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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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ASSEMBLY SNAPSHOTS

ORDINATIONS



SOUTH DISTRICT – (l.to r) Dr Eugénio R. Duarte (General Superintendent), Ordinand Dr Osahon Jeremie I. & Grace Ogbeiwi (Ardsley/Barnsley), Sarah & Ordinand Rev David Gilmour (Llay) with Nathan, Rev David Montgomery (District Superintendent)



NORTH DISTRICT – (l.to r standing) Dr Ian G. Wills (Field Strategy Coordinator), Rev Jim Ritchie (District Superintendent), Richard Wood (District Secretary), Dr Eugénio R. Duarte (General Superintendent). (l.to r seated) Rev Philip Bell & Ordinand Rev Lorraine Bell (Belfast)

SOUTH DISTRICT



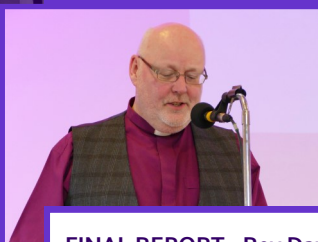
ASSEMBLY OFFICIALS – (l.to r) Dr E Duarte (GS), Rev D Montgomery (DS), Rev Don Mentch (District Secretary), Paul Welham (Thetford – Minute Secretary)



ASSEMBLY WORSHIP - at Bushey Baptist Church



INSTALLATION – members of the clergy gather around Rev Carl McCann as he is installed as the new District Superintendent



FINAL REPORT - Rev David Montgomery brings his final report as District Superintendent, having served as DS for the past 10 years. Rev Montgomery has returned to the pastoral ministry at Leeds South



LICENCED MINISTERS – receive their District Licenses



WORSHIP GROUP – the Birmingham Portuguese Church leads in worship

NORTH DISTRICT



REPORT - Rev Jim Ritchie reports to the Assembly (and was re-elected DS for the coming 4 years)



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CHURCH NEWS

PRESENTATION



Presentation by Liz Robinson (l) to Gill McNeil

A special presentation was made at the South District NMI Convention held Saturday 22nd March to Gill McNeil (NMI District Secretary) in recognition of 30 years of service on the NMI District Council. Liz Robinson (NMI District President) paid tribute to Gill's many years of dedicated service during which time she has served alongside former Council Members including, Beryl Clarkson, Joan Barnes and Dr Philip Weatherill.

Liz Robinson presented Gill with a glass trophy in the shape of a living flame and inscribed with the Scots-Gaelic blessing, 'Beannachd Dia Dhuit' (the blessings of God be with you). In addition, framed letters of commendation and appreciation were presented from Lola Brickey (NMI Global Director), who spoke of Gill 'having served with excellence and integrity and representing the core values of NMI', and Dr Philip Weatherill (Global NMI President) who recalled Gill's accuracy and eye for detail. Dr Weatherill comments included, "...she was dependable, supportive and very helpful...(and)...any person completing such a period of dedicated service can only do so because of a supportive spouse...and David McNeil has supported Gill in many ways." The newly elected NMI District Secretary,



Twyla Christians (r) presents flowers to Gill McNeil

Twyla Christians (Clapham Junction), presented Gill with an aqua-bouquet of flowers. Council Member, Rev Andrew Robinson (Oldham), comments, "Gill will be greatly missed not only for her commitment to missions, knowledge, and experience, but also for her very 'down-to-earth' personality and - she was fun to have around."

INDUCTION

Kirsty & Tom Burke were inducted on Saturday 2nd March as co-pastors of Didsbury Community Church (DCC) which meets in the MacLagan Chapel. Kirsty, who comes from N. Ireland and moved to Manchester in 2012, and Tom, who is originally from Preston, met at Nazarene Theological College in 2013 and were married in 2017. They are both graduates of NTC; Kirsty holds a BA in Practical Theology and is currently studying for an MA in Theology and Tom has graduated with a BA in Youth Work and Theology and has an MA in Theology. They both hold District Minister's Licences.



