

CHURCHONLINE

During the past weeks of lock-down and social distancing due to the Covid-19

pandemic, many of our churches have been involved in effective and creative ways of ministering to their people and communities. Some churches have shared programmes or used online services from another Nazarene church. Church Online has been used to bring encouragement and help and to enable many to worship and receive spiritual help and guidance. It is estimated that thousands have been reached in this way, and many pastors have said that they plan to continue using online ministries even when the lock-down is lifted. Here is a sample of what is happening "online"!

MANCHESTER LONGSIGHT - using zoom, we hold regular Sunday Services, a monthly "Word & Table" Service...also catered for are NYUK, Men's Breakfast, and two of our house groups are meeting online and everyone is part of a WhatsApp Connect Group. We reach about 120 homes and feel the benefit of seeing each other and participating together and sharing in communion
- Rev Nicole McConkey.

ASHTON - we are holding Sunday Services on YouTube and 8 House Groups meet weekly via zoom. The Community Café (Fresh Ground) operates twice each week as an open zoom for anyone to join. We are reaching approximately 120 households and we have had a positive response from the congregation...sharing has increased and also participation in worship; people can be more willing to read scripture online than in front of a congregation
- Dr Joseph Wood.

CARLISLE - some of our people are participating in the district online services and are being blessed. We hold our own Bible Study and prayer meeting, and we are reaching about 35 people each week by text, phone calls, cards or notes
- Kath Queen.

WATFORD WOODSIDE - we are streaming online our Sunday morning services which is followed by a zoom fellowship time. Every Wednesday evening we have a prayer meeting on zoom, and every 2 weeks we hold a quiz. We are reaching about 500 people each week, and a prayer team and the board members are responsible for contacting a few people each to check that they are alright. We are able to reach people who would not normally come into the church building
- Rev Erica Tuxworth.

HOUSTON - we are using a zoom chat room for our Sunday Services which are live-streamed to Facebook, and we also have 5 daily devotions and 3 prayer sessions each week. About 30 households are involved in the online ministry and we are reaching into England and South Africa. It is a great blessing
- Rev Tim Burton.

FENTON - we have a small group of mainly retired and elderly folk with no online presence, but we created a Facebook page and a zoom group running a live weekly service on Sunday afternoons also daily devotions and prayers. A regular congregation of about a dozen has become an online community of about 150 - and one man who joined the online Monday group meeting gave his life to Christ
- Dr Trevor Hutton.

DUNDEE BLEND - we share on Sundays at 5.30 pm for 'Facebook Live' which is followed by Life Groups meeting. Two weekly devotionals are brought by various church members and a written devotional is published every Thursday. We are getting between 200 and 1000 views, and the benefits from this ministry are four-fold, sharing the Gospel with contacts, challenging us to deepen relationships, helping us to be creative in love and service, and encouraging participation
- Rev Derrick Thames.

PORT GLASGOW - our weekly online programme is through 'google meet' and about 30 homes log on each Sunday. We decided to keep this 'in house' and the response has been positive. The informal and relaxed setting has encouraged participation. Our people have enjoyed the songs, prayers and the message and speak of a sense of God's presence and peace in spite of difficult circumstances
- Rev Ian Stewart.

SHEFFIELD - we've been releasing weekly services, an uplifting mid-week conversational podcast, online Sunday School resources, an ongoing series of lockdown challenges for the youth and a weekly zoom prayer meeting. These reach around 125 people on average, and we have been so blessed by the care and creativity of all those involved. Our services, Sunday School resources, and podcasts are all available on our website
- Pastor Tom Salmons.

BARNESLEY - We hold our usual Sunday worship services and mid-week (Wednesday) fellowship meetings for Bible Study and Prayer meeting through Zoom. On Sundays we have

an average attendance of 15 persons from the local community and we have had regular visitors from Liverpool, Grimsby, Leeds and Nigeria
- Dr Jeremie Ogdeiwi.

BELFAST SHANKILL - we issued everyone with a song book to share together in a daily devotional of a song each day with corresponding scripture - we are now on song 51. A weekly newsletter is issued online via Facebook and Whatsapp and sent by post to those who are not online. We have had contact with people from New York to Ballymena and Londonderry - one week we reached nearly 600 people
- Pastor Philip Evans.

