



# CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

## 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)

BRITISH ISLES

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### “EXCEPT THE LORD BUILDS THE HOUSE...”

It was a grand opening and a wonderful weekend! To God be the Glory! The completely rebuilt *Sharpe Memorial Church of the Nazarene, Parkhead, Glasgow* was officially opened and dedicated over the weekend 7th/8th September. A community street party was held on the Saturday with approximately 500 people attending, and a Praise Gathering/Scottish Ceilidh event was held in the evening. Senior Pastor, **Dr Ian G. Wills** led the Sunday morning dedication service. **Dr Samuel W. Hynd CBE** – now age 89 and the grandson of the founder, **Dr George Sharpe** – cut the ribbon, former pastor, **Rev Colin H. Wood**, read scripture and **Rev Philip McAlister** (District Superintendent) led in the Act of Dedication and preached the sermon. The church was full for the occasion, with local Member of Parliament and Member of the Scottish Parliament present, along with many former members and friends of the church.



The 'Generation to Generation' logo which was used to promote the Building Project



Parkhead Nazarene

The church on Burgher Street, founded in 1906 as the Parkhead Pentecostal Church (which united with the Nazarene denomination in 1915), is the “Mother Church” of the Church of the Nazarene in the British Isles, and it was in the original building that the first woman in the British Isles was ordained – **Olive Winchester** in 1912. The site was designated an *Historical Landmark* at the recent General Assembly.

member – Ica Architects), is costing over £900,000 (building and furnishings/equipment included). It is purpose built, economical, and with modern facilities. The design includes a large entrance/café area, kitchen & toilets, first floor rooms, elevator, second floor storage rooms, an external paved courtyard and garden, and the multi-purpose “Sharpe Hall” can easily seat 200. “**Parkhead Nazarene**” has attracted the attention of local newspapers and much interest has been shown in the new building which is in use every day of the week as the church seeks to serve the community and to reach people with the Gospel.

The new building, which was designed by **Ian Burleigh** (local Church Board



Dr Samuel W. Hynd and his daughter, Dr Elizabeth Hynd (who both travelled from Swaziland for the occasion), being interviewed by Pastor Ian Wills in the Sunday evening service



The spacious bright “Sharpe Hall”



Dr Samuel W. Hynd CBE cuts the ribbon



The Courtyard...folk queue for burgers with the bucking bronco at the Street Party



# FAMILY HOLIDAYS AT CONDOVER HALL

**CONDOVER HALL** – near Shrewsbury – was a new venue for both the Northbreak & Breakthru district holidays. The magnificent mansion, supplemented by accommodation blocks, dining facilities, and outward bound course equipment, made it an ideal setting for the holiday activities and programmes. A good sized marquee, pitched on the back lawn, purchased by the Breakthru Holiday Team/ South District, created a new atmosphere for worship and fun gatherings. The Northbreak Holiday is grateful that it was able to negotiate arrangements to use the marquee too.



*Communion Service in the marquee*



*Some of the young people - from Erskine, Parkhead, & Perth*



*Some of the Northbreak team & speakers: (l.to r) Dave & Pamela Allan (with Emily), Ian & Carolyn Wills, Steve & Ruth Clarkson, Jim & Maggie Ritchie, Colin & Mary Wood, Richard & Esther Wood, Michael & Debbie Kane.*

**NORTHBREAK** – was held 3rd-9th August with approx 180 attending. Programmes, activities and trips were arranged and evening celebrations were held in the marquee. This year's speakers included, Mary Wood (Parkhead), Rev Jim Ritchie (Perth), Dr Ian Wills (Parkhead), Pastor Michael Kane (Carrickfergus), Aaron & Brittany Bolerjack (USA/Europe). And good use was made of the various activities – climbing, abseiling, archery, swimming pool and various initiative exercises. Thanks to Holiday Director, Steve Clarkson (Perth) and his team for their work on another great Northbreak.



