

# 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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## A CHRISTMAS LETTER FROM REV JIM RITCHIE (DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT)

It may be my age, but Christmas seems to come around quicker every year! It only seems like yesterday that I was at the General Assembly in Indianapolis basking in North American sunshine and sharing great fellowship with our global family! However, as I look outside the window, the frosty view does confirm that we are in the bleak midwinter and Christmas is just around the corner.



I always find Christmas a great blessing and opportunity to share the wonderful news of the birth of our Saviour, but like all preachers find it a challenge to come up with a new way of expressing this historic truth to a new generation, or even more difficult to say something new to faithful believers who have heard the same scriptural passages preached on dozens of time over the years. However, last year as I was preparing for Christmas, I felt God's Spirit speak to me and say, "Don't try and say something NEW about Christmas, just make sure you say something TRUE about Christmas!" So that's the challenge!

Let's fill our Christmas services, outreaches and engagement with our community around us with the wonderful truth that into a world of darkness and pain, God sent His Son, a Saviour with the message of truth that sets us free. So every bondage, captivity, addiction, fear and pain we and those around us encounter, has been incarnated with the love of God in the person of Jesus who has come to set us free, to give us a hope and a future. Now, that's something to celebrate this Christmas – and every day. With love and blessings to you all in this Holy Season.

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a Saviour with the message  
of truth that sets us free."**

## ROOM AT THE INN

The Parkhead Glasgow church recently completed the purchase of the Charter Bar. The property on Tollcross Road, and about a mile from the church, had been on the market for some time. The vision to reach into this part of Glasgow's East End had been discussed and prayed about over many months and after 'conversion' and refurbishment the property will be used as an outreach, mission and community centre. Parkhead Lead Pastor, Dr Ian Wills, says, "We are excited about the possibilities of the Charter. This is a creative missional opportunity that already has the community around it talking and asking questions. It is not only a redemption story of a notorious pub becoming a place of sanctuary, but it creates the opportunity of connecting more deeply and incarnationally with a community that has lost its sense of self – perhaps it has lost its "heart and soul" – and as we know, Christ is the Great Redeemer of "heart and soul"!



## LEADERS MEET

Rev David Montgomery (District Superintendent) met with leaders of other denominations, including some Bishops and Archdeacons, for a 5-Day residential course sponsored by Bridge Builders Ministries held at Scalford Hall, Leicester, 29th October-3rd November. The course addressed the topic of "Transforming Church Conflict" and Rev Montgomery comments, "It was very helpful and informative...I came away with a process for helping in conflict."



As we know, conflict is not unknown in the church – even in New Testament times. Rev David Montgomery is pictured, front left, along with other course participants.

## IN MEMORIAM



Rev Allan Longworth

Rev Allan Longworth passed away after a lengthy and difficult illness 4th October, just a few days after his 80th birthday. Born in Bolton and one of 5 children, Allan's first job was working at Walker's Tannery where his father, and brother Fred, were employed. After a time attending the Salvation Army Sunday School, Allan began attending the Holiness Mission Tabernacle at Daubhill and, at the age of 15, gave his life to Christ.

Following National Service in the Army Allan was able to preach more and he loved books and reading.

Although Allan had known Eunice Mather nearly all his life, it was not until 1973 that the wedding of Allan and Eunice took place. Around this time Allan felt the call to the full-time pastoral ministry, and as a result entered the Nazarene College and completed a Diploma in Theology – this was to be followed some years later by an MA degree.

Eunice was a nurse and a senior midwife at Bolton General Infirmary, and entering the ministry meant the sacrificing of her career and also in terms of the kind of nursing jobs she was able to take. The Longworths pastored in Lancaster, Skelmersdale, Morley and the Thomas Memorial Church, London.

It was while the Longworths were in London that Allan suffered a brain aneurism. This resulted in surgery and subsequent treatment and meant early retirement. A move back to Bolton was the result and over these past years Allan has bravely coped with his condition, helped by the constant and devoted care of his wife and nurse, Eunice.

