

CALLED TO SERVE

- "...be sure to...serve Him faithfully with all your heart; consider the great things He has done for you."
1 Samuel 12:24 (NIV).

The 2021 District Assemblies and Conventions were held 16th-17th April online - via Facebook and Zoom. Although many missed the face-to-face encounters and communal fellowship and worship, the business of the assemblies was transacted efficiently and successfully thanks to the technology experts on both districts.

As Covid-19 restrictions are lifted and church life begins to return to normality we are praying that God will renew His church and bring blessing and growth across both districts in the days to come. "It is time for Thee, Lord, to work." Psalm 119:126 (AV).

DISTRICT OFFICERS

SOUTH DISTRICT

Rev Carl McCann	- District Superintendent
Rev David Gilmour	- District Secretary
Andy Hollingsworth	- District Treasurer
Liz Robinson BEM	- District NMI President
Pastor Tom Burke	- District NYI President

NORTH DISTRICT

Rev Ruth Turner	- District Superintendent
Richard Wood	- District Secretary
Michael Ferguson	- District Treasurer
Cathy Tarrant	- District NMI President
Pastor Hannah Clarkson/ Nick Barclay	- Joint NYI Presidents
Rev Nathan Payne	- Chair: Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries

INTRODUCING



Rev Ruth Turner was elected District Superintendent of the North District at the recent Assembly taking office on 18th May 2021. Originally from Carrickfergus, Ruth and her family attended Abbots Cross Congregational Church. As a teenager, Ruth began to attend a 'junior youth challenge' meeting held in the home of Ivan and Sylvia Crowe in Carrickfergus and eventually began to attend Sunday services at the Church of the Nazarene which was then meeting in the Orange Hall, Killroot. Ruth joined the NYI, was baptized, became a Church member and experienced a call to ministry.

In the early 1990s Ruth was, for a year, a puppeteer, and then commenced nursing studies completing a BSc in Nursing, and eventually obtaining a post-graduate Specialist Qualification in Cardiology. In 2001 Ruth was granted a local minister's licence, became Youth Pastor in the Carrickfergus Church, and commenced studies at Nazarene Theological College. She was ordained in 2011.

In 2003 the possibility of church planting in the Larne/Ballyclare area was discussed, and in 2004 Ruth left the Carrickfergus Church to become a bi-vocational church planter in Larne combining ministry and nursing with her theological studies. The work moved from Larne to Millbrook in 2012.

Ruth and Graeme, and their son Andrew, live in Larne, N. Ireland. Ruth says, "While I am retaining a part-time role with the local church at Millbrook, I have resigned my post as a cardiac nurse in the Coronary Care Unit in Antrim Hospital. As one chapter closes, I look forward with some excitement and some fear to the new role of DS. I pray that God would lead and guide us all in the days ahead as He continues to use, call, and equip His church. May we be the people He has called us to be, so that we can be the church that this world needs us to be."

ONLINE ORDINATION

A Nazarene First! On New Year's Day - Friday 1st January 2021 - four North District pastors were ordained 'online'. This is the first time such a ceremony has been held in the denomination and the District is grateful to Dr David W. Graves, (General Superintendent) for supporting and participating in this important event.

Dr Graves officiated and brought a message, and others taking part included, in Perth, Rev Claire Fender (Interim DS), and in Carrickfergus, Rev Philip McAlister (local pastor). Sadly, some weeks after the ordination, Rev David Hamill went home to be with the Lord (see tribute on page 4).



(L.to r) Rev Philip & Sharon Evans (Belfast Shankill), Rev David & Isabel Hamill (Belfast First), Rev Sammy & Chloe Robinson (Belfast Megain)



Rev Jack & Lauren Swan (Dundee)

RETIREMENTS



Rev Karl Stanfield retired 7th February 2021. Originally from Lurgan, N. Ireland, Karl prepared for the ministry at Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, graduating with the ThB degree in 1985. After serving in Croydon for over 4 years, the Stanfields moved, in 1990, to the Manchester Brooklands Church where Karl had a long and fruitful ministry lasting 31 years. In 2006 Karl graduated with the MA degree. Karl says, "Ingrid and I feel blessed and privileged for the opportunity of these years together...we would want to encourage those who feel

called by the Lord to respond in faith and trust."
Pictured: Karl & Ingrid Stanfield.