GLASGOW GOVAN - a weekly message is put on the website - YouTube and the church's Facebook - and these have been favourably received and not least by some bus and lorry drivers - colleagues of some 30 years ago. Over 150 views are recorded across the platforms each week, with viewers from the UK, USA, and even India. A Wednesday fellowship zoom has been started and one man has been blessed by it
- Rev Wes Hands.

LISBURN - Sunday morning talks and weekly devotions have been on Whatsapp, and also on the church's Facebook page. We are reaching beyond the doors of the local church. A phone ministry is in place for those who are not online. Our Kids Club group has been filled with songs and Bible verses and NYI have been taking part in fun daily challenges on WhatsApp
- Rev Albert Griffith.

LEEDS SOUTH - on Sunday mornings we have a live worship service on Facebook. This is followed by zoom 'tea and coffee' and at 5.30 pm a zoom youth meeting. Monday to Thursday various zoom and Facebook programmes are sent out including, Morning Devotional, Bible Study, Men's Breakfast, Prayer Meeting and Craft Club. We are reaching over 100 homes and this includes some who haven't attended any church service before...and the men's breakfast and the prayer meeting have grown in number
- Rev David Montgomery

LONDON CLAPHAM JUNCTION - our weekly online Facebook programme includes live streaming on Sunday morning for worship and ministry and a Wednesday evening Bible study. We now have some 150 views on a Sunday and this number is growing and the weekly Bible study, which would normally number about 15, is having about 60 views and increasing. We are having such a positive response - this lock-down is showing how we can be more effective in reaching more people with the message of the Gospel...closed doors have opened even bigger doors!
- Dr Trevor Christians.

LARGS - we communicate through the church's Facebook page and weekly sermons are uploaded to the website. Sunday services include music and ministry and during the week we have added 'brief messages' while prayer meetings and bible studies are through zoom. We have heard of many folk who would not attend church but who are hearing and appreciating the ministry online. Our first Bible study had almost 200 visitors. The website has had 100 visitors each week and Facebook posts have reached about 2,000 - from the UK, Canada, USA, Netherlands, and the Philippines
- Dr Steve Fountain.

GLASGOW BROOMHILL - we have directed our people to various Nazarene services online and post a "Thought for Sunday" on our website and this has had viewers from four continents. I also post a "Thought for the Day" on local community forums. The proof will be in the fruit this produces
- Pastor Robert White.

MANCHESTER BROOKLANDS - we broadcast each Sunday through our Facebook and YouTube channels and average 70 viewings. We involve as many members and friends as possible, with readings, prayers, children's items, songs, greetings, all built around a message from our pastor, Rev Karl Stanfield, or a visiting speaker. We have reached far beyond our regular congregation, into both Christian and non-Christian homes
- Mark Bolton.

DROMORE - our Sunday morning service is put out on our Church Family Whatsapp and about 35 homes have access to this. We have our Tuesday evening prayer meeting in our own homes with requests for prayer also posted on the WhatsApp page prior to the prayer time. Each day people have been excellent at posting on the Whatsapp page encouraging texts, messages, songs and prayer requests and prayers answered. This helps greatly in keeping the fellowship connected with each other in these difficult days
- Rev Noel Somerville

THETFORD - Sunday morning Services are streamed on zoom, Facebook and YouTube with zoom contacts three times a week. The pastor, Rev Tracy Day, brings a daily 'thought for the day' which is usually uploaded on to Facebook and YouTube. We are reaching between 100 and 300 viewers from home and abroad and having meaningful conversations each week with about 50 people
- Paul Welham.

DIDSBURY COMMUNITY CHURCH - on Sunday mornings we meet together by skype. A pre-recorded talk is sent out which is followed by groups meeting to share blessings and challenges. Two skype groups meet during the week for those completing the Freedom in Christ course and others watch on YouTube
- Pastor Tom Burke.