Allan Longworth was a colourful character with a larger than life personality. He was warm and outgoing and his faithfulness to Christ and the church and his love of Wesleyana and Wesley hymns were all remembered at the Service of Thanksgiving held in the Bolton First Church on 16th October. The service was led by Rev Sue Aveyard, with Rev Clive Burrows, Rev John Paton, and Emmanuel Mather taking part. We thank God for the life, testimony, and faithful ministry of Rev Allan Longworth.

## UDDINGSTON REFURBISHMENT

An initial plan to insulate the sanctuary ceiling grew into becoming a complete make-over project for the Uddingston church. The work, in addition to the ceiling (insulation and plaster-board installation – which gives immediate heating and savings benefits), includes a new platform area allowing versatility and for the screen to be centrally positioned, a new control centre, new lighting and complete redecoration. Exterior weather-proofing work was also carried out.



Local pastor, Rev Clive Tutty comments, "I want to thank especially the members of the Church Board for enthusiastically supporting this renovation programme and for all their hard work. ...a fellow pastor said to me 'This is a once in a generation change' – how true. This is an investment for the future...we now have an attractive, functional, comfortable and adaptable sanctuary. Our prayer is that it will once again be filled with people praising God for his amazing grace."

## INDUCTIONS

The Bolton Brownlow Fold church was packed for the induction of Pastor Jeremy Smith on Saturday, 23rd September. Jeremy's father read the scriptures, and Susanna's father, Rev Tony Tamburello, brought the Word. The induction was conducted by Rev David Montgomery. There has been a vacancy at the Brownlow Fold church for some time; please pray for the work at Brownlow Fold as this new chapter begins in the life of this fellowship.



(l.to r) Rev David Montgomery Pastor Jeremy & Susanna Smith

Rev Augustine Baah was inducted to the Kings Lynn church on Saturday 14th October. The Baahs had been pastoring the Fenton church prior to the move to Kings Lynn. The Reffley Academy hall was well filled for the service with friends from the Thetford church and from the local community present. Former pastor, Rev Don Mentch, participated in the service which was taken by Rev David Montgomery (DS).



Rev Augustine & Eunice Baah & family, with Rev David Montgomery

## PASTORS ON PATROL

Two Scottish churches are involved in street and community work.

Roy & Cheryl Adair of the Paisley church, who have been involved with 'Street Pastors' for some time, are in the vanguard of a new scheme – 'Rail Pastors' – to patrol railway stations in the area to help vulnerable people and in an effort to prevent suicides attempts. In a front page article in the Paisley Daily Express (25th September) this new initiative was featured, and Cheryl Adair was quoted as saying, "Rail Pastors are much the same as Street Pastors; they help, listen and care."



Cheryl and Roy Adair, with station official.  
Picture used by permission, Paisley Daily Express

The Parkhead Glasgow church has recently started a new programme to help and minister to homeless people in the city centre. Coordinated and launched by Eddie Halstead of the Parkhead church, about 5 make up the team



Parkhead Nazarene Street Team

which goes out one or two evenings a week. The team provides food, hot drinks and comfort to the many homeless on the streets of Glasgow. Eddie Halstead comments, "We are blessed and humbled by the circumstances so many find themselves in and often through no fault of their own."



# NAZARENE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

## GRADUATION

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Dr T.A. Noble (theologian and lecturer & supervisor at Nazarene Theological College and Seminary) was the speaker at this year's graduation held 7th October in the impressive Whitworth Hall of The University of Manchester. Of the 45 degrees and diplomas awarded, 7 were PhDs and of the 17 Master's degrees two were the very first MA degrees to be awarded in the area of Research into Christianity and Islam. Following the worship and ceremony, many returned to the College Campus for refreshments. Next year's graduation will be held on Saturday, 6th October 2018, at 11.00 am, and the invited speaker is Rev Joel Edwards.

In addition to the degree ceremony, a number of awards and prizes were announced. Many of these are donated by local churches and by individuals, and a number are given in memory of former pastors, missionaries, and church leaders.