*"Bygone days at the Beach" – complete with 'handkerchief hats' for men, and the ice cream cart*

**BREAKTHRU** – About 150 of all ages enjoyed the South District holiday which was held 17th-24th August. Most of the gatherings were held in the marquee and Rev Peter O'Brien and Andy Evans arranged and co-ordinated the programme. This year's speakers included Dr David McCulloch (former College Principal) and Rev Chris Lewis (Leeds South).

Children and adults had a great time on the outdoor climbing areas, and there were various sports, crafts and singing activities to enjoy. On Monday there was the creation of "bygone days at the beach" complete with a "beach" (sand area), ice-cream salesman, stalls and games. The week also included a boat trip, concert, campfire, 'fright-night' and a murder mystery. As part of the week's programme a visiting mime artist gave an amazing testimony, and the week ended with a lovely communion service held in the near-by old sandstone Condoval Church. Thanks are expressed to all who helped to make Breakthru such a success.



*Two Country Yokels (Andy Evans (left) & Rev Pete O'Brien) brought the news - and jokes - each morning*



*The High Ropes and Gladiator Wall...only for the brave!*

## Retirals

**EDINBURGH.** A farewell service of appreciation for the ministry of Rev Margaret G. Vosper was held in the Edinburgh Clermiston Church on 7th July when greetings were brought and a special presentation made on behalf of the local church. On Sunday, 28th July, the Rev Philip McAlister (DS) presented Margaret with a plaque to mark her retirement. Following a career in nursing, Margaret trained for and entered the Nazarene ministry and has served in churches on both districts – in Batley, Ashton, and Edinburgh Clermiston - over a period of 20 years.



**GOVAN.** The Glasgow Govan church held a special service of farewell for Pastor Ronnie & Gladys McCullough on Sunday, 28th July. The service was led by Rev Andrew W.L. Young and Rev Philip McAlister (DS) preached the message and presented Ronnie with a plaque to mark his retirement. The McCulloughs have been in ministry for nearly 30 years, first with the Edinburgh & Belfast City Missions, and for the last 9 years in the Govan Church of the Nazarene.



## HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB

**Dromore, N. Ireland.**

**Esther Somerville**

reports. "During the week 19th-23rd August, we held our Holiday Bible club with the theme, 'Sonworld Adventure Park'. Over the week we had 90 different children in attendance who were taught how to "Choose Jesus". The hall was decorated as an adventure park and we had our very own 'dodgem car' made!



*Esther & Ruth in action – on a roller coaster!*

"On various nights we had popcorn, pic-n-mix, and other food associated with a theme park, but most importantly the children had the opportunity of hearing about Jesus through Bible stories, singing, quizzes, crafts and games. Children learnt, over the 5 nights, how to, Choose to Believe, Choose to Act, Choose to Forgive, Choose to Obey, Choose Jesus."



*Children in 'Sonworld Adventure Park'*



# SHANKILL CELEBRATION



*Pastor Philip Evans presents  
Beth Morrow with the  
Distinguished Service Award*

The **Belfast Shankill** church held a special weekend 21st/22nd September to celebrate, the 25th Anniversary of ministry in their present building, Harvest Festival, and (on the Saturday), 25 years of Caravan. The theme for the weekend, was, "Thanking God for the Past, Praising Him for the Present, and Looking to Him for the Future!"

**Pastor Philip Evans** reports, "...at a special Praise Night on Saturday, 21st September, Beth Morrow was presented with a Distinguished Service Award in recognition of 25 years as Caravan Director – a position she continues to hold. Rev David Evans (Desertmartin) was the speaker on Sunday for Harvest Thanksgiving and he reminded the congregation of the need to bring a message for today to the people of the Shankill. And Evelyn Edgar was presented with a certificate in recognition of the 24 years of ministry she and her late husband, Rev D. Fred Edgar, gave to the Shankill Church. "



*Caravanners in the Shankill church*

## SPONSORED BIKE-RIDE

320 miles covered, every church in Scotland visited, some sore muscles, and over £4,000 raised! David Cochrane's Caledonian Cycle Ride took place over the three days 16th-18th August. Starting in Perth the route swung south to Edinburgh and then across the central belt to Lanarkshire and to the Ayrshire churches, then doubling back to Renfrewshire and Glasgow and north to Perth.