PAISLEY ST MATTHEW'S - Sunday Services called 'Isolation Sessions' are held on YouTube/Facebook and each week Life Groups meet by zoom for prayer, share and care. The ministry team meet weekly by conference call
- Rev Tommy Goodwin MBE.

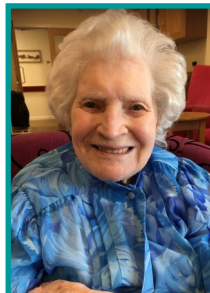
TROON - online Sunday services are live-streamed in Facebook, and we have virtual communion once a month. We have a weekly Bible Study through Facebook and Facebook Messenger, and have a 15-minute singing time for Tots on a Wednesday morning. Paper copies of services and Bible Study are available
- Pastor David Rudge.

IN MEMORIAM

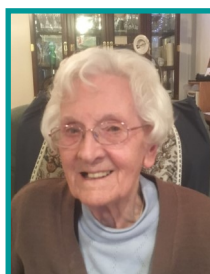
REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED



PHYLLIS SPENCE passed away 22nd January 2020, age 85. Born in Belfast, Phyllis McLelland attended the Ballymacarrett, Church of the Nazarene, where she met Raymond Spence who had just graduated from Beech Lawn Bible College and appointed as pastor of the church. Raymond and Phyllis were married in 1954 and the service was conducted by Dr George Frame. In addition to the Belfast pastorate, the Spences also served in Barlanark (Glasgow), Carlisle, Sheffield, Bournemouth, Bolton First, and Lurgan and then from 1984 for 12 years in Nazarene churches in Canada (Niagara, Ontario, and Trenton, Nova Scotia). In 1997 the Spences return to retirement in Lurgan. The Spences had 5 children - a son and 4 daughters. Phyllis served faithfully alongside her husband across the years and missed him terribly over the past 3 years - it was exactly 3 years to the day that Rev Raymond Spence passed away (22nd January 2017) he was 88.

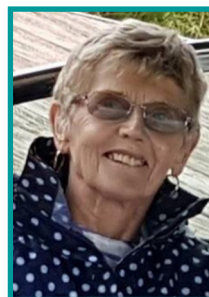


ELIZABETH ANDERSON (BETTY) FRASER, who passed away 13th November age 99, was a long standing and faithful member of the Perth Church and was the sister of Isa and Agnes Clarke (Agnes married Nazarene missionary to Africa Rev Jim Graham). Betty was a missionary nurse serving for a term in the RFM Nazarene Hospital in Manzini, Swaziland (now Eswatini) (1946-1952) and was involved in the setting up of the Nurses Training College. She returned to Perth to continue her nursing career and was matron of the Perth Maternity Hospital until her retirement in 1980. One of the many nurses Betty influenced regarding career and missionary call was Joyce Bartle (née Skea) and a tribute from Joyce Bartle was read by Joyce's sister, Rev Irene Wallace, at the Thanksgiving Service held in Perth Trinity Church on 26th November 2019.



Congratulations were in order last November when **RUTH WARMAN** celebrated her 100th birthday on 18th November, having been able to attend the Sun-

day morning Service at the Watford Woodside church the day before with family and friends. It was on 8th December 2019 that Ruth passed away. Although living with family in Abbots Langley for the past 7 years, Ruth and her late husband Clifford R. Warman CBE (former City Engineer of Sheffield) were faithful members of the Sheffield Calvary Holiness Church/Church of the Nazarene for some 75 years (Clifford passed away in 2002 aged 93). A Service of Remembrance for Ruth's life was held 23rd December 2019...her favourite verse was Proverbs 3:5 -6 - "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."



ELIZABETH DALDRY passed away 22nd February 2020, age 82. Born into a Christian home in Paisley, Elizabeth met and married Bob Murphy in 1959 and gave up her job as a shop worker to have her family - George and Elizabeth were born. In 1968 Bob tragically died after a car accident. Elizabeth met Nick Daldry through Naval Christian connections and they were married in 1971. Over the years Elizabeth has supported Nick in his teaching profession and in ministry. The Daldry's were founder members of the Erskine Church of the Nazarene and also of the Houston Church; they were part of the Houston Church Planting Team working with Rev David & Jean Thirkell. Elizabeth also supported Nick in Interim/Associate pastorates in Erskine and Dunfermline. The Service of Thanksgiving, held on Monday 16th March, in a packed Erskine Church, included Family Tributes (including a personal tribute from Nick) and a message from Rev Geoff Austin.



