

CHURCH ALIVE – 2014!

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting," Psalm 139:23-24

Close your eyes and think about District Assembly – sitting on seats for long hours to hear reports and elect officers to serve the church – are you excited? Now imagine a District Assembly where we come to experience the fire of God through an encounter with the Holy Spirit.

In our physical bodies there are three levels of temperature: low, normal and high. Physically we want to be in the normal range. In contrast to the physical body, the Bible implores the church to be spiritually on fire. We are commanded to be 'fervent in spirit serving the Lord' (Rom 12:11). The term 'fervent' means to be at boiling point. The truth is, like the physical body, we can be in one of three spiritual temperature states: cold, lukewarm, or fervent.

As we meet in our District Assemblies we don't want to be found cold, in danger of spiritual death, nor do we want to be diagnosed as lukewarm, content with the status quo and comfortable. May the Lord Himself come to us in our District Assemblies and ignite His church with Holy Fire. May we become the Church Alive that will give strength to the weak, hope to the hopeless, power to the powerless, and love to those who have no love.

"Let the Church be the Church, Let the People rejoice.
Oh, we've settled the question, We've made Jesus our choice.
Let the anthems ring out, Songs of victory swell
For the Church triumphant is alive and well" (Bill & Gloria Gaither)

*Rev Philip McAlister, Rev David Montgomery
District Superintendents*

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY INFORMATION

THEME: "CHURCH ALIVE!"

SOUTH DISTRICT 14th-15th March District Superintendent – Rev David Montgomery

The South District, which covers most of England and includes our churches in Wales, will hold its assembly at **Dewsbury Minster, Yorkshire, England**. The NYI Convention was held 14th September 2013 in Sheffield, when Rev Carl McCann (Ashton) was elected District NYI President; other conventions and assembly meetings are as follows.

South District Assembly Programme Friday, 14th March

- 12.30 pm-2.30 pm - NMI Convention
- 3.00 pm - District Assembly
- 7.00 pm - Worship & Celebration

Speaker: Rev Arthur Snijders
(Regional Director)

Saturday 15th March

- 9.00 am - District Assembly
- 3.00 pm - Ordination Service, if so ordered by the assembly.

Speaker: Dr J.K. Warrick.

NORTH DISTRICT 14th-17th March District Superintendent – Rev Philip McAlister

Conventions and assembly business will be held in the **St Matthew's Church of the Nazarene, Paisley, Scotland**. Our churches in Scotland, N. Ireland and the North of England will be represented at the North District assembly.

North District Assembly Programme Friday, 14th March

- 7.00 pm - SSDM Convention
- "Alive to Celebration"

Speaker: Rev Tracey Day

Saturday, 15th March

- 9.00 am - The Big Breakfast (All Age)
- 10.00 am - "Alive to the Challenge"
Devotions & Convention Seminars
- 12.00 noon - "Alive to Youth"
NYI Convention

2.30 pm

- "Alive to Missions"

NMI Convention

7.00 pm

- "Alive to the Future"

Worship & Celebration

Speaker: Pastor Alan Baird

Sunday 16th March

4.00 pm

- "Alive to Preparation"

Ice Cream Reception for NTC

College Principal: Dr Deirdre Brower Latz

6.00 pm

- "Alive to our Message"

Worship & Celebration

Speaker: Rev Philip McAlister

Monday 17th March

9.00 am

- District Assembly

7.00 pm

- "Alive to Ministry"

Ordination Service, if so ordered by the assembly.

Speaker: Dr J.K. Warrick

INTRODUCING DR J K WARRICK

We welcome Dr J K Warrick on his first visit as presiding General Superintendent at our district assemblies. Following nearly 38 years of pastoral ministry Dr Warrick was elected, at the 2005 General Assembly held in Indianapolis, Indiana, to be one of the six General Superintendents in the Church of the Nazarene. He is a graduate of Southern Nazarene University and Wesley Biblical Seminary; he has served on the Board of Trustees of Nazarene Universities and also on district boards and committees.