The funds are being raised for 2 charities: "Wish You Were Here" is a Northbreak Holiday Fund to help people attend the Holiday (this year nearly 20 were helped by this Fund), and "Open Door Foundation" which is a women's refuge in Bucharest, Romania (Naomi Cochrane - David & Jacqueline Cochrane's daughter - was in Romania between June & July).

David writes, "Over the years I have been greatly blessed by our Nazarene family in our district and beyond (when Jacqueline & I lived overseas). If this cycle ride helps others experience the Father's blessing through our Northbreak or Romanian ministries...this is the least I could do."



*'Pit stop' at Parkhead Nazarene – David Cochrane (foreground in yellow) with fellow cyclist, Bryan McLachlan and some from the Parkhead church*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CAMPS

### Whithaugh Park, Scottish Borders, 20th-26th July.

Rev Nathan Payne reports. "Sunshine, Celebration, Swimming, Camp Fires, FOOD! Prayer, Water, Child Sacrifice (acting out the Abraham & Isaac story of course), Communion, Confession...Oh – and Midges!

"Camp 2013 was an incredible time of making friends and meeting God. Year after year CAMP provides some of the most spiritually significant moments in a person's life. Year after year friends are made that are friends for life. CAMP isn't just a holiday, it is an investment. Invest in your children and young people by making it possible for them to be a part of CAMP 2014. Next year we are to go to a new venue – Auchengillan Outdoor Centre, just a few miles north of Glasgow, which offers great facilities and close proximity to some great places. Dates – 5th-11th July."

### Peak Centre, Derbyshire, 5th-9th August

(23 children and 8 adults attending).

Rev Tracey Day reports. "'Avast there me hearties! Shiver me timbers and splice the main-brace!!' It all began in the beginning of August when a motley crew of 7-11 year-olds were spied coming over the horizon of the Peak Centre in Derbyshire. These children from all around both districts were at camp to learn how to become a "Jesus Crew!" Under the keen and watchful eye of Captain Kate (sometimes known as Tracey Day!) and her helpers, the children were tried and tested, fed and watered! The recruits learned all about the Jesus Bible Crew and also the story of Saul – a wicked and ruthless land-pirate that had himself joined the Jesus Crew and changed his ways.

"While contemplating these wonderful and ancient stories of the 'Jesus Crew' of old, the children were put through their pirate paces...learning vital pirate skills such as archery, wall-climbing, surprise water-bomb attacks, and how to find your way through a dark and dangerous forest blindfolded (you never know when a young pirate might need such skills!). In the evenings songs were sung, marshmallows were toasted around the campfire and adventure tales were told. A great adventure was had by all. But on the last night there was the greatest celebration of all – for many of these 'young recruits' did indeed join Jesus' crew and their greatest adventure has only just begun as they follow wherever He leads! 'Yo Ho Ho and a bottle of pop!' - maybe next year you would like to join us!!"



*2013 campers – children, helpers and leaders*



*'Pirates in Training' at the  
South District Camp*

# SHEFFIELD NEWS

*Rev Bruce Lloyd reports:*

**BAPTISM** - Eight from the Sheffield Church were baptised on Sunday 6th October. The service was held in the former Norfolk Park Church, which was full for the occasion, and the congregation included many family members and friends of the candidates. Those baptised were, Adeyinka Akinsanya, Camilla Godwin-Kissoondyal, James Strong, Amelia Pico, Conor Merrison, Tom Salmons, Mandy Westran and Mark Strong. Rev Helen Lawson led the service and Rev Bruce Lloyd brought the message.