REV MICHAEL TEWKESBURY passed away after a long and difficult illness on 14th February 2020, age 80. Originally from Surrey, Michael met and married Marion Northwood in 1964 - they had three children, Catherine, Ann & Peter. After a term of ministry with the London City Mission, the Tewkesburys moved, in 1976, to Manchester and Michael was appointed as pastor of the Brooklands Church of the Naza-

rene by Rev T. W. Schofield (District Superintendent), and in 1978 he was ordained by Dr V. H. Lewis, (General Superintendent). The Brooklands ministry (1976-1984) included the building of a new sanctuary which was opened in 1981 with Rev Maynard G. James as the guest speaker. During the years 1985-2004 Michael obtained a BA degree in Theology from the University of Manchester and served for some years as a Railway Mission Chaplain. A Thanksgiving Service for the life and ministry of Rev Michael Tewkesbury was held Tuesday, 3rd March, in the Brooklands church.



EUNICE LONGWORTH (née Mather) passed away 24th April, age 88. Brought up in the Bolton IHM Church, Eunice was encouraged into nursing by the example of Bolton Missionary, Minnie Singleton (née Hope) and became a senior midwife at Bolton General Infirmary. It was in 1973 that she married Allan Longworth whom she had known for many years. Allan's call to ministry resulted in Eunice sacrificing her nursing career to become a help-meet and partner in ministry, she did, however, use her nursing skills in some part-time assignments in some of the pastorates. Over some 16 years the Longworths pastored in Lancaster, Skelmersdale, Morley and the Thomas Memorial Church in London. The Longworths' ministry was cut short when Allan suffered a brain aneurism, and they returned to Bolton where they supported the Bolton First church. For a number of years Eunice led the Wednesday Fellowship and also exercised a ministry of care and support for Allan enabling him to preach from time to time. It was on 4th October 2017 that Allan passed away. Funeral arrangements for Eunice Longworth: Dean Parish Church Cemetery, Monday, 18th May.



ERIC LUCAS passed away Tuesday, 17th March 2020, he was 2 days short of his 83rd birthday. The Lucas family lived in one of the houses opposite the IHM Southend Street Church and it was in the church youth group that Eric met his wife, Audrey. Eric was a student at Hurler Naz-

arene College in the late 1950s and pastored Nazarene churches in Belfast (Ballymacarrett), Port Glasgow (the present church was built during this pastorate) and Leeds (Dewsbury Road). Eric was ordained in 1960. In the early 1970s Eric moved into a teaching career graduating from the University of Manchester and teaching maths and computer science, and in retirement worked as an examiner marking GCSE papers. It was in the 1990s that Rev John Paton (District Superintendent) asked Eric to give pastoral leadership to the Skelmersdale Church, and Eric faithfully served the Skelmersdale Church for some 14 years, and well into retirement. In recent years Eric and Audrey have faithfully supported the Bolton First church. Rev Clive Burrows officiated at the funeral held 31st March in Leigh with family in attendance including, Audrey and the two daughters, Rev Erica Tuxworth (Watford Woodside) and Andrea.



REV IRENE ELIZABETH WALLACE (née Skea) passed away Wednesday, 6th May, age 68. Converted as a teenager when two Faith Mission Pilgrims visited the Perthshire Village where the Skea family lived, Irene, like her older sister Joyce (Bartle), felt the call to missionary service. She completed her nurses' training in Edinburgh and served as a missionary nurse in the Nazarene Hospital in Papua New Guinea for 2 years, during which time she was involved in Church Planting. Feeling the call to the pastoral ministry, Irene obtained a BA degree majoring in Religion from Olivet Nazarene College (now University) USA. Returning to the UK in 1980, Irene was involved over a period of some 30 years in various ministry roles serving faithfully in a number of churches including, Perth, Ayr, Carrickfergus, Leeds (South & Hunslet - pulpit supply), Desertmartin and Bethany. She was ordained in 1984. In 1988 Irene married Paul Wallace and Elizabeth and Stephen were born. Ministry continued with the family supporting Irene in her ministry in the home and in the local and district church. Services of Thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Rev Irene Wallace were held in N. Ireland, 12th May and in Perth and Kettins (interment) 14th May. Participating ministers included, Rev Philip McAlister, Rev Ivan Miles, Rev Jim Ritchie, Rev Claire Fender, and Rev Colin H. Wood.

