme.

Working full time in the Carrick church alongside Pastor Jordan Neill, Hollie's responsibilities include overseeing the children's and youth work as well as engaging with the local community through schools. She also leads a Young Adult connect group.

Hollie became a Christian when she was quite young, and she says, "...it excites me that I now have the opportunity to bring the hope and love of Jesus to the kids and young people of our community."



MEN'S RETREAT 14 men from the Parkhead (Glasgow) Nazarene church enjoyed a weekend away 18th-20th March. Held at Gowanbank House - Scripture Union's Christian Conference Centre, Ayrshire – the programme included leisure, outings (including ten-pin bowling), eating, worship and fellowship. The event was led and

organised by Pastor John Craig, David Allan, and David Cochrane.



NEW MEMBERS Sunday 20th February was a day of celebration and rejoicing in the Cramlington church when five new members were welcomed into the fellowship of the church. Pictured (l.to r) Gillian McCartney, Lyndsey Stowar, Susan Coetzee, Angela Pattison, Sarah Roberts, Pastor Bev Fitzjohn. Back (l.to r)

Pastor Benjamin Goodwin and Rev Rob Fitzjohn (Lead Pastor).

FRESH GROUND, LONDON - to be re-established as a fully organised church.

SALFORD NAZARENE – Rev Louise Kenyon appointed pastor.

LONGSIGHT MANCHESTER – Rev Claire Fender appointed interim pastor.

PERTH TRINITY – new worship centre to be formally opened and dedicated.