

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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PENTECOST "... you will receive power..." (Acts 1:8)

"...and you will be my witnesses." These words of Jesus are at the heart of the Pentecostal out-pouring, and remind us of the core ministry of the Holy Spirit - to shed the love of God abroad in our hearts (Romans 5:5) and to give us that enabling (power) to live lives that exalt Jesus Christ. Christ-likeness and being conformed to the image of God's Son (Romans 8:29) is the goal of every believer and the central purpose of Pentecost.

Many of our churches observed the National Nazarene Day of Prayer (Thursday, 21st May) and celebrated the giving of the Spirit on Pentecost Sunday (24th May). Many Nazarenes - nearly 400 - from across Scotland shared in a United Pentecost Celebration held in the Perth Trinity Church on Pentecost Sunday...it was a time of blessing and encouragement, worship was led by the Perth Praise Group, and Pastor Shelley Kenny (Parkhead) brought the main address.



Pentecost Sunday

DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES

SOUTH DISTRICT

The South District enjoyed the surroundings and facilities of Beechen Grove Baptist Church, Watford, for their assembly held Friday/Saturday, 20th/21st March. Not only did the assembly begin with a prayer meeting, but the business sessions were interspersed with times of prayer. Rev David Montgomery (District Superintendent) preached in the Friday evening service on the theme, "Commitment" and Dr J.K. Warrick (General Superintendent) chaired the assembly, and preached and officiated at the Ordination Service held on the Saturday afternoon when 4 were ordained. Rev David Montgomery reports, "Altogether a good assembly!"



Ordination group (l to r) Rev David Montgomery (District Superintendent) Dr J.K. Warrick (General Superintendent), Liz & Rev Andrew Robinson (Oldham), Dr Joseph & Rev Kat Wood (Ashton), Rev Jen & Rev Jonny Blake (Llay), Rev Augustine Baah & Eunice (Fenton) – (ordinands underlined)



Clare McMullan (Ilkeston) was elected South District NMI President in February 2015

NORTH DISTRICT

North District delegates met in Belfast, Megain Memorial church, for the conventions and assembly meetings which were held 20th -23rd March. Amy Warner (Erskine) was elected District NYI president succeeding Matt Ross who stepped down after giving 6 years of leadership to District Youth. Missions, Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries, and Nazarene Theological College, were all featured during the course of the weekend and speakers included, Rev Philip McAlister (DS), Rev Rod Green (NCM Coordinator Eastern Mediterranean) and Rev Jim Ritchie (Perth). Worship, prayer and ministry were a vital part of the weekend programme. Dr J.K. Warrick (General Superintendent) conducted the assembly business and preached and officiated at the ordination service on Monday evening.



Rev Ernest A. D Eades & Mrs Kay Eades attended the ordination service, and Rev Eades (now 95) was invited to present the Ordination Certificate to Rev Michael Kane



Ordination group (l to r) Rev W. D. Robinson (Secretary - Board of Ministry), Rev Philip McAlister (District Superintendent), Debbie & Rev Michael Kane (Ordinand - Carrickfergus), Dr J.K. Warrick (General Superintendent), Rev Rosemary Davidson (District Secretary)



Amy Warner (Erskine) newly elected North District NYI President

REMEMBER NEPAL

The two major earthquakes that hit Nepal – 25th April and 12th May – left wide-spread devastation and loss of life. Some 9,000 have died with over 23,000 injured, 750,000 homes have been destroyed or damaged, and more than 1 million children are hungry, displaced, or orphaned. In one isolated village, Tindhara, a team of Nazarene leaders and volunteers made the 6 hour journey to reach the village, and were the first group to bring aid, and as a result 1,200 people had food to eat for a month.

Many of our churches have already responded to the call to pray and have taken up special offerings to support the work of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, but the need continues and Nazarene Compassionate Ministries continues to work in Nepal. Gifts and donations can be made through your local church NMI society. The Church of the Nazarene has 300 churches and church plants in Nepal and approximately 8,000 members.