Graduates and Faculty with (foreground l.to r) Dr Peter Rae (Dean), Dr T A Noble, Dr Deirdre Brower Latz (Principal), Dr Kent E Brower (Vice-Principal)

## PRINCIPAL EMERITUS

Dr David McCulloch, former pastor, missionary, teacher and College Principal (2004-2012), was honoured at the Graduation Ceremony, by the granting of the title Principal Emeritus. Dr McCulloch and his wife, Elizabeth, were called to the platform and mention was made of the achievements the College saw under Dr McCulloch's leadership, including academic progress and also in practical areas – the building of the Emmanuel Centre and the refurbishing of Hurler Hall. Since stepping down from the role of Principal, Dr McCulloch has continued to serve the College. He has engaged and invested in the life of the College, taught at undergraduate and post graduate level, supervised Research students, served on committees and remained an advocate for and supporter of the College and its faculty and staff. This appointment of "Principal Emeritus" recognises Dr McCulloch's work as Principal and his continued expression of love and commitment to the College.



Dr David McCulloch – Principal Emeritus

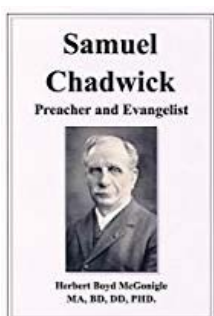
## NEW STUDENTS ENROLLED

The College welcomed a good number of new students in September, representing an estimated 11 nationalities...including, Brazil, Mexico, Benin, Nigeria, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Columbia and many places in the UK. Principal, Dr Deirdre Brower Latz comments, "What an incredible group of students...I wish you could meet them...and hear the incredible stories of how God has set people free from the power of sin and death! There are also those who are young in faith, exploring faith, and some mature in faith."



## NEW BOOK

Dr Herbert McGonigle's latest book is on the life, ministry, and writings of Rev Samuel Chadwick – Methodist minister, Conference President, Cliff College Principal and exponent of the Holiness message. "Rev Samuel Chadwick: Preacher and Evangelist" (120 pages) is available from Dr McGonigle c/o Nazarene Theological College. The foreword is written by Rev Paul M. James, whose father, Rev Maynard G. James, was a Cliff College student in the late 1920s when Chadwick was Principal.



## HOLINESS LEADERS MEET

The second annual meeting of the WESLEYAN HOLINESS CONNECTION was held at the Wesleyan Holiness Life Centre, Handsworth, Birmingham, on 9th November. About 20 gathered representing the Wesleyan Holiness Church, New Testament Church of God, Church of God Prophecy, Pentecostal Holiness, Nazarene, Salvation Army and Methodist denominations. Dr Deirdre Brower Latz, Dr Joseph Wood, together with Dr Karl Ganske (MWRC Research Fellow and US Nazarene pastor) represented the Church of the Nazarene. College Principal, Dr Deirdre Brower Latz commented, "It was a day talking about our shared heritage and our hopes for the future...[there were] powerful conversations ...about issues of race, class, and cultural challenges we face as holiness people."



Holiness Leaders at the Wesleyan Holiness Connection

## NEWS IN BRIEF

- The 2017 Didsbury Lectures, held over the 4-nights 23rd-26 October, were a time of stimulation and interest as Professors Philip & Loveday Alexander addressed the topic, "Priesthood and Sacrifice in the Epistle to the Hebrews". The lectures will be published in due course. The 2018 Didsbury Lectures will be given by Professor Markus Bockmuehl and based upon the presence and absence of Jesus in the four Gospels – dates, 29th October-1st November 2018.
- Members of the College faculty and staff welcomed over 25 guests for the 2017 Alumni Meal, held Wednesday 25th October. Those who had not been at the College for some time were impressed with the changes and improvements that have been made over the years, and one former student said it was very emotional to be back.
- Over the past 5 years the College has been providing extended learning opportunities within the Church of the Nazarene in Central America. During the week, 8th-17th October, Dr David McCulloch and Dr Julie Lunn travelled to Guatemala to deliver lectures in Practical Theology to a class of 24 students. This project is in conjunction with SENDAS (Nazarene Seminary of the Americas/Seminario Nazareno de las Américas).
- 400 Church Leaders met 13th-15th November in the Victoria Warehouse, Manchester for the launch of "Exponential Europe" - Championing Church Planting and Multiplication. Sponsored by Compassion UK, a pre-conference leader's day, focusing on launching new churches across the UK and Europe, was facilitated by Rev Trevor Hutton (Momentum/NTC). Nazarene pastors, Sammy Robinson & Jack Swan also attended. The event was endorsed by dozens of missional agencies, and included speakers from a number of denominations and organisations. Rev Trevor Hutton reports that seminars and speakers addressed the challenge of "...what it means to be church multiplication practitioners being launched into the deep, working with others and learning how to work better together as fishers of people!"