Dr Warrick is a pastor at heart and has a passion for church planting and evangelism and is concerned to encourage and support the ministries of the church, especially world missions, discipleship, and compassionate ministries.

Dr Warrick is married to Patty and they have a son and daughter and five grandchildren. We look forward to Dr Warrick's leadership and ministry among us. We trust that Dr & Mrs Warrick enjoy their visit to the British Isles.



Dr J K Warrick
General Superintendent

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS



Desertmartin – children presenting “At the Manger” Christmas programme



and Part of the 150-strong congregation that attended the Community Christmas Service in which all the departments of the church took part.



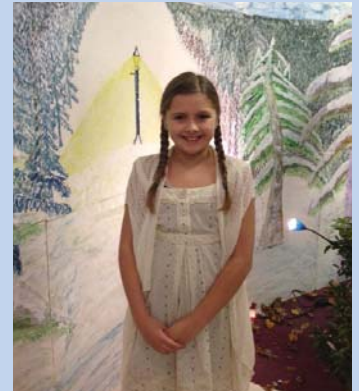
Parkhead – part of the cast for “A Wean in a Manger” presentation in the new Parkhead church



Bangor – the “Prayer & Praise” Fellowship enjoy a Christmas lunch at Bangor



Troon – presented “The Narnia Experience” based on the C. S. Lewis story. This was part of the town’s “Wintertainment” programme and queues formed outside the church



Around 480 passed through the doors of the church and “Lucy” (Abbie Simpson) invited visitors to “pass through the wardrobe into the forest”



Ashton – Christmas Day meal was enjoyed by nearly 100 people...this is the 15th year the Ashton Church has provided for the community in this way.



Barnsley – Family Carol Service...Christmas Services at the Barnsley church also included, Christingle Service, Carols by Candle-light and a Favourite Carols Service



Carlisle – “The Bethlehem Experience” - for the 4th year in a row the Carlisle church has presented the sights, sounds, and smells of Bethlehem...over 200 from the local community visited the church, and 100 students from 3 local schools came to learn about the Christmas Story



Irvine – children and young people present “A Gift for the Baby Boy” to a full church



Didsbury Community Church – children seated around the Manger...a team of 8 from the church shared the Christmas story in 3 separate sessions with around 70 children and staff at Broadoak Primary School, Didsbury, Manchester

In Memoriam



Margaret Cairns (1930-2013) – nurse, missionary, pastor's wife, faithful church member - went to be with the Lord 17th November. She was 82. The eldest of 4 children, Margaret Dowling Baillie was born in the Sydenham area of East Belfast. She became a Christian when she was 12, and had a missionary interest as a teenager. Margaret attended the Strand Presbyterian Church and met Eddie Cairns when she was 18 at a Christian Endeavour meeting. They both felt called to be missionaries.

In the 1950s Margaret studied nursing in London and qualified as a State Registered Nurse, and she also spent a year as a student at British Isles Nazarene College. She and Eddie Cairns were married in 1955 and several weeks later they set sail for the USA to become students at Eastern Nazarene College. Missionary service in the Church of the Nazarene was to follow, and after a year in Mexico City to study Spanish, the Cairns were assigned to Belize (formerly British Honduras) where they laboured for some 13 years.

On the mission field Margaret had a varied ministry which included, driving a pick-up truck and learning to ride a horse, visiting and running clinics, encouraging and teaching the women, and home-schooling her own children.

Margaret was a constant support and help to her husband's ministry both on the mission field and at home. Returning to N. Ireland in 1972, which was at the height of the troubles, Rev Eddie Cairns became pastor of the Glenmore Street Church of the Nazarene, Belfast, and Margaret played an active role as a pastor's wife, sharing in a ministry of involvement, encouragement and faithfulness, that has characterised the lives of the Cairns over the years and on into retirement years.