ONLINE SUMMER SCHOOL PLANNED

Designed especially for pastors and leaders and hosted by the College, the 2020 Summer School will take place on-line on the mornings of 7th-9th June. Speakers include Dr Trevor Hutton and Dr Joseph Wood (NTC) and Rev Jim Ritchie and Rev Carl McCann (District Superintendents).

WE'RE GETTING THERE!

Like many businesses, institutions and charities, the College is facing additional financial pressures in these days. The 75th Anniversary Appeal fund continues to grow and it is hoped the target of £75,000 can be reached in this Anniversary year. The Fund is currently passing the £50,000 mark. Please remember the work and ministry of the College in your prayers and in your giving.

Didsbury Lectures

2002

John Wesley



Herbert Boyd McGonigle
MA, BD, DD, PHD.

NEW BOOK

The Didsbury Lectures, delivered by Dr Herbert B. McGonigle in 2002, have been published. The 109-page paper-back (published by Moorleys Print Design & Publishing, Ilkeston, 2020) has the title "John Wesley" and contains a foreword by Bill Graham (Manchester) which includes a comprehensive list of books and articles authored by Dr McGonigle. The 2002 Didsbury Lectures were something of a preparation for the Tercentenary Celebrations of John Wesley's birth in 2003 and the book contains four lectures dealing with John Wesley and - Scripture, Salvation, Christian Holiness and Evangelism. Dr McGonigle, Principal Emeritus of the College, says in the Preface, "When I

was asked to give the Didsbury Lectures in 2002, I didn't think twice about the area I should choose - it was going to be about John Wesley." Books by Dr McGonigle can be obtained from him c/o Nazarene Theological College.

AWARD

"Congratulations" to Dr Alex R.G. Deasley who received a 'Life-Time Achievement Award' from The Wesleyan Theological Society at the annual meetings of the Society held at Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, USA, 6th-7th March 2020. Dr Deasley, Emeritus Professor of New Testament at Nazarene Theological Seminary, is a graduate of Cambridge and Manchester Universities and was a faculty member of our College in Manchester in the 1960s before moving first to Canadian Nazarene College and then to the Seminary. The award was presented on behalf of the Society by Dr T. A. Noble (NTC/NTS), who paid tribute to Dr Deasley's long career of teaching, preaching and his contribution to Biblical Scholarship. Picture: Dr Deasley (left) with Dr Noble.



SALFORD—THE WAY FORWARD

Established in 1933 as part of the International Holiness Mission, the work in Salford became part of the Calvary Holiness Church in 1935. It became a strong centre under the leadership of successive pastors including Rev Clifford Filer, Rev Randolph Murray and Rev Leonard Ravenhill. In 1955 the work united with the Church of the Nazarene and eventually moved into a former Baptist Church on Great Clowes Street. Significant leadership was given over the years by a number of pastors including Rev Andrew Spence, Rev Brian L. Farmer and Rev Geoff Austin. After the demolition of the church building the church was able to rebuild on the same site, however, over the years, in spite of faithful leadership, the size of the congregation dwindled.



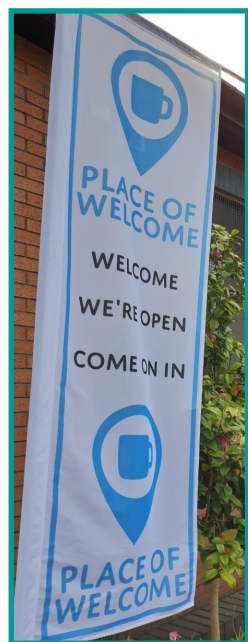
Some 6 years ago the church was at a low ebb with no pastor or congregation, and the property was being used as a children's nursery and by an African Church. District Advisory Board members Sue O'Brien and Francine Brower felt that a new church outreach work should be commenced in Salford and after discussions a link between the Manchester Longsight Church and Salford was established.