(l to r) Rev David Montgomery (DS), Pastor Kirsty Burke, Dr Trevor Hutton (former pastor), Pastor Tom Burke

Kirsty says, "...we are so excited for what is to come on this next journey of leading DCC, what God will do in this community and how He will transform people through His love. Our vision is to be a family of disciples who love God, love each other, and love the world and the community! We thank God for this opportunity to love, lead, and serve the Church and community here in Didsbury." And, as Kirsty adds, "Bring it on!"

NEW MEMBERS

Two new members were received into the Bramley Church of the Nazarene on Sunday, 3rd March which was Rev Rosemary Brown's retirement Sunday as pastor. Pictured are (l to r) Roger Penny, Rev Rosemary Brown, and John Whitley. A year earlier both Roger and John had been baptised by Rev Rosemary Brown and Rev David Montgomery in the Leeds South Church. With regard to receiving the new members Rosemary comments, "It was a joy and blessing to conclude my full-time ministry in such a special way".



NEW KITCHEN

Pictured are some of the members of the Grimsby church and their recently refurbished kitchen. The church runs a Tuesday 'Drop-In' manned by a team of volunteers. It is a place in the community to provide light refreshments, a safe place, a place for a chat and a listening ear...and sometimes the local councillor drops in!



EASTER AT VIEWPARK



The Viewpark Church was well filled on Tuesday, 16th April, for a United Holy Week Service. Three local churches joined with the Viewpark and Uddingston Nazarene fellowships to share in the service at which Pastor Andrew Goodwin spoke. Recent improvements in the Viewpark church have included removal of the old pulpit and remodelling of the platform area, redecoration of the sanctuary, installation of led lights and a new projector. Most of the work was done by Pastor Goodwin, assisted by Uddingston pastor, Rev Clive Tutty.

MARATHON MAN



Mark Canning, North District layman and member of the Houston Church was one of the approximately 42,000 entrants who ran the London Marathon on 26th April. Mark completed the 26.2 miles in 4 hrs, 55 min, 25 sec. Mark was raising funds for the NSPCC and at the last count had raised over £2,500 (not including gift aid). "Congratulations to Mark for this achievement!"

MEN'S RETREAT



25 men from the Parkhead Church attended this retreat held, 26th-28th April, at the Scripture Union Conference Centre at Gowanbank, Ayrshire. The theme was "Identity" and speakers included Dr Ian Wills, Rev Dave White and Pastor John Craig. The weekend was characterised by fellowship, prayer, sharing and testimony - it was a weekend of great blessing.

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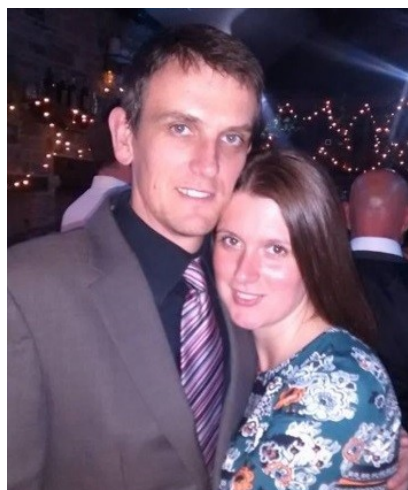
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NEW LEADERSHIP – INTRODUCING REV CARL McCANN



Rev Carl McCann became the 8th District Superintendent to lead the South District when he was elected on the 8th ballot at the South District Assembly. Carl comes from Ashton-under-Lyne and he was brought up in the Ashton Church of the Nazarene. He is the grandson of former pastor, the Rev Len H. & Beryl McNeil. Converted at a Sunday School Camp and called to ministry at an NYI Camp, Carl was influenced by the testimony of a pastor and proceeded to prepare for ministry - he is a BA and MA graduate of Nazarene Theological College, Manchester. Following an associate appointment at the Dewsbury church, Carl became minister of the Ashton church where he served for some 13 years.