Roselawn Crematorium, Belfast, was packed for the committal service held 21st November, and this was followed by a Service of Thanksgiving for Margaret's life held in the Megain Memorial Church of the Nazarene, Belfast, at which some 300 gathered. The service was conducted by the pastor, Rev Ivan Miles, and grandchildren, Naomi Foreman & Ben Cupples, read scripture. We thank God for the life and ministry of Margaret Cairns, and remember in our prayers Rev Eddie Cairns, Jessie, Peter, and Stephen, and the grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Margaret Cairns



Rev Raymond Busby

Rev Raymond Busby (1939-2013) passed away 23rd November. He was 74. Born in Dewsbury, Ray found the Lord as a teenager and felt the call to preach. He was one of a unique group of students to have studied at Hurler Nazarene College (near Glasgow), Beech Lawn Bible College (Stalybridge), and BINC (now Nazarene Theological College, Manchester).

Ray married fellow student, Jenny Jones, in 1960 in the Bristol Totterdown Church of the Nazarene, and the Busbys commenced a 4-year ministry in the Earlsfield Mission in South London. A Call to Teaching accompanied Ray's Call to Preach, and he pursued further studies eventually gaining BD and MSc degrees. Teaching assignments including becoming head of RE at a school in Adwick-le-Street and teaching at a Teacher Training College in Weymouth.

In 1978 Ray was led to move back into the pastoral ministry and accepted a Call from the Port Glasgow Church of the Nazarene in Scotland. For 4 years the Busbys served in this ship-building town on the River Clyde where many young people found Christ and were established in the faith under Ray's ministry. In 1982 Ray accepted a Call to the Dewsbury Church and a significant and fruitful 17-year ministry began.

On both North and South Districts Ray Busby served the church faithfully and in many ways...serving on district boards: the Board of Christian Life (sometimes as Chairperson), the Board of Ministry, and for some 12 years as a member of the Board of College Governors. And when retirement came in 1999, Ray kept faithful and involved supporting local Nazarene churches, preaching and taking special services, and in the prison ministry at Wakefield Prison.

The Dewsbury Church was packed for the Service of Thanksgiving for Ray Busby's life held 6th December. The Busbys' two sons-in-law, Rev Ian Newton (Barnsley) and Rev Albert Jackson (Army Chaplain) officiated and others took part including former District Superintendent, Rev Colin H. Wood, who brought a tribute on behalf of the Church of the Nazarene. We thank God for Ray's life of faithful service and ministry and we continue to remember Jenny Busby, Susan, Sharon, Kim, Tina and Barbara, and the six grandchildren, in our prayers.

SOUTH LADIES RETREAT

A total of 77 ladies from all over the South District gathered at Swanwick, Derbys, for the annual Ladies' retreat, held 24th-26th January.

This year's emphasis was on missions and the guest speaker was Pastor Zhana Georgeieva, who spoke on the theme, "Born with a Purpose". Zhana is the pastor of the Manaselka Reka Church of the Nazarene, Bulgaria, and works with disadvantaged Roma children and adults.

Mair Paton reports, "Zhana is passionate about her work and seems to have boundless energy! She shared about her step from atheism to becoming a believing Christian, but she was very honest about the challenges she has faced. The ladies always have a great time together – times of fun, renewed fellowship, discovering new talent, and sharing in inspirational worship with Ingrid Stanfield – what a great way to begin the New Year! And, of course enjoying the good facilities and food at the Conference Centre.



Worship & Celebration at the Ladies Retreat



Rose Marie de Vooght-Dawson (Ashton) ministering in song

MANSE LADIES RETREAT

Pastor Ann Goodwin (Manse Ministries Director North District) reports: "We had a great weekend, with 25 ladies present, some attending for the first time, at the Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross, Perthshire. Rev Ruth Turner (Larne, N.I.) shared in ministry and spoke on some of the Fruits of the Spirit from Galatians 5. We laughed together, cried together, shopped together, prayed together, coffee-ed together, learned together, swam together, and gym-ed together, and in the process God came as He promised He would. Now we know Him and each other a little better. Praise Him!"