## BRINGING “NOUVEAU” LIFE TO PAISLEY

Paisley Ministry Team Member, Andrew Purdy, reports...

Under the banner “Nouveau Life”, and in partnership with the Scottish Health and Arts Festival, the Paisley St Matthew’s Church presented a wide range of events 19th-27th October. Funding help came from Paisley2021 – this is Paisley’s bid to become the UK City of Culture in 2021, and part of the city’s plans to transform Paisley through heritage and culture.

‘Nouveau Life’ events ranged from hiring an ‘artist in residence’ to showing a wide variety of films. Mark Small, the artist, who lived in the church for 3-weeks, hand-made a new stained glass window, created ‘story boards’ telling the history of the church which are now hanging in many places in the church, and most interestingly, captured the ‘sonic footprint’ of St Matthew’s. Films shown included the old silent film, “The General” starring Buster Keaton (which was scored live on the church organ by a professional organist from Leicester Square’s Odeon theatre), ‘Beauty and the Beast’ and “Dykebar and Me” – a mental health and recovery documentary. The film ‘Hacksaw Ridge’ – the faith-in-action film which tells of the life, testimony, and wartime experiences of Desmond Doss – was shown on the Sunday evening.

Perhaps the highlight of ‘Nouveau Life’ was a live production of “Luv Esther” – a West End



*‘Luv Esther’ Musical*

style musical telling the story of Esther, recently updated to draw attention to the ongoing refugee crisis in the Middle East. Staging was set up in the sanctuary and the entire building was full of sounds and lights. Over 200 people attended ‘Luv Esther’ and an estimated 600 people visited the church in the course of the festival.

## EUROPEAN LEADERS

North Europe District Superintendents and wives from the Netherlands, Germany, Ireland, and UK districts met 24th-27th October in Moffat, Scotland, along with Regional Director, Rev Arthur Snijders, and Field Strategy Coordinator, Dr Ian Wills. The group shared in worship, prayer, and discussed together ‘building vision and strategy’ in the church in a way that “Releases the local church in mission”. Dr Deirdre Brower Latz (College Principal) joined the group to participate in discussing the place of education in equipping, reshaping, and retraining the church, and also to reflect upon and respond to the Church’s new statement on Human Sexuality. Dr Ian Wills comments, “We understand that the Mission of God can be challenging, demanding, messy, but it is full of opportunity, possibility and optimism – we as leaders choose faith as our response in this generation.”



Hiking– (l.to r) Esther & Rev Ingo Hunaeus, Dr Antonie Holleman, Rev Steve Morley, Dr Ian Wills

## CHURCH PLANTS

### OXFORD

Earlier this year weekly services were commenced in Oxford for Portuguese speakers. Meeting on a Saturday evening and in a Methodist Church, the new fellowship is led by Rev José Correia and his wife, Rev Marcia Correia. The Correias are pastors of the Birmingham Zion Church of the Nazarene – José was ordained a number of years ago and Marcia was ordained at the 2016 South District Assembly.



### MANCHESTER

Following a series of providential contacts and events, Rev Eun Ho Kim was inducted as pastor of the Manchester Yedam Church of the Nazarene on Sunday, 8th October. Some Korean families in Manchester had been looking for a pastor to lead them, and contact was made with Pastor Eun Ho Kim, who was a volunteer at the College while his wife, Mi Ja Kim was completing a PhD. Already the church has grown, and the ministry of pastor and spouse is already being appreciated and bearing fruit.



## ... AND FINALLY THREE WISE MEN

Taken at a recent preaching service at Olathe College Church, Kansas, USA, the picture shows British educators (all native Scots) – (l.to r) Dr Alex Deasley (New Testament Scholar), Dr Thomas A. Noble (Theologian) and Dr Alan Douglas (former member of the Parkhead Glasgow church and Teacher Educator).