*Baptism candidates (with towels) and their sponsors*

**PARTNERSHIP** – The Sheffield Ministry Team has been in conversation with the minister of the local Methodist Church to discuss the possibility of working together in the nearby Gleadless Valley area. It is at this Methodist Church that the local Foodbank is located and the discussion has centred on possible ways of developing a ministry to the growing number of people using the Foodbank. Already a Prayer Room has been opened and a Service of Thanksgiving for the Foodbank project has been arranged for November.

**BUILDING** – the sale of the former Norfolk Park Church and Manse is nearing completion and the Church is in the process of applying for funding for the £½ million renovation and improvement programme of the Heeley building. The Church is very grateful for the support and interest that has been shown by the local Member of Parliament, Meg Munn MP.

## REGIONAL DIRECTOR APPOINTED

Following nomination by the Board of General Superintendents and ratification by the General Board, Rev Arthur Snijders has been appointed to the position of Eurasia Regional Director with effect from 1st November.

Rev Snijders is the 4th Regional Director of our region...he succeeds, Dr Thomas W. Schofield, Dr R. Franklin Cook, and Dr Gustavo A. Crocker... who was elected a General Superintendent at the recent General Assembly.

Born in Rotterdam, and married to Rev Annemarie Snijders (church-planting pastor of the Veenendall Kerk van de Nazarener), Rev Snijders has pastored in the UK and in the Netherlands, served as District Superintendent of the Netherlands District (since 2000), and as Field Strategy Coordinator of the North European Field. He is a graduate of European Nazarene College, (Switzerland), the Evangelical Theological Seminary (Louvain, Belgium) and has been a visiting lecturer at the Christian College (Ede, Netherlands).



*Rev Arthur Snijders – Regional Director*

Rev Snijders says, "...we feel honoured that the Lord and the church have called us to this place of service and leadership. Eurasia Region brings together a challenging diversity... As my wife and I open our lives to this diverse family of peoples and nations, we do so as part of a caring and wise team of field and district leaders that has been built over the past years. This makes us very grateful to the Lord and our church."

### Please note...

#### DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES 2014 DATES

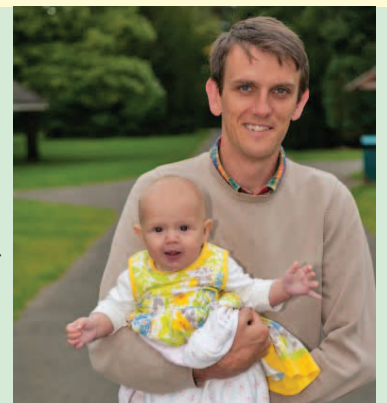
**14th-15th March (South)**

**14th-17th March (North)**

## NYI PRESIDENT ELECTED

Rev Carl McCann was elected South District NYI President at the AGM held 14th September in Sheffield. Originally from Ashton, Carl studied at Nazarene Theological College and has been pastor of the Ashton church for 7 years. Married to Lauren, the McCanns have three children, Paige, Micah and Rebekah.

Carl writes, "I benefitted greatly from my years as part of NYuk through the formation of life-long friendships, through many important spiritual encounters with God (including my Call to ministry), and through countless opportunities to get involved in ministries and mission trips. My hope and prayer is that I will be used to empower and encourage young people so that they can have similar experiences but in ways that are appropriate to the needs of this current generation."



*Rev Carl McCann & Rebekah*



# LONDON UPDATE

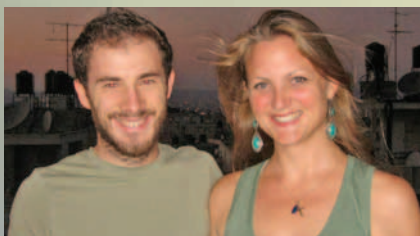
Rev Jason Nike reports: "Our Mission Statement at "Fresh Ground London" (slightly, yet significantly, adapted from that of the general church), is "to make Christ-like disciples, in community, through genuine friendships." As we looked to carry forward this mission, our core group had a vision to transform our church building (formerly the Thomas Memorial) in the heart of Battersea into a multi-use, relational hub, that will better facilitate the church in serving and creating meaningful relationships with the local community. We are now over mid-way through this exciting and often challenging project. When completed the building will comprise two large multi-use hall spaces, a street-side coffee house, offices, and at least two onsite apartments.