North District Manse Ladies



HUGH RAE LIBRARY

Named in memory of former College Principal, Dr Hugh Rae, and dedicated 16th October 2010, the College Library now holds over 30,000 items, and comprises study and research areas, book borrowing facilities, and includes the Manchester Wesley Research Centre and College and District Archives.



The new librarian, Helen Stocker, commenced her work in July 2013 spending some six weeks working alongside former librarian, Rev Don Maciver. A graduate of St Andrew's University (MTh in Theology), Helen has just completed (in January 2014) her MA in Librarianship from the University of Sheffield with distinction. Work experience has included being, for two years, a library assistant for the Random House Publishing Group and Helen hopes to gain Chartership with the "Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals" over the next couple of years.



Librarian Helen Stocker

Helen comments, "Working as a librarian in a theological college was my dream job and I have not been disappointed over the past eight months. The job has not come without its challenges, but I love working with the students and my colleagues at NTC have been incredibly welcoming and supportive... I am also fortunate to work with two wonderful volunteers, Esther Mason and Hiromi Nuka, and I am blessed to have their support. The library is not only open to students and I warmly welcome anyone who would like to become an external member of the library. If you would like to find out more, please email me at library@nazarene.ac.uk

SEMINARY PRESIDENT ELECTED

Dr Carla Sunberg was elected the 10th, and the first woman, President of Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, USA, on 3rd January. A pastor, missionary, District Superintendent, and linguist, Dr Sunberg completed her doctoral work in historical theology at Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, graduating in October 2012. Her PhD dissertation was entitled, "The Cappadocian Mothers: Deification Exemplified in the Writings of Basil, Gregory and Gregory." Married to District Superintendent, Rev Chuck Sunberg (East Ohio District), Carla is the daughter of General Superintendent Emeritus, Dr Jerald D. Johnson and Mrs Alice Johnson.



Dr Carla Sunberg - NTS President

WHITE HOUSE ANNIVERSARY



The aristocratic figure of Philip Godlee at the White House (c.1940s)

This year marks the centenary of the building of the White House; the main College Administration building. This year is also the 70th anniversary of the College – founded in 1944 in Scotland.

Built in 1914 for William Melland, a prominent member of the Manchester City Council, the White House was bought in 1942 by Philip Godlee, the owner of the textile firm, "Simpson & Godlee". An amateur musician himself, Philip Godlee was chairman of the Hallé Concerts Society and was responsible for appointing John Barbirolli as principal conductor of the Hallé Orchestra in 1942. John Barbirolli would come to Didsbury to play string quartets with Godlee family members.

It was in 1958 that the White House was purchased, for £9,500, from the Godlee family to become Nazarene Theological College (formerly British Isles Nazarene College) and it became the focal point of our developing campus. There will be some Summer celebrations to mark these anniversaries, including a proposed concert by members of the present Godlee family.

MANSE FAMILIES MEAL

A Christmas meal and fun time was held Saturday, 14th December, for South District Pastors and their families (including retired pastors) in the café area at Nazarene Theological College. Approximately 35 adults and 10 children attended and Father Christmas duly arrived at the appointed time with presents for all the children. District Superintendent, Rev David Montgomery, comments, "We are very grateful for the help of Sharon Hutton who prepared a sumptuous Christmas dinner for us all."



Manse Families Christmas Meal at NTC

PRAYER CONFERENCE

Nearly 40 North District ministers attended the Prayer Conference held 3rd-4th February in Irvine. The theme of the 2-day retreat was "Ancient Paths" (see Jeremiah 6:16) and times of reflection, meditation and prayer were centred on the prayers of Jesus in John 17 (where Jesus prays for Himself, for His Disciples, and for all Believers), on the Psalms and on Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3. Speakers included Rev Dick Porter, Pastor Michael Kane, Dr Ian



Prayer Conference Worship

Wills and Rev Jim Ritchie. It was a time of spiritual refreshing and of drawing closer to God. Again thanks are expressed to the friends in the Irvine church for their wonderful hospitality.