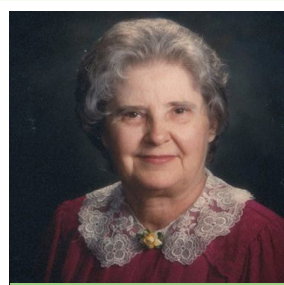


IN MEMORIAM

Francis William Allam died after a short illness on Wednesday, 20th May – he was 73. Originally from Paisley, where he had served as a Board Member, Frank Allam had a variety of jobs and was, for a time, in the police service. Following a theological degree from Leeds University, he entered the Nazarene ministry serving in our Birmingham churches and in Ardrossan over a 17 year period. Frank was a gifted musician and soloist, and in recent years he regularly played the organ in the Congregational Church in Ardrossan. A Service of Thanksgiving was held 23rd May in the Ardrossan Congregational church taken by former Ardrossan Nazarene pastor and family friend, Dr David A. Leeder (USA), with Rev Jim Smith (local minister), Rev Geoff Austin, and family members taking part. Interment took place on Friday, 5th June, in Durisdeer, where members of the Henson family are buried. Our love and sympathy are with the family...Beryl (Henson) Allam, and Paul, Brian, Jenny, Robin, Val and Geraldine, and their families. "Image by www.gordoncowanphotography.com"



Rev Frank Allam



Vernita Tink



Front cover of the 1953 'The Flame' magazine featuring the Tinks

Vernita Tink – widow of Rev R. Fletcher Tink (who died in 1994) – passed away 10th May in Florida, USA. She was 97. In addition to pastorates in Canada and the USA, the Tinks pastored in Glasgow (Parkhead) in the late 1940s and in London (Speke Hall/Clapham Junction) in the early 1950s where they made significant contributions particularly in the areas of youth ministry and gospel music (Vernita Tink was a fine cornet player). When the Tinks were in Parkhead the after-church Sunday evening "Song-Fest" attracted crowds from all across Glasgow. We thank God for the life and ministry of the Tinks... and remember the family at this time; Fletcher, Bonnie, Ian, Wesley, and their families.

80TH ANNIVERSARY

The Barnsley church held an 80th Church Anniversary Celebration and Big Lunch on Sunday 7th June. Founded in 1935 as a result of a Tent Campaign, the church was, for the first 20 years of its history, part of the Calvary Holiness Church, and in 1955, the Calvary Holiness Church united with the Church of the Nazarene. It was standing room only as members of the Latvian fellowship led worship and former Barnsley pastor, Rev Ken Prescott, preached. Following the service everyone enjoyed the "Big Lunch" which was provided by the Latvians. Rev Ian Newton is pastor of the Barnsley Church.



Board Members & Leaders receive flowers and gifts



Guest Speaker – Rev Ken Prescott



Barnsley anniversary congregation

LADIES CONFERENCE

Approximately 60, from various churches, attended the annual ladies conference held 24th April in Irvine. This year's theme was "This is the way, walk ye in it" (Isaiah 30:21) and the speakers were Adele Duncan (Parkhead) and Pastor Bev Fitzjohn (Govan). Those present were challenged concerning the need to trust and walk faithfully in obedience to God, and were reminded of how God helps and guides us as we face the choices and decisions of life. The presence of God was very real during the sessions, the worship times and the times of fellowship. Thanks to Pat MacDonald (Irvine), conference organiser, and to those who arranged the catering.



Ladies Conference



(L.to r) Pastor Bev Fitzjohn & Adele Duncan

CARAVAN AWARDS

On Wednesday, 25th March, the Grimsby church held a Caravan Awards Night. The highest caravan award - the Phineas F. Bresee award - was presented to 4 caravanners who had worked very hard to gain their badges and awards. "Congratulations!"



