

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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DARE TO DREAM - IMAGINATION UNLEASHED DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES

COMING SOON!

Dates: 17th-19th March 2017, Location: Paisley, Scotland

Theme: "More than we can imagine..." (Ephesians 3.20)

In May 2015 a "Dare to Dream" conference was sponsored by Nazarene Theological College, Momentum UK, and the two British Isles Districts. "Dare to Dream" brought together Christian leaders and members of the church to share together in dreaming about ways in which we might foster missional risk-taking in new and effective ways in and through our local churches. Set within a context of sharing and eating, conversation, worship, reflection, teaching, story telling, group work and practical application, the purpose of "Dare to Dream" was to encourage, bless and challenge our pastors and people.

Many of those that attended said that "Dare to Dream" was the best conference ever sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene in the UK. The National Board, keen to build on its success, has agreed that the two districts would sponsor a second "Dare to Dream" (D2D - Imagination Unleashed) to be held over the 2017 District Assembly weekend. It is anticipated that this will be a ground breaking event and prayer is requested for this special weekend and as final details and arrangements are made.

Programme Outline

Friday 17th - Morning - Assemblies (separate venues), afternoon/evening D2D
Saturday 18th - Morning/Afternoon D2D Seminars & Evening Prayer & Worship
Sunday 19th - Morning - Worship and Ordination Service

D2D Keynote Speaker

Alan Hirsch, who is the founding director of Forge Mission Training Network. Currently Alan co-leads Future Travellers - an innovative learning programme helping mega churches become missional movements. Known for his innovative approach to mission. Alan is considered to be a thought-leader and key mission strategist for churches across the Western world.



Alan Hirsch
(D2D Keynote Speaker)



"Dare to Dream" inspired many of our attendees to take a step of faith to do something new in their local churches. It also helped to foster a culture of risk-taking on the District. We are excited to host 'D2D' in Paisley, but more excited at the prospect of God challenging our pastors and members to boldly share the Good News of the Gospel in ways that will be relevant to our communities.

Rev Philip McAlister (DS British Isles North District).



D2D is following on from the success of the first "Dare to Dream" in Manchester by imagining, dreaming, and thinking what could be possible, and encouraging new ideas to reach people with the good news of Jesus Christ. It is an essential for all our churches and people.

Rev David Montgomery (DS British Isles South District).



D2D is an amazing opportunity for passionate Christians to gather around a central idea - that God can do more than we dare to dream about! More, in truth, than we can imagine, or ask, and that God delights in shaping the church in the present for each time, place and people - because God so loves the world! At NTC we believe that training and equipping people to serve God's kingdom purposes happens in all kinds of ways and are delighted to support this conference as we gather in Paisley and discover more about who we are and how God can shape our imaginations!

Dr Deirdre Brower Latz (Principal NTC, Manchester).

DARE² IMAGINATION UNLEASHED DREAM

Further information will be made available, and be on the website: www.nazarene.org.uk

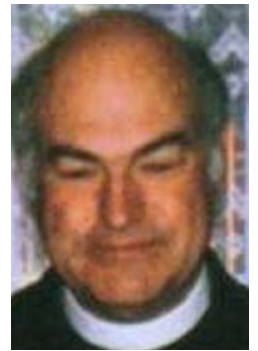
IN MEMORIAM

Rhoda Dorothy “Jenny” Busby passed away 15th June after a short illness. Born in Deal, Kent, Jenny Jones grew up in Radstock in Somerset and eventually became a student at Hurler Nazarene College, near Glasgow, where she met Raymond Busby. They were married in the Bristol church in 1960. Jenny trained as a nurse and midwife and also as a teacher, and shared across the years in her husband’s ministry and teaching career - working for a while as a District Nurse while Ray pursued further study. The Busbys pastored in Earlsfield (London), Port Glasgow, and Dewsbury (for 17 years) and continued to be active and involved in the work of the church in retirement years (Rev Ray Busby passed away 23rd November 2013). Jenny was a faithful pastor’s wife, mother and church worker. A Service of Thanksgiving for Jenny’s life was held in the Dewsbury church on Monday 27th June, at which both sons-in-law - Rev Albert Jackson and Rev Ian Newton - participated.