SHEFFIELD UPDATES

There are two important developments taking place at the Sheffield Heeley Church. The first concerns the Church refurbishing/building project. Local Labour MP, Meg Munn, has offered her support for the project which is expected to cost in the region of £480,000. Details of this major project were included in the Spring 2013 issue of TOGETHER.

In giving her support Meg Munn MP says, "The Sheffield Heeley Church of the Nazarene has been a vibrant and active part of the Heeley community for over 25 years. As well as church services, it provides a number of fantastic community activities, including lunch clubs, dance and fitness classes.

They deserve a modern, attractive building so it can continue to be a valuable asset to the community. I am delighted to offer my endorsement for the building project."



Meg Munn MP (centre) reviews the Heeley plans with Sophie Peel-Yates (Chair of the Building Project) and local pastor, Rev Bruce Lloyd when visiting the church in December 2013

The second update relates to the ongoing development of the Food Bank ministry. On Sunday, 19th January, a commissioning service was held to celebrate the formal relationship between Heeley Nazarene and the Gleadless Valley Methodist Church. Rev Helen Lawson (Heeley Associate) and Rev Jonathan Haigh (Methodist) will be working together to discover how the two churches can share in mission with the people using the Food Bank which opened just over a year ago and which is based at the Methodist Church.

Rev Helen Lawson writes, "At the moment there is no 'map' for anything we do in this ministry... we are seeking to try to practice and relearn our faith and to be a blessing among people who do not yet know that God loves them...over the next months we are looking for a small number of people who would commit themselves to praying regularly for the work we hope to be a part of on the Gleadless Valley Estate."



The Gleadless Valley Estate which is about 1 mile from Heeley

LARGS MISSION

An 8-day mission with the theme "Come and See" was held at the Largs Church, 26th January-2nd February. Meetings were held during the day, with a light lunch being served at 1.00 pm with praise and ministry following. Held in partnership with The Faith Mission, the ministry was shared by Rev William Harrison and Rev Gordon Thomson. Largs Pastor, Rev Trish Laird, says, "...the average attendance was 30 with 41 present on the last day and each day there were groups of different people present. Many were blessed and encouraged during the course of the mission, and the ministry in word and song touched every heart."



Some of the men who attended the Largs Mission

Troon Members



New members were welcomed into the Troon Church of the Nazarene on Sunday, 19th November. Pictured with the pastor, Rev Claire L. Fender are: (l to r) Gordon Donaldson, Duncan McCallum, Rev Claire L. Fender, Mary Ann Stella, Jean Donaldson

NYI WINTER RETREAT

Held at the Stirling Youth Hostel (near Stirling Castle), 14th-16th February, 70 young people, from 7 churches on the Mainland Zone, shared in this winter retreat. Study times centred on Ephesians 5, and speakers included Matt Ross, Jack Swan & Pastor Chris Franklin (Perth), Amy Warner (Erskine), Samuel Robinson (Carrick), and Melanie Ward (Erskine) led the worship. NYI District President, Matt Ross, reports, "...an excellent time was had by all."



Retreat group on a beautiful bright day with the Wallace Monument in the distance

PERTH BAPTISM

The Trinity Church of the Nazarene, Perth, was packed on Sunday evening 26th January for a very special baptism service. After inspiring worship and ministry, senior pastor, Rev Jim Ritchie, and youth pastor Chris Franklin, baptised a total of 17 people of all ages. Those giving public witness to their faith in Jesus Christ were: Erin Carr, Lynn Cooper, Iona Duncan, Alix Edward, Cassie Fraser, Catherine Gillespie, Andy Henderson, Joyce Henderson, Laura Inglis, Gail Jamieson, Rhianna Lindridge, Ben McCleary, Kirsty McPhail, Carolann Netherington, Andrew Smith, Becka Vallot, Rachel Watson.