"In our community there are an overwhelming number of young families. Our postcode has the highest number of 0-5 year-olds per head in the whole of Europe! As such, any services that cater to this demographic are massively oversubscribed and venues to host appropriate activities and services extremely rare. We envisage that our two hall spaces will primarily be used throughout the week by the church and outside agencies to serve this need. We are also delighted to be having Pastor Tim Bowen Evans and his wife Kate joining the pastoral team at some point next year. As well as sharing pastoral duties, Tim will be looking to establish and engage the church and local community in compassionate ministries, using our building as a base for this. It is intended that the coffee house will be a relaxed space for the general public and for those using the building, to enjoy good coffee, cake, conversation, and to build those genuine relationships. The onsite accommodation will be used to house church workers and volunteers, as housing costs in London would otherwise prohibit the potential for such a team ministry.

"We are so grateful for the on-going prayer and support which we have received from many people in the UK church. There is a long and great heritage of holiness ministry associated with our building and of men and women of faith who have served this community. We are looking to carry forward the torch and spread the fire to this generation, breaking new ground in fresh ways."



*Site inspection! – Pastor, Rev Jason Nike (right) with former pastor, Rev Werner & Angelika Stöppler, who were visiting from Germany*



*Pastor Tim & Kate Evans - who will join the team in 2014 (Tim comes originally from Greystones, Ireland, and has been the pastor of the Nazarene church in Jerusalem)*



*Internal work at the Battersea Rise Church*

## GLASGOW LEARNING CENTRE

In addition to the Learning Centre that has been established at NCM House, Belfast, a second centre has been operating in Glasgow. Some months ago the College Course on Holiness was taught, the group meeting in the John Wheatley College. A second Ministerial Studies Course is being taught this autumn for those taking studies required for ordination and meeting in the Parkhead Church, Glasgow.



*"Polity & Practice" course being taught by Dr Deirdre Brower Latz and Rev Colin H. Wood*

## PATONS VISIT THE NORTH

**Rev John & Mair Paton** visited churches on the North District recently, sharing in a preaching and singing ministry. Over the weekend 28th-29th September they were in Desertmartin, N.I. for Harvest services, and the following weekend, 5th-6th October, in Irvine, for the Church Anniversary. Rev John Paton holds the distinction of having served as District Superintendent of both North & South Districts – North District 1987-1992, South District 1992-2002.



*(l.to r) Rev John & Mair Paton with Irvine pastor, Rev Des Robinson.*

## MISSION TO BULGARIA

**The NYUK North District Mission Team** were in Bulgaria for 10 days, 13th-23rd July, running kids clubs in the villages of Vidrare, Ravnishte and Manaselska Reka in mornings, and working in the orphanage in Vidrare in the afternoons, working alongside Zhana Georgeieva, who is a Nazarene pastor..



*Mission Team (l.to r) Craig Fenton (Carrickfergus), Jess Canning (Houston), Victoria Ogilvie (Lisburn), Steven Purdy (Lisburn), Ruth Lloyd (Parkhead), Jess Hutt (Parkhead)*



## PASTORS' CONFERENCES

**Bawtry Hall**, near Doncaster, was the venue for the South Conference, held 24th-26th October. District Superintendent, Rev David Montgomery, reports, "The theme of the conference was "Encouraging the Encouragers" and a number of speakers took part. Rev Philip McAlister, (North District DS) challenged us from Psalm 139:23-24 and spoke on God searching and testing us, and Dr Deirdre Brower Latz (College Principal) brought morning devotions. Seminars were also held; Rev Terry Durose (Director of the Manchester City Mission) spoke on Conflict Management, and Rev Trevor Hutton (Momentum) spoke about the current growth of the church in the UK and across the world. We were challenged and informed.