In addition to his pastoral duties, Carl has considerable experience in youth work and served as South District NYI President for 4 years. At the 2018 District Assembly, held in Sheffield, he was presented with the 'Timothy Award' which is a denominational award established in 1995 and is given for "service, sacrifice and personal commitment to youth through NYI".

Regarding his new assignment, Carl says, "...as a product of British Isles South District, I have quite a lot of historical knowledge and experience which I hope means that I understand where we are at. I am devoting myself to engage in travelling around the district and talking to key leaders in order to challenge, deepen and refine my understanding. My desire is to try and draw us together with a missional unity; to grapple with difficult questions together; to make faith-filled decisions that will move us forward; to discover how to lovingly and influentially express a vibrant, Biblical, Spirit-empowered faith in Jesus."

Carl is married to Lauren and they have 3 children - Paige, Micah and Rebekah. Congratulations to Carl on this new assignment and we pray that his leadership on the district and his ministry for Christ and the Church will be blessed by God.

RETIREMENTS

REV JOE BENTHAM retired in March following some 45 years in Christian service and ministry. Along with his wife, Naomi (who is a daughter of the late Rev W. Stanley & Edna Tranter), Joe began ministry in New Zealand in 1974, and in the following years pastored Nazarene churches in New Zealand and Australia, completed ministerial studies at the Australia Nazarene Bible College, and was ordained in 1981 in South Australia. Returning to the UK in 1982 the Benthams pastored the Clapham Junction church (1985-1987).



The Benthams returned to New Zealand in 2000 and during a pastorate of the Hamilton church Joe also served for 2 years as New Zealand District Superintendent.

Returning to the UK in January 2004 the Benthams supported the work of the church in Watford in addition to overseeing Clapham Junction until appointed as Pastor in 2005. They have given leadership to Clapham Junction for these past 14 years serving well into retirement. In addition to a ministry of support and encouragement Naomi has also contributed to Joe's ministry through her musical (piano-playing) gifts.

REV ANNE D. FINDLAY has recently retired from her Chaplaincy ministry. Originally from Glasgow, Anne attended the Church of the Nazarene Branch Sunday School in Drumoyne, and became part of the Govan fellowship during the ministry of Rev & Mrs W. B. Kelly and Rev & Mrs Samuel McCurdy. Following training as a Nursery Nurse, Anne prepared for ministry at our College in Manchester (1973-76). Returning to Glasgow Anne worked as a Nursery Nurse and was also engaged in volunteer ministry in the Broomhill church gaining pastoral experience.



In 1978 Anne moved to Bolton and became Kindergarten Director at the Bolton First Church - a position she held for 18 years. From 1996 she was, for 5 years, associate minister in the Perth Trinity Church and was ordained in 1998. In June 2002 Anne married Rev Tom V. Findlay, who passed away unexpectedly in March 2012.

Rev Anne Findlay's Chaplaincy ministry, which covered almost 17 years, began at Rachel House Children's Hospital (Kinross) and then came the move to Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, and then to the Perth Royal Infirmary. In addition to a time as acting senior chaplain in Perth, Anne has trained in counselling skills and completed a Diploma in Pastoral Supervision, and plans to work as a private consultant in Pastoral Supervision in her retirement.

IN MEMORIAM



BERYL PHOEBE ALLAM passed away 28th April, she was 77. The daughter of Rev William and Bessie Henson (who served in the International Holiness Mission and the Church of the Nazarene), Beryl was born in Croydon and was raised in the Holiness Movement in Croydon, Leeds and Ardrossan. Beryl joined the police in her early 20s and served in Ayrshire and Manchester. Married to Frank Allam, the family was to return to Ardrossan and then came the move to Leeds. With the family grown up Beryl studied Theology and Religious Studies at Leeds University, graduating with a BA degree. Her dissertation, entitled, "The Outreach and Mission of the Holiness Movement" is an important addition to the history of the Holiness work in the UK. Along with her husband, Rev Frank W. Allam, Beryl was involved in the Nazarene ministry in Birmingham and Ardrossan over some 17 years where Beryl shared in the preaching ministry and also taught a New Testament Greek class. Rev Frank Allam passed away 20th May 2015.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Beryl Allam was held 8th May in the Ardrossan E. U. Congregational church. The service was led by local minister, Rev Jim Smith, the address was brought by Rev David Montgomery (Leeds), and members of the family also took part. Interment took place the following day in Durisdeer (Dumfries and Galloway) where other members of the Henson/Allam family are interred. The members of the family are, Paul, Bryan, Jenny, Robin (deceased), Val and Geraldine. May God's comfort be with all who mourn.