Rev Ian Stewart retired at the end of 2020 after an 18-year ministry in Port Glasgow. Originally from Bangor, N. Ireland, where Ian was influenced by the Bangor Independent Methodist Church, Ian prepared for the ministry at Bethel Bible College, Portrush, in the early 1980s and graduated in 1996 with a BA degree from Trinity College of the Bible/Liverpool University. After 13 years working with the Child Evangelism Fellowship in N. Ireland, Ian pastored, for 6 years, the Park Avenue Free Methodist Church, Belfast, before coming to Port Glasgow, Scotland, in 2002. Pictured: Ian & Kathy Stewart.



Rev Fred Calvert retired from the Bournemouth Church 25th April 2021. Originally from Nelson, Lancs, Fred spent 3 years serving with the Army (RASC/RE) in West Germany before joining his family which had emigrated to S. Africa. Converted in 1984 Fred was baptised in the Wesleyan Church in Durban, and he enrolled in studies obtaining a Diploma in Theology. Fred exercised a Church Planting ministry in Durban and pastored for 5 years in the Wesleyan Church. Returning to the UK in 2001, Fred and Cath pastored Nazarene Churches for 20 years - Birmingham Zion (9 years), Gillingham (6 years) and Bournemouth (5 years).

Pictured: Fred & Cath Calvert.

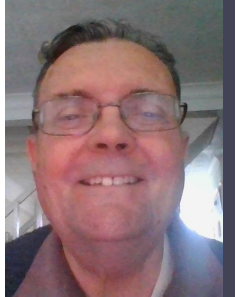


Rev Albert Griffith concluded a 31-year ministry in Lisburn at the end of February 2021. Originally from Belfast, the Griffith family attended St Mark's Dundela (C.S. Lewis's church!), and at age 18 Albert was converted, embraced Wesleyan doctrine, and joined a Free Methodist fellowship.

Sensing a Call to Ministry Albert studied at Emmanuel Bible College, Birkenhead, (1975-78) and for the next two years worked as a Faith Mission Evangelist in England and Scotland.

Married to Rhoda Hill in 1980 and in fellowship with the Free Methodist Church in Belfast, Albert was introduced to the Church of the Nazarene by retired Nazarene missionary, Rev Jim Graham. Doors opened, and the Griffiths were asked by Rev Robert McMurdoch to become involved in the Lisburn Church prior to an assignment in Motherwell, Scotland. Albert took further studies at NTC and was ordained in 1988. After 3 years in Motherwell the Griffiths moved to Carlisle for 4 years before moving to Lisburn where Albert has exercised a faithful and fruitful ministry for the past 31 years. Pictured: the Griffith family: (l.to r) Lydia, Albert & Rhoda, Deborah, Andrew.

Rev Dennis Braham concluded his ministry in Gillingham 31st December 2020. Born and raised in Grimsby and Scartho, Dennis was influenced by the local Methodist Church. He became a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Surveyors and had a 30-year career as a surveyor. Dennis started attending the Grimsby Trinity Church of the Nazarene in the early 1990s where he met and married Louise - sadly Louise passed away 7th January 2016, age 70. Feeling the Call to Ministry Dennis attended NTC and graduated with a BA (Hons) degree in 2011. Dennis served in various ministry positions in Grimsby, Sheffield and, for the past 6 years, in Gillingham.



Rev Philip McAlister retires as from the end of June 2021. Philip & Ruth both come from Carrickfergus - they met at Grammar School - and they came into contact with the Church of the Nazarene through Ruth's 'aunt', Betty McMurty. For 8 years, 1976-



1984, Philip was a PE teacher. A graduate of Nonington College of Physical Education, Kent, he taught at Maghera High and Downshire schools, and at Newtownabbey Technical College. While in Maghera, the McAlisters had been making the 80-mile round-trip to attend the Carrickfergus Church, only to discover that there was a Nazarene church 6 miles away, at Desertmartin. Rev Bert Kelly was the pastor and for a couple of years the McAlisters attended Desertmartin before moving back to Carrickfergus.

Responding to a Call to full-time ministry the McAlister family moved to Manchester where Philip commenced theological studies at NTC. Graduating in 1987 with the ThB degree, 34 years of ministry assignments followed - in Irvine, two chapters of ministry at Carrickfergus spanning some 22 years, as Field Strategy Coordinator for N. Europe, and as North District Superintendent. Over the years Philip has served on a number of district boards and he also obtained an MBA degree from Northwest Nazarene University, USA. Pictured: Philip & Ruth McAlister.