Rev Jim Ritchie (r) & Pastor Chris Franklin in the baptism tank



The Perth congregation worshipping

TIME FOR REFLECTION

Rev Geoff Austin (Ardrossan) was the speaker at "Time for Reflection" at the Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, 3rd December. Speaking about the contribution the Ardrossan church is making to the community and town, Rev Austin challenged Scotland's politicians to not only have a vision, but to carry it through.



Rev Geoff Austin is welcomed by the Presiding Officer

STREET PASTORS



Pioneered in London in 2003, the Street Pastors ministry of "caring, listening, helping" is now present in around 250 centres in the UK with over 900 trained volunteers. Street Pastors, who work in conjunction with the authorities and with their blessing, commit themselves to being available one night a month from between 9.30 pm and 4.30 am the following morning.

Roy & Cheryl Adair (Paisley) have recently completed their training to qualify as Street Pastors

MORE THAN GOLD



Churches in Scotland, and particularly in the Greater Glasgow area, are getting ready for the 20th Commonwealth Games to be held 23rd July-3rd August. The "More than Gold" organisation is co-ordinating and promoting prayer activities, various ministries and community events and encouraging local churches to make use of the resources available to them as thousands of athletes and visitors come to Scotland. The

Parkhead Church is strategically placed and close to some of the main sporting venues and plans are being made to be involved in a variety of ways. Further information can be found on www.morethangold2014.org.uk



Fiona Kilpatrick (Erskine) & Chris Ross (Parkhead) who qualified as Street pastors last November.

YOUTH NEWS

The Scotland Zone NYI CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA, held on Saturday 28th December, took the form of a 'Tinnies' Film Festival. Held at the Parkhead Church of the Nazarene, Glasgow, about 50 young people from across the zone enjoyed a meal, quiz, and watching the videos submitted by each group. Prizes were given for different categories, with Ardrossan being crowned as the overall winner.

Reporter: Ruth Lloyd.



Extravaganza at Parkhead Nazarene

Around 40 young people attended the **NI ZONE RETREAT** held 15th-17th November at Derganagh House, Ballycastle. It was a weekend of fun, fellowship and Bible teaching. The speaker was Keith Mitchell from Crown Jesus Ministries, and over the weekend 4 young people committed their lives to Christ for which we praise God. The young people connected well with each other and many friendships were made. We are still seeing the benefits of this time together, and we are excited to see what God has in His plans for us in the year ahead. Please continue to pray for our young people.

Reporter: Debbie Kane.



Northern Ireland Youth Weekend

PARKHEAD CELEBRATION

A Baptism and Membership service was held on Sunday morning, 16th February, at Parkhead. Those baptised were, Elaine Innis, Grace Graham, and Jim Gaitens. New members welcomed were Bill & Naomi Caldwell, Sue & Stuart Simpson, and Craig, Andrea & Ashleigh Smith (and transfer recognised for Willie & Lynne Hyslop).



Dr Ian Wills (senior pastor) prays for the baptism and membership candidates as Board and Ministry Team members gather around

ATHERTON ANNIVERSARY



The Atherton church (near Bolton) celebrated its 80th Anniversary over the weekend 15th-16th February. Due to the bad weather in the South, invited speaker (and former Pastor) Rev David Thirkell was unable to attend. A musical programme was brought by the Bolton Male Voice Praise on the Saturday evening, and Rev Alan Longworth (Bolton) and Laurie Shaw (licenced minister) were the weekend speakers.



Part of the Anniversary Congregation

Two children's clubs are held at the Atherton church – FUSION (5-11s), and YHWH's 11-15s). Last November a farewell party was held for Lewis Crook (age 13), who had been attending the clubs since he was 5, and who was leaving with his family for New Zealand.