"**North District** pastors met in N. Ireland, 28th-30th October, at the Glenada Conference Centre, Newcastle, Co Down, and the theme of the conference was, "Refresh". The three main speakers were in Ireland in connection with the 365M programme (a post-graduate missions/cross-cultural course based at Nazarene Theological Seminary (NTS), Kansas City). Dr Norm Henry (a clinical psychologist from the Global Mission Center, USA) spoke on the subject, "In it for the long haul", Dr Dean Blevins (professor of Christian Discipleship and Formation at NTS) spoke on "Life-long learning" and Dr David Wesley (professor of Intercultural Studies) spoke on the 356M programme. Others taking part included, Rev Geoff Austin, Rev Claire Fender, Pastor Nicole McConkey and Pastor Martyn Johnstone. Some very special and blessed times of sharing and prayer were also a part of the conference.



*Conference participants at Bawtry Hall*



*North District group at Glenada*



Attending the North conference was Rev Erich Fischer (above left - pastor of the Greystones Church) and Youth Worker, Stephen Byford. (Originally from New Zealand, and a student at the Irish Bible Institute studying Applied Theology, Stephen has been working in the Greystones Church for the past 10 months. ...one of Stephen's talents is that of 'fire performing').



*(l.to r) Rev Colin H. Wood, Dr David Wesley, Dr Norm Henry, Dr Dean Blevins, Rev Philip McAlister.*

## CHURCHES IN PARTNERSHIP

The **Uddingston & Viewpark churches** have been working closely together since July 2012. This partnership has brought much blessing and encouragement to both fellowships over these months. Sunday services are shared (Sunday morning in Uddingston and at Viewpark for "café church" on Sunday evenings) and this has resulted in increased attendance for both churches. Every 3 months both church boards meet together to discuss vision and outreach. And both churches have installed new kitchens to improve their facilities. The two pastors, Rev Clive Tutty (Uddingston) and Pastor Andrew Goodwin (Viewpark), want to form a clear connection between the two churches and within two communities. Rev Clive Tutty comments, "...working together in this way is a great blessing to both pastors and we hope to build up the work by combining our strengths".



*A happy group at Glenada*



*The new and extended Uddingston kitchen*



*Viewpark's new kitchen*

Recently the two fellowships enjoyed a weekend retreat at the Glenada Conference Centre, Newcastle, Co. Down, when Rev Dick & Karen Porter, and Pastor Martyn Johnstone shared in ministry.

## SOUTH YOUTH CAMP

### The NYUK South District Youth Camp

was held mid-August in Eastbourne, East Sussex with around 40 young people attending along with a strong team of leaders each with different gifts and talents. Jo Tamburello reports, "...the theme for the week was "Kids TV" (new and old) with the services focused on the theme of transformation. Pastor Ben Goodwin was the speaker for the week and God really challenged and spoke to a lot of the young people and leaders too. We had a 'mission morning' in a local town in the form of doing acts of kindness. And we had an amazing banquet towards the end of the week which was followed by an entertaining talent show. The camp has had a lot of positive feed-back from both leaders and young people and it will not be forgotten. ...bring on Smallwood 2014!"



*2013 Youth Camp "characters"*

## MINISTRIES DAY

Held on Saturday 14th September in the Parkhead Nazarene church, this North District Ministries Day took as its theme, "Improving Your Serve..." It was a day of reunion, worship, learning and celebration. Seminars were held and presentations given on a variety of topics including, prayer, children's ministry, street pastors, food banks and testimonies were given. A bookstall and various exhibits made a valuable contribution to the day's activities.



*Some of those who attended the District Ministries Day*



**GRADUATION** – the Whitworth Hall of Manchester University was well filled for the Graduation Service, held 19th October. A total of 37 were graduated (including 2 PhDs) and the guest speaker was Dr Calvin Samuel – Director of the Wesley Study Centre at Durham University. Dr Samuel is a former student of the College (graduating in 1997 with the BA(Hons) in Pastoral Studies), has been a visiting lecturer, and completed doctoral studies at King's College, London, prior to taking up his present position at Durham in 2010.