NEW BOOKS available this Summer

*New Beacon Bible Commentary



Alex R. G. Deasley

1st Corinthians (Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 2021) - a Commentary in the Wesleyan Tradition. Author, Dr Alex R. G. Deasley.

Dr Deasley "...eminent New Testament scholar...astutely articulates the relevance of 1st Corinthians to the church today. Written by a seasoned and highly regarded professor of biblical studies, this commentary is the ideal capstone to the New Beacon Bible Commentary series."

The Kingdom of God - The Director's Cut (Authentic Media, 2021) - Author, Rev L. Richard Porter.

"...Jesus taught us to pray for God's kingdom to come. But do we understand what we are praying for and what the kingdom of God really looks like? Using the analogy of God as the director of the greatest show on earth, Richard Porter shows how the kingdom of God is the overarching story line throughout the Bible. Each scene, from the people of Israel to Jesus and the early church, reveals kingdom truths that impact the church today."



RAISE THE ROOF!

PRINCIPAL'S PROJECT 2021-23 – TARGET £200,000

Purchased in the late 1950s the White House has, over the years, served the College as accommodation block, kitchen and dining room, classrooms, library, chapel, offices and administration centre. The 107-year-old building, which is at the hub of the College Campus, has, over the years, been revamped and refurbished internally, but the roof is in need of major repair. The roof will need to be completely rebuilt.

Please help the College and respond to this appeal. More information and ways to give can be found on the College website - www.nazarene.ac.uk



EMMANUEL CENTENARY



The 100th Anniversary of Emmanuel Bible College was celebrated at this year's Drysdale Lecture held Monday 10th May 2021. This year's lecture took the form of a Zoom forum of discussion and contribution by a panel of practitioners chaired by Dr Julie Lunn and Dr Peter Rae. Founded in November 1920 in Birkenhead by Scottish evangelist, J. D. Drysdale and originally called 'The Missionary Training Home and Bible College', the character and identity of Emmanuel was marked by an emphasis on worldwide missions, a zeal for evangelism, and a passion for holiness. Over the years scores of young men and women have gone out from Emmanuel to serve the Lord at home and abroad.



In 1997 Emmanuel Bible College ceased operation and became an integral part of NTC and in 2004 the Emmanuel Centre, a new library and classroom unit, was opened to mark the transition.

Pictured: J.D. Drysdale and EBC Building, Birkenhead

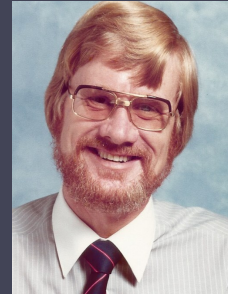
NEW FACULTY MEMBER



Arriving in August 2021, **Dr Jacob Lett** is to join the College faculty as Lecturer in Theology and as Associate Dean. Originally from Cimarron, Kansas, USA, Dr Lett, has degrees from MidAmerica Nazarene University, Olathe, Kansas (BA in Intercultural Studies), and MA & PhD degrees from NTC/University of Manchester. Dr Lett has a special interest in Asian and Chinese studies - the Letts have lived and taught in China. An ordained minister in the Church of the Nazarene, Dr Lett has been teaching theology at MidAmerica Nazarene University since 2011. Married to Whitney, the Letts have two children, Rowan and Beatrice. Dr Lett says, "I love the opportunity to help students discover the existential questions deep within their minds and then to engage these questions in the context of Christian community. Like Israel, it is in wrestling with God that we discover who we are."

IN MEMORIAM

- Remembering those who have served



Rev Ronald Edward Bean passed away 30th November 2020, age 81. Originally from Leeds, Ron Bean found the Lord as a 16-year-old through a Billy Graham film organised by his High School Christian Union. Ron studied Religious Education, English and History at the City of Leeds Training College obtaining a Certificate of Education, and a teaching career followed at

Westborough High School, Dewsbury, spanning some 23 years. Feeling a Call to Ministry, Ron became, for 5 years, associate pastor to Rev Ray Busby in the Dewsbury Church of the Nazarene. Pastorates were to follow in Carlisle (8 years) and Erskine, (5 years) before retirement in 2003. Ron had met Margaret Rogers at a National Young Life Campaign Youth Club and they were married in Leeds on 1st April 1961, and Margaret became Ron's help-meet and partner in ministry.