Sue O'Brien felt called to be involved in the work and became building manager and community ministry worker commencing in February 2015 and over the years Sue's involvement has increased from 10 hours per week to a current 20.5 hours per week.

Over the past 5 years the property, known as "The Naz", has been used by various community groups and the building would normally

be used every day of the week. Nazarene sponsored ministries launched by Sue have included Free Café, Food Pantry and Recycled Clothing Outlet (Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday), Midweek Bible Study, a weekly Film Matinee, and Craft Groups. In addition to the Board of Trustees, others supporting the work include Rev Pete O'Brien (weekly Bible Study), Rev Clive & Grace Burrows (Naz Café), and Rev Louise Kenyon who is the coordinating pastor from Longsight who has taken this on as an outreach/church plant partnership. Other workers include Alan Wright (Naz Volunteer) and Gwen Tansey who is the owner of 'Tiny Tots' Nursery.

The desire is to re-establish a worshipping community in Salford once again and to this end a monthly Sunday morning service and fellowship meal was planned for this Spring. The current lock-down situation will have prevented this from happening for the time being. It is hoped that in the coming days mature Christians will feel led to volunteer their time to Salford's programme and become part of the core group. Sue comments, "I have seen God work during these last 5 years and believe He has greater things in store for the future... the foundation to this work at The Naz is to ensure that anybody who comes into our presence experiences a sense of safety, love, acceptance, value and worth. In all we do we desire to reveal Christ and His love to all."



CHURCH NEWS

WATFORD ANNIVERSARY



The 1st Anniversary Celebration of the Watford Church Plant was held 2nd February 2020 when about 100 people packed the church for an evening of inspiring worship, preaching and prayer. The worship and preaching were in both Portuguese and English as the ministry has been focused on reaching people from a mainly Brazilian background, however, English-speakers are also being reached. The highlight of the evening was seeing the Pastors and leadership teams of the established Watford Woodside Church together with the leadership of the new work fervently for God's mission in Watford. A possible partnership with a Nazarene Church in Brazil is being explored and the vision is to establish additional congregations in the Greater London area, and beyond.

YOUTH RETREAT

The NYUK North District Winter retreat was held 7th-9th February at Lapwing Lodge Outdoor Centre, Paisley. Over 60 from 9 churches attended, and speakers included, Pastor Ryan Smith (Paisley), Hannah Clarkson (Perth) and Becky Dunphy (Parkhead) and the theme was "What's Your Story?" District NYI President, Sarah Smith, says "...it was such a blessing to spend time away together as district youth."



STREET PASTORS

On Wednesday 29th January 2020 Rev Steve and Michelle Chism were commissioned as Newcastle Street pastors. Steve says that "...when lockdown is lifted we are looking forward to resuming this ministry and to represent the Church of the Nazarene in Newcastle City Centre."



MAYORAL VISIT

The Mayor and Mayoress of Lisburn (Councillor Alan and Elizabeth Given) visited and brought greetings to the Lisburn church recently. They visited the church Sunday 19th January with their daughter, Jessica Graham, who was ministering in song. Rev Albert Griffith, says, "...Alan and Elizabeth visited the Manse for supper and we enjoyed fellowship in the Gospel...they are on our prayer list as they serve as first citizens for Lisburn and Castlereagh Borough." Pictured (l to r) The Mayor, Rev Albert and Rhoda Griffith, The Mayoress.



PERTH TRINITY - a full week's programme goes out online...Sunday Service on Facebook, Youtube and Dial Up...weekly programmes include, written devotionals, two 60 seconds prayer recordings, Interactive Prayer meeting on Facebook Live, and zoom meetings for house groups and Board Meeting. Monthly men's breakfast, youth and kids programmes are on zoom and Facebook. Over 4000 engage each week with Facebook and 250 devices for a Sunday Service means approximately 500 at worship. This is a brilliant opportunity God has given us to keep the congregation together, and also as a means of evangelism
- Rev Jim Ritchie.