**PROJECTS COMPLETED** – the “tower” access at the north end of Hurler Hall is now complete ( this means that there are now 3 apartments located in the loft space, the third and final apartment will be officially dedicated as the “Graham Suite” at a future date in memory of Nazarene missionaries, Jim & Agnes Graham). New drains and tarmac have been laid in the car park area in front of the White House for which £8,000 was raised through the “Principal’s Project”, and an annexe-extension to the rear of Hurler Hall has provided an additional common room and kitchen for students.

**OUR HISTORY** – the ministry of Maynard G. James and the work of the Calvary Holiness Church (1935-1955) were featured in a display at the College which was visited by many over graduation weekend. College Archivist, Andrew Newing, prepared the display, and further exhibitions of various aspects of our work and heritage are planned. Rev Paul James, retired Church of England vicar and son of Maynard G. James, was one who visited the display.

**INTRODUCING** - the archives department at the College has always been of significance and importance to the College and to the Districts. In September of this year the College appointed Andrew Newing as archivist.

Andrew comes originally from Sussex by the sea and has a Salvation Army heritage and background, and following trombone playing in a Salvation Army band joined the Army and became a military musician. Following discharge and secular employment, Andy became a mature student at NTC studying for the BA(Hons) degree, and it was at this time he discovered a love of history and was introduced to the College Archives. He is married to Annette (the marriage service was held in the College Chapel) who also became a student at NTC.

Andrew is now completing a Masters degree in “Archive and Record Management” through the University of Dundee. He has a long-standing love of antiquities and is particularly interested in church and family history (and he is the proud owner of “Grace” – a lovingly restored Morris Minor!). As far as his work at NTC-Archives is concerned Andy says it is a task he undertakes with great relish!

**DIDSBURY LECTURES** - The annual Didsbury Lectures were held in the Maclagan Chapel 28th-31st October. It was standing room only on the first night and good attendances throughout the 4 days as Professor Gordon Wenham (now semi-retired), lecturer in Old Testament at Trinity College, Bristol, spoke on the topic, “Making Sense of Genesis 1-11”. Many others followed the lectures on-line...which are still available at [www.livestream.com/ntcmanchester](http://www.livestream.com/ntcmanchester) On Tuesday an evening reception was held when NTC Alumni were able to meet and talk to Professor Wenham.



*Faculty & Graduates with (foreground – l.to r) Dr Peter Rae, Dr Deirdre Brower Latz (Principal) Dr Calvin Samuel, Dr Kent Brower*



*Dr Calvin Samuel bringing the address*



*Graduation worship in the Whitworth Hall*



*The new Hurler Hall kitchen extension...*



*...and Common Room*



*“Tarmac’d” at last*



*Rev Paul James (r) with College Archivist, Andy Newing at the display*



*Andrew Newing – College Archivist*



*Professor Gordon Wenham*

## LADIES CONFERENCE

The first Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries (SSDM) sponsored ladies gathering in N. Ireland was held Saturday, 2nd November, in the Clarion Hotel, Carrickfergus, with over 80 attending. The speaker, Pastor Ann Goodwin, spoke on the topic, "Your God is Too Small". There were two main teaching sessions, when Ann dealt with the images of God we construct – some that are good and some not so good. However, whatever our image of God is, He is always more, and always bigger. It is important how we think of God because we need to portray God as He truly is to others.

A third session was a prayer focus when prayer was offered for local needs and situations. There was also opportunity given for individuals to be prayed for and some were ministered to in this way.