Bresee Awards – (L.to r) Aijana Johannesen, Daniel Mahoney, Mrs Beryl Rack (Caravan Director), Matthew Taylor, Sophie Heeley

NEW MEMBERS

Three new members were welcomed into the Lisburn, N. Ireland, church on Sunday morning, 10th May, by Profession of Faith. The Church Membership service was a time of blessing and encouragement for the Lisburn fellowship.



New Members – (L. to r) Joanna Pierce, Rev Albert Griffith (Pastor), Courtney Smith, Bethany Pierce

SCHOOL OUTREACH

The Lurgan, N. Ireland, church has been busy presenting "Evangecubes" to schools in the area. The specially designed cubes present the gospel in a simple and practical way, and in Carrick Primary School, Lurgan, 356 Evangecubes have been presented to pupils. Funds made available through the District have been used for this project.



Pastor Jim Fugard (r) presents a box of Evangecubes to Carrick School. Principal, B.R. Jess, with some of the pupils holding their Evangecubes.



Save The Date

Who: All Nazarenes in the Eurasia Region
What: You are invited to attend the Eurasia Regional Conference
When: 31 October – 4 November 2015
Where: In a resort hotel in Antalya, Turkey
Why: Join with others from across the Region for a time of spiritual renewal and fellowship
 Mark your calendar! Watch out for more information

The total cost of the conference per participant is £200 (\$300); this includes a non-refundable registration fee/deposit of £40 (\$60). Transport to and from the airport (Antalya, Turkey), conference costs, full board and room (double occupancy) are included in the total cost. For single room occupancy there is a £80 (\$125) surcharge. The theme of the conference is "Ambassadors for Christ" – bookings, including the non-refundable deposit, can be made through the respective District Office arrangements.

NAZARENE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

THANK YOU DR RAINEY



Dr David & Alison Rainey

Dr David Rainey, who has been Professor of Theology at the College for the past 19 years, is retiring this Summer and returning to his native Canada. An ordained minister and originally a pastor in the Church of the Nazarene, Dr Rainey holds a number of degrees including a PhD from London University, and, in the future, plans to do some part-time teaching at Ambrose University College & Seminary – the Christian Alliance/Nazarene institution in Calgary, Alberta. During their time in the UK Dr Rainey's wife, Alison, has been employed in Business Administration in the NHS in psychological services. The Rainey's will be greatly missed and we say "thank you" to David and Alison for their fellowship and for the contribution they have made to the church and college. "God bless you both!"



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THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
MANCHESTER

LORD MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The College was represented at this event held at the Manchester Town Hall on 25th March. In addition to civic leaders, and representatives of industry, commerce and the professions, church leaders were also present. The programme included scripture and prayer, and Christian music. Rev Karl Stanfield (Brooklands) has been serving as Chaplain to The Lord Mayor of Manchester – Cllr Susan Cooley – who has just completed her term of office.

NEW BOOK

"Thomas Walsh – Saint & Scholar" (64 pages) is the latest monograph authored by Dr Herbert McGonigle (former College Principal) in his "Wesley Series". Born in Ireland, an Irish speaker, and raised a Roman Catholic, Thomas Walsh became part of the eighteenth century awakening and a Methodist preacher. Although he died at the early age of 28, John Wesley remarked than Thomas Walsh "...turned more sinners from the error of their ways than any man he ever knew."

Thomas Walsh
Saint
and
Scholar

Herbert Boyd McGonigle
MA, BD, DD, PHD.



NTC representatives with The Lord Mayor of Manchester, Councillor Susan Cooley, (L.to r) Rev Karl Stanfield, Dr Svetlana Khobnya, Lee Cook and Simona Ciufu

WATOTO AT STRATHCLYDE HOUSE

A good group of residents and friends enjoyed the lively, energetic, singing of the WATOTO Choir on Thursday evening, 28th May, at Strathclyde House. The choir, largely made up of orphans, comes from Uganda, and presents the Gospel in an enthusiastic way with singing and testimonies. The WATOTO charity works with the disadvantaged in Uganda and seeks to "Rescue, Raise, Rebuild" lives in the Name of Jesus Christ. Pastor Ann Goodwin, the chaplain of Strathclyde House, welcomed and introduced the choir.