Jenny Busby

Rev David Wilfred Trump passed away 24th July, he was 84. David was born in Guernsey and when he was 10 the family moved to Wiltshire, days before the German invasion. Returning to the Channel Islands after the war, David found work in the local greenhouses, growing tomatoes. When he was 18 he moved back to England and worked as a stage actor with a theatre company. It was in his early 20s that he found Christ and gave up his old life and became an evangelist and Salvation Army Officer living and working in Cornwall where he met Margaret Williams - they were married in 1959. Following further studies and ordination by Dr Edward Lawlor (General Superintendent) in 1969, Nazarene pastorates included Colne, Hull, Lancaster, Newport, Gillingham, Bristol, Uddingston, Larne, Belfast and Stoke...and, although retiring in 1994, a period of pastoral ministry was given to the London Thomas Memorial Church in retirement years. The Trumps eventually retired to Larne. Margaret Trump passed away 24th December 2011 and David went to live with his son, Michael, in Rochester, Kent. The Thanksgiving Service for David’s life was held in the Greenisland Church, 8th August, and was conducted by the pastor, Rev John Dickson, with family members taking part including a tribute from son, Michael and solo from daughter, Sharon Robinson.



Rev David W. Trump



Rev James C. Martin

Rev James Chalmers Martin passed away 18th September, he was 75. Jim was born in Coatbridge, near Glasgow, and was proud of his Scottish ancestry but the family moved to N. London when he was a small boy and he became a Scot with a London accent! Members of the Martin family had found a spiritual home in the Walthamstow Church of the Nazarene, and it was here that Jim met Pat Fraser, and where they were married with pastor, Rev Herbert McGonigle, officiating and with Rev John Paton as best man. It was after working as a sign writer with

British Rail that Jim prepared for the ministry at our College in Manchester and he was ordained in 1967 by General Superintendent, Dr G.B. Williamson. Pastorates included Rochdale, Troon, Edinburgh (Clermiston), Llay and Cramlington, and Jim served on the North District as District NYPS President (1971-72). It has been a difficult journey for Jim and Pat over these past years. Jim was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s in 1999 when he was 58 and after years of devoted support given by Pat, residential care was required. And for these past 7 years Jim has been in care. Tribute is paid to Pat and the family for the loving support and almost daily visits that were made to be with Jim. A moving and uplifting Service of Thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Rev Jim Martin was held Thursday, 29th September, in the Cramlington Church. Local pastor, Pastor Ben Goodwin, officiated and family members brought tributes.



Rev David R. Flint

Rev David Robert Flint passed away 21st September he was a couple of days short of his 74th birthday. Although David had been in poor health in recent years his passing was not expected. He was born in Chesterfield, and it was at a Youth for Christ rally that he met Mary Goodwin. They were married in 1965 in the local Methodist Church. Following employment with British Coal-lite, the Flints moved to Manchester where David prepared for the ministry at our College. David was ordained in 1982 by General Superintendent, Dr Charles H. Stickland. The Flints shared together in ministry in the Queensbury, Ardsley and Southampton churches and while in Southampton David served as a school governor, hospital chaplain and as Chair of the Free Church Federal Council. The second of the Flints’ 4 children, Catherine, had health problems and had over the years been wonderfully cared for by David & Mary, and died in 1999, age 30. The Funeral and Thanksgiving Service for Rev David Flint was held Friday, 7th October, in the Hollybrook Cemetery Chapel, Southampton, and was conducted by Rev Don Mentch with other Nazarene clergy and family members taking part.



Dr Samuel W. Hynd CBE

Dr Samuel Wilson Hynd CBE passed away 18th August aged 91. Like his father before him, Dr Samuel Hynd became a living legend in the Kingdom of Swaziland, and like his father followed a career as a medical missionary in the Church of Nazarene. Born in Glasgow, in the home of his grand-father, Dr George Sharpe, Samuel was taken, in 1925 as a baby of six months, to Swaziland where his parents, Dr David & Kanema Hynd, worked to establish the Nazarene hospital. Samuel grew up learning Si-Swati from his playmates and was a fluent speaker of the local language. A graduate of Witwatersrand University and the University of Glasgow, and ordained in the Parkhead church in 1958 by General Superintendent, Dr Hugh C. Benner, Samuel Hynd worked tirelessly over the years becoming head of the Manzini mission station, and later serving as Minister of Health in the Swazi Government. A medical adviser to the Swazi royal family, Dr Hynd was present at the birth of the present King, Mswati III. Dr Hynd’s first wife, Rosemarie, was tragically killed in a freak car accident on New Years’ Day, 1975. He subsequently married nursing tutor Phyllis McNeil from Kansas, who predeceased him in 2008.