REV A. ROSEMARY BROWN retired from full-time ministry in the Church of the Nazarene in March after over 18 years of service. Originally from Clayton West, Nr Huddersfield, Rosemary attended a local Methodist Church, and being a farmer's daughter left school at 15 to work on the family farm. Rosemary's great-grandfather was a Methodist Lay Preacher and a founder-member of the Methodist church in which Rosemary and Michael were married on 1st May 1976. The Browns came into contact with the Church of the Nazarene in Dewsbury where Rosemary served in the 1990s in a number of positions including Caravan Group Leader, and local and North East Zone NYI President.



In 1998 Rosemary, supported by her husband, was inducted to the Portsmouth church which was followed by assignments in Thornton and Lancaster, Morley, and Bramley. Rosemary has studied at Dewsbury College and completed studies for ordination at NTC, Manchester; she was ordained in 2005. Following Rosemary's final service on Sunday 3rd March a celebration lunch was held which included a cake and the presentation of a number of lovely gifts. Rosemary comments, "The Bramley folks are a truly kind and generous people of God and it has been a privilege to serve the Lord and them as their pastor." The Browns continue to live in Dewsbury and plan to support the Bramley fellowship in the coming days. (Pictured are Michael and Rev Rosemary Brown, with their son Chris and daughter Charlotte).

COLLEGE PRINCIPALS

The Association of Bible College Principals, representing over 20 Bible and Theological Colleges in the UK, met at the London School of Theology 4th-7th April. NTC Principal, Dr Deirdre Brower Latz comments "...we shared lives and stories, heard from Dr Graham Tomlin, Bishop of Kensington, talked about faith, secular society and its impact; government and regulatory development and the framework of our courses and programmes - we talked about ways we can and do collaborate - and ways we are distinctive. It was saturated in prayer and Scripture-based devotions."



LANDSCAPED AREA



The area behind the Café Extension

ALUMNI LUNCH

Approximately 40 supporters and former students of the College met at Parkhead on Saturday, 11th May for an 'Alumni Lunch'. The programme included a presentation from Dr Peter Rae (Academic Dean) and a visit to the Glasgow Learning Centre. Among those present was former student, Rev Leslie Newton (near Paisley) 1945-1948 - he was the first student to complete the minister's course, and was ordained in 1949 along with Hugh Rae and Alfred S. Milliken. Rev Newton pastored in the Church of the Nazarene and the Congregational Church. He is now 94 and lives in Glasgow.



Dr Peter Rae with Rev Leslie Newton

CONGRATULATIONS

Dr Trevor Hutton has completed his PhD and graduated last year. Dr Hutton's thesis, which was submitted to the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Manchester, is titled, "Rooting the Practice of Evangelical Protestant Church Planting within a Trinitarian Theological Framework with particular reference to Creation, Context and Community." Originally from Belfast, Trevor is a graduate of the College, has pastoral experience (Houston, Manchester), and is a member of the College Faculty lecturing in Evangelism and Church Development. He is also the Executive Director of Momentum UK. Married to Sharon, the Huttons have 2 sons.



Dr Trevor Hutton

CHRISTIAN RESOURCES EXHIBITION

The College was represented at the Christian Resources Exhibition held at Event City, Manchester 13th-14th March.

Alia Pike (Theology - Youth & Community Course - Coordinator) presents, "Do we need a Theological Education to be a Youth Worker."



Dr Joseph Wood (lecturer in Church History) is a member of the panel in a 'Question and Answer' session (seated 2nd from the right).



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NEW VENUE:
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