A Service of Thanksgiving for Ron's life and ministry was held in the Dewsbury Church of the Nazarene on Monday 14th December 2020 - participating clergy included, Pastor Joe Prescott, Rev Carl McCann, Rev Ken Prescott, and Rev Tony Musgreave. Ron was a good man, a genuine and sensitive Christian and a disciple of Jesus Christ, and we thank God for his life and ministry. He is survived by his wife Margaret, their three children, Michael, Elizabeth and David, and their families - 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Rev David Alexander Hamill passed away 24th January 2021; he was 57 and had, for the past 11 months, been receiving treatment for cancer. Originally from North Belfast, David, as a teenager, came into contact with the Greenisland Church of the Nazarene and was 15 when he got saved. In 1994 he met Isabel McIlroy at the Carrick Drive-in Church and in 1997 a wedding took place in the Carrickfergus Church of the Nazarene. David had been working in the bakery business but, in addition to his volunteer work with the Disabled Christian Fellowship, he was accepted by SENSE and began working with deaf and blind people.



Feeling a Call to Ministry David commenced part-time studies at Nazarene Theological College, and became, over a 5-year period, part of the church plant ministry team in Larne. This was followed by a 2-year ministry in Cumnock Congregational Church in Scotland. Hearing that Belfast First Church of the Nazarene was to become vacant, contact was made and David was invited to become the pastor. The Hamills commenced ministry at Belfast First at the beginning of 2012 and served over these past 9-years.

David had a pastor's heart and everywhere he went friendships were formed and his ministry appreciated. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Rev David Hamill was held on Saturday, 30th January 2021, in the Carrickfergus Church of the Nazarene led by Rev Philip McAlister. Isabel, and daughter Lauren, thank the church family for the love, support, and practical help given over the months of David's illness and for all the prayers offered for the family. We thank God for every remembrance of our brother and for his faithful ministry.

CHURCH NEWS



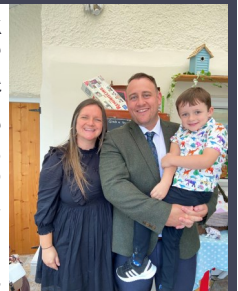
LISBURN: The Lisburn Church has called Pastor Stephen McTernaghan to be its new pastor. Originally from Newtownabbey, Stephen first came into contact with the Church of the Nazarene in Carrickfergus and in 2003 began attending Belfast First serving as SS Superintendent, Board Member, and as part of the Worship Group. For the past 2 years he has served as associate pastor. Stephen is

completing a BA(Hons) degree at Belfast Bible College/University of Cumbria. Stephen and Carolynne, pictured, and their two daughters, Naomi and Phoebe, move to Lisburn this Summer.

PERTH TRINITY Ministry Team (l.to r), Dr Ian Wills, who is a graduate of Glasgow University (BD, MTh) and of Asbury Theological Seminary (DMin), Pastor Hannah Clarkson (BA (Hons) graduate of NTC), Pastor Emma Jardine who has a University of Strathclyde BA in International Business Studies and Modern Languages, and Pastor Chris Franklin who holds a MA degree from Phoenix Seminary, USA.



MANCHESTER BROOKLANDS: Rev Mick Kane commenced ministry at the Brooklands church on 1st February 2021. A celebration to mark both the retirement of former pastor, Rev Karl Stanfield, and the commencement of Mick's ministry is planned for the future. Originally from the Parkhead, Glasgow, church, Mick holds a BSc degree from Glasgow University in Sports Science, and an MA in Theology from NTC/Manchester University. Mick will continue to serve as NTC College Chaplain along with this new pastoral assignment. Pictured, Debbie & Mick Kane, with Mikey.



GLASGOW: PARKHEAD / THE NEW CHARTER Ministry Team (l. to r) Rev Shelley Kenny is a BA(Hons) graduate of International Christian College (ICC)/Aberdeen University and comes from Glasgow - Shelley was ordained in 2016. Pastor John Craig is from Glasgow and is a 'son of the manse'; John is BA graduate of ICC. Pastor Emma White comes from a Church of Scotland background on Glasgow's South Side and holds two degrees, LLB (Hons) in Law & French from Glasgow University and a BA in Theology from ICC.