In retirement years Dr Hynd ran a clinic in Manzini, and also raised funds to build an AIDS treatment centre. He retired reluctantly age 86, but continued to be involved in the work of the church and medical missions in the Swazi nation. In addition to being made a CBE in 1998, Dr Hynd received many awards and honours over the years including the Order of Eswatini from King Mswati III in 2008, and the honorary degree of DSc from the University of Swaziland in 2001.

Dr T. A. Noble and Dr Ian G. Wills represented the UK church and took part in the Funeral Service held in the Sharpe Memorial Church, Manzini, on Saturday, 27th August, at which family members and many dignitaries from the Church and Nation, took part.



NAZARENE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

In Praise of Archives

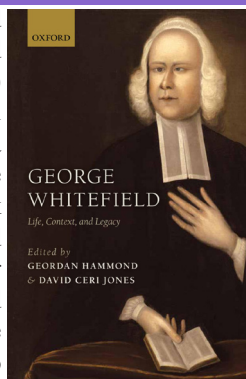


Dr Priscilla Pope-Levison

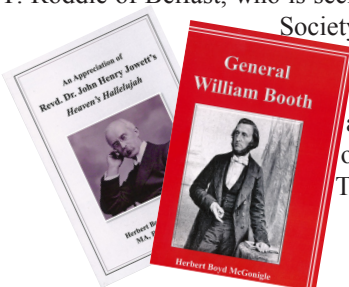
Dr Priscilla Pope-Levison - of the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University (USA) - spoke enthusiastically of the weeks she spent as a Visiting Fellow of the Manchester Wesley Research Centre (MWRC) and in the College Archives in July-August. She writes, "...the MWRC is a Methodist archival treasure. In one room you can find entire collections of Wesley works, the major journals in Methodism...significant secondary source works...and a rich collection representing the Wesleyan/Holiness movement in Britain and the USA...there's also the one-of-a-kind journal collection of late 19th and early 20th century organisations that comprise the British holiness movement, such as the Pentecostal League of Prayer, the International Holiness Mission and the Pentecostal Church of Scotland. ...I learned so much during those weeks of vacation". Not only did Dr Pope-Levison praise the College archives and the work of the archivist, she commented, "Archives are underrated!"

New Books

Published in May 2016 by the Oxford University Press, "George Whitefield Life, Context and Legacy" (352 pages) comprises 16 chapters gleaned from a total of 40 papers which were presented at a "Whitefield Conference" held at Pembroke College, Oxford, in June 2014, to mark the tercentenary of the birth of Whitefield (1714-1770). The editors of this work, Dr Geordan Hammond (NTC) and Dr David Ceri Jones of Aberystwyth University, are currently involved in a research project to collate and annotate a complete edition of Whitefield's known letters.



College Principal Emeritus, Dr Herbert McGonigle, continues to add to his series on significant evangelical leaders and preachers. "An Appreciation of Revd. Dr. John Henry Jowett's 'Heaven's Hallelujah'" (40 pages) looks at the life and work of this 20th century preacher focusing particularly on the 32 sermons Jowett preached as minister of Westminster Chapel, London, between 1918-1922. The book also includes an appreciation of the ministry of Dr Sydney Martin, and the foreword is written by Rev Colin H. Wood. "General William Booth" (100 pages) deals with the life and ministry of the Founder of the Salvation Army and includes Booth's articles on purity. The foreword is written by Rev Robin P. Roddie of Belfast, who is secretary of the Methodist Historical Society and editor and archivist of the Wesleyan Historical Society of Ireland. These, and other books authored by Dr McGonigle, can be obtained from him, c/o Nazarene Theological College, Manchester.



Graduation

The annual graduation ceremony was held Saturday, 15th October in the Whitworth Hall, University of Manchester at which prizes were awarded and degrees conferred. This year's speaker was Rev Peter Read (Vice-Principal, Regents Theological College) who is a former graduate of our College. Out of the 34 on the list of graduates, 6 were PhDs...Dr Klaus Arnold, Rector of European Nazarene College, received his PhD for his thesis, "Full and Present Salvation: Life and Work of Theodor Jellinghaus". David Barnes, former South District Treasurer and Bolton First organist, was thanked for being graduation organist since 1979.