Watoto Choir at Strathclyde House

A LANDMARK CONFERENCE

DARE TO DREAM – CREATING A CULTURE OF RISK TAKING

It was an amazing time, and an inspirational weekend, when 120 Nazarenes from across the UK met in Manchester 29th-31st May. This was a 'landmark' conference that was aimed to help our movement recall its missional DNA, refocus for mission, and renew our faith in the "risk-taking God" who calls us to step out in faith with Him. Held at our College, the programme included times of worship, and stories of blessing and risk-taking from some of our pastors – Rev Bruce Lloyd (Sheffield), Rev Andrew Robinson (Oldham), Dr Ian Wills (Parkhead, Glasgow), Rev Jim Ritchie (Perth). In addition, inspirational speakers from outside our movement shared their experiences and calling and spoke about what was needed to create a culture of risk-taking...Dr Martin Robinson (Formission), Rev Anthony Delaney (Ivy Manchester), Ed Cox (Inspire), Dr Nick Bundock (Anglican), and Andrea Campanale (Sacred Space). Others taking part included, Rev Trevor Hutton, Rev Philip McAlister, Rev Colin H. Wood, and, in a concluding session, Dr Deirdre Brower Latz gathered our thoughts together on the topic, "Where do we go from here?"



"Dare to Dream" participants at Nazarene Theological College, Manchester

Momentum UK Director, Rev Trevor Hutton, comments, "'Dare to Dream' was an experience never to forget, and a catalyst for moving forward in mission. We are looking forward to seeing what lies ahead as we continue to play our part in the most amazing unfolding story in the world and stepping out of our comfort zones into the opportunities that God will open for us."

PASTORS ON TRACK!

The monthly fellowship meeting for Scottish pastors was held Friday 8th May at the "THE EXPERIENCE" (Leisure & Learning Centre) in Hillington to the West of Glasgow. Following a time of sharing, worship, and prayer, about 20 of the group tried their hand at "go-karting" – which is one of the activities available at the centre.



Group ready to take to the track! (L. to r) Craig Goodwin, Rev Colin H. Wood, Pastor Ben Goodwin, Rev Jim Ritchie, Rev Des Robinson (seated), Pastor Chris Franklin, Pastor John Craig, Pastor Martyn Johnstone, Brianna Thompson, Dan Manning

NEW BOOK

"Life Sentence with God", by Walton Hall, is a story of failure, disaster, shame, horror, and many other negative aspects of human experience, but it is also a story of God's love, mercy and of victory over the activities and schemes of the Devil. The book was published in 2014 by Moorleys Print & Publishing and has 108 pages.

Walton Hall is a member of the Ilkeston Church of the Nazarene...and copies of the book are on sale at £7.00 per copy and can be obtained by contacting the author at walton.hall@sky.com (50% of the sales of the book go toward the support of the church).

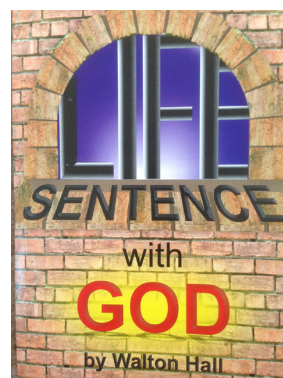
THE STAR HALL

The Star Hall facility in the Manchester Longsight Church has recently been refurbished. Named after the original Star Hall (established in 1889 by Frank Crossley), which was the forerunner of our work in Manchester, the Star Hall is used for children's and youth work, and for multiple use by other community groups. Following refurbishment and upgrading, the hall is now a safe and clean space for groups to meet in, and as a result of the improvements the Spanish congregation has started a drop-in session one day a week.

New lighting has been installed, and a visiting Work & Witness group from Ohio, USA, has been a great help with the work. Funds to enable this work to be done have come through the District Office.



The Star Hall!