Farewell party to Lewis at the "YHWH" with Club leaders, Aaron & Laurie Shaw (not pictured Mary Yates)

CARLISLE VISIT

"Community Reach" – a Nazarene Compassionate Ministry project – was privileged to host a visit by the Rt Hon Oliver Letwin MP, Minister of State for Policy, who was accompanied by John Stevenson MP, the Member of Parliament for Carlisle. The Charity Director, Rev I. Barrie Thomas, reports, "... it was a fact finding mission to determine what worked in community regeneration and how "Community Reach" has achieved its status as providing best practice in this field. Further discussions have been promised on this matter by the Minister."



(l to r) Oliver Letwin MP, Rev I Barrie Thomas, and John Stevenson MP

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IMPORTANT DATES

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DRYSDALE LECTURE (NTC)

3rd March - Dr Philip Lewis

LAUNCH: MANCHESTER CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF CHRISTIANITY & ISLAM

3rd-4th March

COLLEGE OPEN DAY

11th March

DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES

14th-15th March - Dewsbury (South)

14th-17th March - Paisley (North)

Dr J.K. Warrick

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE

26th April - Irvine

NYI LEADERS RECEPTION (N.I)

26th April

PASTORS' SUMMER SCHOOL (NTC)

19th-22nd May

SYDNEY MARTIN LECTURE (NTC)

20th May - Rev Dr Nigel Wright

NTC HOUSE PARTY (Over 18s)

23rd-25th May

CHILDREN'S QUIZZING (NORTH)

24th May - Perth

ALL-AGE SPORTS & FUND DAY (NORTH)

31st May - Ayrshire

SUNDAY SCHOOL CAMP (NORTH)

5th-11th July - Auchengillan

NORTHBREAK (NORTH)

2nd-8th August - Lancaster

BREAKTHRU (SOUTH)

9th-16th August - Lancaster

YOUTH HOLIDAY (SOUTH)

24th-29th August - Staffordshire

COLLEGE GRADUATION

18th October - Dr Dan Copp

DIDSBURY LECTURES (NTC)

27th-30th October - Professor Frances M. Young

INDUCTIONS

GOVAN – The Glasgow Govan church was full for the welcome and induction of joint pastors Rob & Bev Fitzjohn held Saturday, 18th January. The Fitzjohns, who are both District Licenced Ministers, come originally from S. Africa, and have been involved in ministry in the Cramlington Church. The service was led by Rev Tommy Goodwin MBE and the District Superintendent preached and conducted the induction.



(l.to r) Rev Philip McAlister (DS), Pastor Rob & Pastor Bev Fitzjohn, Pastor Ronnie McCullough (former pastor)

CARLISLE – extra chairs were needed on Saturday, 22nd February, for the Induction of Rev Steve Chism to the Carlisle church. Originally from N. Ireland, Steve is a graduate of Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, USA, and has pastored the Grimsby, Bolton 1st and Cramlington churches. The Induction Service was led by the District Superintendent, Rev Philip McAlister, and words of welcome were brought from Rev Tommy Goodwin MBE and Cath Queen (Board Member).



(l.to r) Cath Queen, Megan, Michelle & Rev Steve Chism, Rev Philip McAlister

MORLEY – the Induction of Rev Trevor J. Christians to the Morley pastorate took place on Saturday, 22nd February. Rev Christians comes from the Republic of South Africa and following preparation at Nazarene Theological College, Port Elizabeth, pastored, over a 20-year period, four churches on the Western Cape District. Rev Christians has served on various district boards, engaged in post graduate studies and served as academic dean in the area of ministerial education; he is married to Twyla (who comes from New England). The Induction service was led by Rev John Paton and the District Superintendent, Rev David Montgomery, spoke and conducted the Induction.



(l.to r) Rev Trevor Christians, Twyla Christians, Rev David Montgomery

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