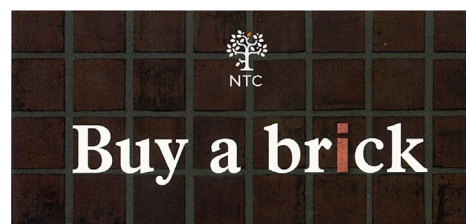
Faculty and Graduates (centre front standing: I to r) Dr Deirdre Brower Latz (Principal) with Rev Peter Read

Pensioners' Week



(l-r) back row: Rev Colin Wood, Rev Geoff Austin, Rev Albert Garrick, Mick Fleming (NTC); middle row: Rev John Paton, Rev Wesley Hands, Alan Broadfoot (Parkhead); front row: Debi Green (NTC), Jane Austin, Rev Beth Wills, Mary Garrick, Mary Wood (not pictured: Alan Kenyon NTC).

Thanks to the initiative and enthusiasm of Rev John Paton (former College student and District Superintendent), a group of retired pastors and wives spent a week in August working at the College. The 'clergy team' was supplemented by local help. Hedges were cut, borders cleared, walls washed and painted, and a new kitchen (tiling and cupboards) installed in the upper common room in Hurllet Hall. Thanks to all who were involved in this project!



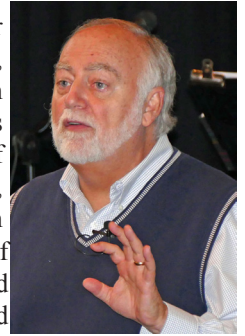
This year's "Principal's Project" is to raise funds to build a toilet block - disabled and family toilets - which can be accessed from the chapel and café area. This development will greatly add to the welcome and hospitality the College is able to offer to all who use the college. How to give and all other College information can be found on the College website www.nazarene.ac.uk (One brick £5...£50 for a row. It would be wonderful if all who read TOGETHER would 'Buy a Brick' - Ed).

CHURCH HOLIDAYS

BREAKTHRU'16



Rev Peter O'Brien reports. "215 of all ages enjoyed another fabulous Breakthru holiday at the stunning Ellesmere College, Shropshire (14th-21st August). Our main speaker, Dr Dan Boone (President of Trevecca Nazarene University, USA) was both challenging and gracious in addressing topics, some of which were sensitive and potentially controversial, including, facing the current culture, discipleship, and matters of human



Speaker: Dr Dan Boone

sexuality. We were joined by 25 ministers on the Saturday for our District Fraternal when the matter of homosexuality and gender was discussed within a pastoral context. On a lighter note, we had the usual fun and mayhem...which included a Mary Poppins fancy dress themed banquet and movie sing-a-long, a live band and barn dance, large fun-inflatables and crazy golf, a crystal maze afternoon, and an outdoor large screen film night complete with hot dogs and popcorn! We were all truly blessed by the worship, the teaching, the fellowship, and not least of all, the wonderful weather. Same place next year: 13th-20th August 2017."



Seminars with Dr Dan Boone



Evening Fun



"It's a Wash-Out"

NORTHBREAK'16

The largest attendance ever for a North District Church holiday - approximately 300 of all ages - was recorded at this year's Northbreak, held 30th July-5th August at the Royal Lancaster Grammar School. In addition to enjoying the facilities - and food - at the school, a variety of speakers brought challenging and encouraging addresses. These included, Rev Philip McAlister (DS), John Craig (Parkhead Eden Pastor) and special guests, Dr Joseph Wood (NTC), Debra Green OBE (ROC Director), Dr Fred Drummond (Evangelical Alliance) and John Archer (Christian comedy magician of "Penn & Teller: Fool Us" fame). Missions focus was provided by Deborah Kimathi (Kenya - Director Vision Africa) and Rev Fernando & Liliana Almedia (Portugal - Eurasia Region missionaries and educators). The overall theme of the holiday was "Act, Love, Walk" - based on Micah 6:8 and the usual programme of trips and activities were again part of another blessed and successful Northbreak. Same place next year - dates: 29th July-4th August 2017. Thanks are expressed to Steve Clarkson who has been holiday director for these past years... Rev Michael Kane will be taking over as holiday director next year.