Thanks are expressed to Isabel Hamill (Belfast) who coordinated the arrangements, in consultation with the North District SSDM team, and to the ladies from Belfast First Church who led the worship. The ladies were glad for the opportunity to be together and the hotel was very hospitable and helpful.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### 2013

**NYUK HOUSEPARTY (NTC)**  
15th-17th November

**N.I. ZONE NYI WEEKEND AWAY**  
15th-17th November

**NYI EXTRAVANGAZA (NORTH)**  
21st December

### 2014

**PASTORS' PRAYER CONFERENCE (NORTH)**  
2nd-3rd February

**MANSE LADIES RETREAT (NORTH)**  
7th-9th February

**NYI WINTER RETREAT (NORTH)**  
14th-16th February

**DRYSDALE LECTURE (NTC)**  
3rd March

**COLLEGE OPEN DAY**  
11th March

**DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES**  
14th-15th March - South  
14th-17th March - North  
Dr J.K. Warrick

**PASTORS' SUMMER SCHOOL (NTC)**  
19th-22nd May

**SYDNEY MARTIN LECTURE (NTC)**  
20th May

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CAMP (NORTH)**  
5th-11th July

**YOUTH HOLIDAY (SOUTH)**  
24th-29th August

**COLLEGE GRADUATION**  
18th October

**DIDSBURY LECTURES (NTC)**  
27th-30th October

## INDUCTIONS

**GRIMSBY – Pastor Dennis Braham** was installed as associate pastor of the Grimsby Trinity Church on Saturday, 20th July. The service was led by the pastor, Rev Joy Osborne, Rev Trevor Hutton brought the message, and the induction was conducted by Rev David Montgomery (District Superintendent).

Dennis is a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors and worked for over 30 years in private practice as a surveyor. He has studied at Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, graduating with the BA degree in Theology and Pastoral Studies in 2011.

A member of the Grimsby Trinity Church since the early 1990s, Dennis has served as Board Member, Trustee and Treasurer. His role is now to engage with the wider community around the church as well as sharing in the preaching ministry. He is part-time in Grimsby, working also for the Sheffield Nazarene Church one day a week running a lunch club. He is married to Louise and has three stepsons – Thomas is a board member and children's worker in the Grimsby church, David lives in Manchester and attends the Longsight church...a middle son, Edward lives in the USA.



*Grimsby Induction group  
(l.to r) Rev David Montgomery,  
Louise & Pastor Dennis  
Braham, Rev Joy Osborne,  
Rev Trevor Hutton*

### STOCKTON-ON-TEES

**Rev Ernest & Anne Stafford** were welcomed and inducted to the Stockton church at a service held on Saturday, 2nd November when nearly 60 were present. Rev Philip McAlister (DS) preached and conducted the induction. Originally from N. Ireland, and a graduate of British Isles Nazarene College (now Nazarene Theological College) Rev Stafford has considerable pastoral experience in the British Isles and in the USA. For a number of years he was the pastor of the United Methodist Church in the Borough of Queens, New York. We welcome the Staffords back to the UK and to the North District.



*Prayer is offered for  
Rev Ernest & Anne Stafford*

### BANGOR

**Pastor Ben Goodwin**, who has been working as associate/youth pastor in the Bangor, N. Ireland, church for the past couple of months, was officially welcomed and inducted to that position on Sunday 3rd November. The son of Royal Navy Chaplain, Rev Tommy Goodwin and Pastor Ann Goodwin (Chaplain/Manse Ministries), Ben has been involved in ministry in the Brooklands Manchester church and graduated BA(Hons) in Theology at the recent NTC graduation. He will be working alongside Rev Ken White, senior pastor of the Bangor church.



*Rev Ken White (left) and  
Pastor Ben Goodwin*

### EDINBURGH CLERMISTON

**Rev Rosemary Davidson** has been appointed by the District Superintendent as interim pastor of the Edinburgh Church. Rosemary has served the church across the years in youth work, as a member of District Boards, and as District Secretary (North District) a position she currently holds. She has been a Shopping Centre Chaplain and a member of the Edinburgh Mosaic Ministry Team. Rosemary says, "...at present I am trying to find out about the community around the church to see what is available to the people. I hope to meet up with other ministers in the coming days to see if there are any gaps that we might help fill....I'm here to equip and pastor God's people and be a missionary in the community..."



*Rev Rosemary Davidson*

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