BRISTOL - using Facebook Live we have a 45 minute Sunday Service, a Wednesday worship and prayer time. We also use WKDVT and a YP zoom 'meet up' plus a weekly 'Nazarene Kids online'. Those sharing in the programme range from 50 to 75 plus views
- Rev Matt Norris

PARKHEAD/NEW CHARTER - in addition to Sunday services on Facebook and Youtube, we have devotions taken by members of the congregation for every morning of the week, and the monthly "Recovery Church" is also online. Additional prayer times, and ministry are available and Life Groups maintain contact by

WhatsApp. It is amazing how many people are being reached and are sharing online - during the week the numbers range from 200 to over 1,000
- Dr Ian Wills.

SKEGNESS - we are producing an entire service which goes out on the website and Facebook pages, and also a CD for those who are not online. Response has been good and we are keeping our local members in the loop as well as the many visitors who usually come to Skegness in the summer. And we are reaching places such as S. Africa, Holland and South Korea
- Rev Ian Banks.

SHEFFIELD OUTDOORS CHURCH - we share a short online family communion each Sunday - 14-16 adults and children attend. It's a blessing to have the regularity of seeing each other and sharing the liturgy and communion we would normally be using in our outdoors gathering. It's good to see each other's faces each week and to briefly share care, prayer, encouragement, laughter and struggle
- Rev Helen Lawson.

HARTLEPOOL - we have informed our people of available Nazarene online services - eg Perth and Parkhead, otherwise we are keeping contact by a weekly

printed "Home Reflections" which are delivered to over 20 homes
- Rev Cath Thompson.

LLAY - every Sunday we broadcast a live worship service. Our band records songs so we can worship together and others participate sharing scripture or leading the worship. We have communion remembering that we are still one body even when scattered. We are engaging with other Nazarenes and with people who have never entered the sanctuary. "...God is doing something wonderful"
- Rev David Gilmour.

PRAYER CONFERENCE

Over 40 North District pastors and ministry team leaders met in Irvine, 3rd-4th March for the annual prayer retreat. The theme for this time of fellowship and prayer was, "Don't Conform: Be Transformed" based on Romans 12:2. Speakers included Rev Derrick Thames (Dundee), Rev Ruth Turner (Millbrook, N.I.) Dr Steve Fountain (Largs), Rev Gary Law (Desertmartin), Rev Claire Fender (Perth), Dr Ian Wills (Parkhead) and District Superintendent, Rev Jim Ritchie.



INDUCTION



Rev Tim Burton was officially welcomed and inducted to the Houston Church on Saturday, 14th March. The service was led by Rev Jim Ritchie (DS) and words of welcome were brought by local and Nazarene clergy and by members of the local fellowship. Rev Tim and Aroha Burton come originally from New Zealand, Tim is a graduate of Nazarene Theological College, Brisbane, Australia and the Burtons have served for some 20 years in Nazarene churches in New Zealand and Australia and for the past 3 years in the Sheffield Heeley Church.

NEW YEAR CONVENTION

Three churches, Dromore, Lurgan and Lisburn, shared together on 5th January 2020. The New Year Convention was held in the Dromore Church of the Nazarene and the speaker was Pastor Bill Dunn, a retired Elim minister. As a young man, Bill played for several years in a band which included Van Morrison (now Sir George Ivan "Van" Morrison OBE) - the Northern Irish singer-song writer. Bill and Van Morrison still get together for Gospel Concerts. Pictures (l to r) Rev Noel Somerville (Dromore), Pastor Jim Fugard (Lurgan), Pastor Bill Dunn, Rev Albert Griffith (Lisburn).



CRAMLINGTON

New members were welcomed on Sunday 5th January 2020. (l to r front row) Reg Heasley (local preacher), Angie Heasley, and Andrea Warren. (Back, l to r) Pastors: Stewart MacPhail, Rob & Bev Fitzjohn.