Author – Walton Hall

NYUK SOUTH NEWS



NYUK SOUTH HOUSE-PARTY

A group of 120 teens and leaders – from Walthamstow, Bristol, Morley, Sheffield, Leeds, and from Greater Manchester – came together for the NYI House party held 27th-29th March at the College.

Jack Buxton (Ashton Youth Leader & House Party Co-ordinator) reports. "... we came together, worshipped God, made friends for life and had lots of fun. Dr Joseph Wood (NTC) spoke on the theme, "Your Kingdom Come" and the youth had the opportunity to design their own kingdoms, and many of them chose a dictatorship for leadership (which was interesting!). Then on Palm Sunday morning we joined with the Didsbury Community Church for worship and to conclude our thinking on the Kingdom Christ came to bring.

"On Saturday we were involved in a number of local community projects – in a local school, gardening, organising a library, a park clean-up, and doing a leaflet drop. We believe these activities were well received and blessed the community and increased the profile of the Didsbury church and the College.

"Social highlights included, "Robson & Sandys' Saturday Night Takeaway!" – where two of the youth leaders took on the role of Ant & Dec, guiding us through fun and games where everyone got messy but filled with laughter. And all this, alongside horse riding, bowling, baking, a 50's themed banquet, combined to make another fantastic house-party. Next year's House-party is already scheduled, so keep 15th-17th April free!"



House-party Group



Community Spring Clean in Didsbury Park

NYUK SOUTH WELCOMES GLOBAL NYI DIRECTOR

Gary Hartke, the Global NYI Director, visited the UK in April, and shared in a special Youth Service in Ashton and visited Nazarene Theological College, Manchester. A number from various youth groups attended the Ashton service which was led by members of the Ashton YP. In addition to worship and prayer, Gary Hartke was interviewed, and a talk was given by Ashton Youth leader Jack Buxton. The M-Power programme was presented by Diego Lopez and special music was brought by four incredibly gifted African girls who are part of the youth group.



(L. to r) Rev Carl McCann (NYUK South President), Rev Michelle Robinson (N.Europe Field NYI rep), Pastor Diego Lopez (Eurasia Region NYI Leader) and Gary Hartke (Global NYI Director)



Youth People with Gary Hartke (foreground right)

TABLE-TOP SALE

The Troon Church held a "Table-Top Sale" on Saturday afternoon, 18th April. During the 4 hours the church was open a number of new people came into the church, and over £500 was raised for Church funds. Rev Claire Fender is the pastor of the Troon church.



SSDM MINISTRIES

The North District Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries board organised the annual Children's Quizzing and District Sports Day. Both events went well – over 80 attend the Quizzing and Fun Day held Saturday, 9th May in Govan, and over 250 enjoyed the sunny but very windy day at Ayrshire Athletics Arena, Kilmarnock, on Saturday, 16th May. Winning teams at the Sports were, 1st Perth, 2nd Irvine, 3rd Parkhead. At the medal giving ceremony, Pastor Zoe Donnelly (Paisley) spoke, and Jordan Dickson (Irvine - Sports Director) presented the medals. Thanks to Peter & Karen McCleary (Perth) for heading up the quiz programme...this year's quiz winners were Perth. Rev Nathan Payne (Broomhill) is the SSDM Chairman.



Children's Quizzing at Govan



North District Sport's Day



North District Sport's Day

CHURCH AWARD

The Longsight, Manchester, church won the “Going Green Award” in the “Pride of Eastlands Awards” for the work that has been carried out over the past 6 years in the church allotment. This work has been done in partnership with the Barnabus Homeless Charity. The award, which covers the East Manchester area, was presented on 26th March at the Luther King House Conference Centre. This achievement bears testimony to the decision which was taken those years ago to transform the unused piece of ground into an allotment. Indeed, a commitment to social change.



(L.to r) Tommy Reuben (holding award) Sue O'Brien & Jenny Finlayson

WALK FOR WATER



Water Carriers setting off...with local pastor, Rev Tracey Day, centre

A “Walk for Water” service was held Sunday, 3rd May, at the Pen-y-cae church. Meeting at the church with individual water containers, the group walked the 2 mile round-trip to the Manse and back, to fill their containers from an outside tap. The church kitchen was sealed off, and the rule was, “no water no tea” – an exception was made for some of the older members who remained at the church waiting for the water carriers to return. After the tea urns and saucepans were filled, the “breakfast service” was held.

The purpose of the exercise was, to highlight the fact that many people in our world have to walk considerable distances to get clean water, and also to raise money through donations for the “Water Well Appeal” – the South District NMI ‘Nazarene Compassionate Ministries’ appeal for Sri Lanka...and £120 was raised.

90TH ANNIVERSARY

The Port Glasgow church is celebrating its 90th Church Anniversary this year. Originally an important ship building centre on the River Clyde, “the Port” has seen its industries decline yet there has been much development in the town over the years. The original “iron church” was constructed on railway land at the end of a short cul-de-sac close to the main railway line to Glasgow and the move to the present location, on Clune Brae, took place in 1966. A Praise Night was held 14th March, at which the “Father’s Song” group led the praise. Local pastor, Rev Ian Stewart, says, “...the Praise Night was a wonderful time of celebration and a good crowd were there to enjoy the blessing.”



Port Glasgow Church with “Father’s Sing” group

IMPORTANT DATES 2015

SUNDAY SCHOOL CAMP (BIND)
4th – 10th July – Auchengillan

NORTHBREAK (BIND)
1st – 7th August
Lancaster Royal Grammar School

NYUK YOUTH HOLIDAY (BISD)
14th – 21st August
Smallwood Manor, Staffordshire

BREAKTHRU (BISD)
23rd – 30th August
Ellesmere College

COLLEGE GRADUATION - NTC
17th October
Bishop of Manchester

DIDSBURY LECTURES
19th – 22nd October
Professor Elaine Graham

EURASIA REGIONAL CONFERENCE
31st October – 4th November
Turkey

MEN’S WEEKEND (BIND)
20th – 22nd November – Arbroath

APPOINTMENTS



Keefe Owen on his unicycle

Keefe Owen has been appointed ‘missioner’ of the Penycae church and his ministry focuses on outreach work in the community and surrounding area. Born in Cardiff, Keefe is a graduate of the Prairie Bible College in Canada, has studied Missional Aviation, and holds an MA degree from Regents College (England) in Missional Leadership. Keefe has served as a youth leader, as a minister in a Methodist church in Wales, and enjoys cycling...he can often be seen riding around Penycae on his unicycle – which, as Keefe says, is a good way to start a conversation! Keefe is working with Penycae pastor, Rev Tracey Day, and is married to Faith, who is a Welsh language teacher – they have 3 children.



Pastor Andrew Purdy

Originally from Lisburn, Pastor Andrew Purdy is a recent graduate of Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, with a degree in theology. Andrew moved to Bangor, N. Ireland, in February and is working with Rev Ken White as associate pastor. A musician, Andrew has produced a CD entitled “Awakening, A Vision for Church and Youth Alike.”

Pastor Martyn Johnstone, who graduated from Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, in 2010, has been working in Houston since November 2014 with Rev Benito Coetzee as pastor of Youth & Music. Martyn comes originally from Uddingston.

Pastor David Gilmore began ministry in Megain Memorial, Belfast, in September 2014 as associate pastor. He was previously youth pastor in Carrickfergus. David is a graduate of Queen’s University, Belfast with a 1st Class Honours degree in History and is enrolled at Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, taking an MA degree. He is married to Sarah.

Pastor Gary Law was assigned to Megain Memorial, Belfast, in November 2014 as youth pastor. Originally from Dromore, Gary is a graduate of Belfast Bible College, with a degree in theology and is pursuing an MA degree at Nazarene Theological College, Manchester. He is engaged to Rachel – a wedding is planned for 2016.

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