The Northbreak Crowd

Enjoying the good weather outside the 'hub'



Fund raising 'cream tea' for the College 'Principal's Project' (l to r) Rhonda Burleigh and Mary Wood from Parkhead (£520 was raised)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

LEADERS' RETREAT



Church Leaders at Upper Lake, Glendalough, Co Wicklow
 (l to r) Wilma & Dr Antonie Holleman (Netherlands), Carolyn & Dr Ian Wills (FSC - Scotland), Rev Arthur & Annemarie Snijders (Regional Director - Netherlands), Alison & Rev David Montgomery (B I South District), Rev Ingo & Esther Hunaeus (Germany), Rev Stephen & Annette Morley (Ireland)

Nazarene Church leaders from N.E. Europe met in Ireland, 18th-21st October for a fellowship retreat. The newly appointed Field Strategy Coordinator, Dr Ian Wills, was the speaker. Presentations and discussions centred on the challenges facing the church, strategy for the future, together with times of sharing and prayer.

SUMMER MISSION



"The Team" (back l to r) Jessica Canning (Houston), George Cowie (Glasgow), Ruth Lloyd (Parkhead), Rebecca Lister (Parkhead), Nathan Johnstone (Glasgow)
 (front l to r) Sarah Wilson (Erskine), Nicola Burleigh (Parkhead), Rev Zhaneta Georgieva (Nazarene Pastor), Jessica Hutt (Parkhead), Niamh Cochrane (Parkhead), Ashleigh Smith (Parkhead)

5th-19th June. For some this was the 7th annual visit to Bulgaria. The team was based in Vidrare and worked with children from Vidrare, Manaselska, Reka and Ravnishte. For the first time the team worked in the villages of Osikovitsa and Trudovets and had a great response, and it is hoped that future ministry can take place in Trudovets. The team joined in the 190th anniversary of the local school and also ministered to children and young people with disabilities in the protected houses in Vidrare and Pravets.

SWAZILAND VISIT

Sharpe Memorial, Glasgow and Manzini, pastors meet. During his visit to Swaziland to attend the funeral of Dr Samuel W. Hynd CBE, Dr Ian Wills had the privilege, on Sunday, 28th August, of preaching and worshipping at Parkhead's sister church - Sharpe Memorial Church of the Nazarene, Manzini.



(l to r) Dr Ian Wills, Dr Margaret (Hynd) Klein (surviving sister of Dr Samuel Hynd), Rev Michael Themba (Manzini church pastoral team)

RETIRED CLERGY

While attending a special birthday celebration in Emmendingen, Germany, in July (for Angelika Stöppler), retired Nazarene ministers renewed fellowship... the group included Dr Richard F. Zanner (former German District Superintendent and Regional Director for Africa).



(l to r) Dr Richard & Valerie Zanner, Angelika & Rev Werner Stöppler, Mary & Rev Colin Wood

ASYLUM MINISTRY



Erskine Mission Team to Serbia

Rev Derrick Thames (Erskine) and Amy Warner (NYI North District President) led a group of young people (mainly from the Erskine Church) to minister among refugees in Belgrade, Serbia (31st July - 11th August). The team was also able to visit Dubrovnik, Croatia. Team member, Ben Herrington, reports, "The work we did in Serbia was truly amazing. After devotions and committing the day to the Lord, we worked providing breakfast, lunch, and humanitarian aids. In addition we got to talk and interact with the people - their stories were incredible. We also worked with RAS (Refugee Aid Serbia) which provided meals and other necessary supplies. We were able to play games - football and Frisbee - with the people. The blessings that you receive from being involved in this work are amazing...you don't realise how fortunate you are until you see things from their perspective. The thing that got to me the most was that these refugees are people just like us...and I didn't get that at first."

YOUTH CONFERENCE



Central America Youth

Over 700 Nazarene young people from across Central America and the Caribbean, met in Nicaragua, 19th-23rd July for the Mesoamerica Regional Youth Conference. Rev Michelle Sowerby, who is now part of the Fresh Ground Team in Battersea, London, attended this conference representing the Eurasia Region NYI.

SHEFFIELD CELEBRATES

The Sheffield Heeley church was re-opened and re-dedicated over the weekend 3rd-4th September following a £600,000 refurbishment programme. The work began in November 2015 and during the 8 months the congregation was out of the building services were held in the local Methodist church and other activities were held in a nearby Anglican church. Improvements have included new disabled facilities, windows, crèche, prayer room and refreshments bar. A new lift and stairs connect the downstairs area where the lounge, kitchen, classroom, toilets and hall, have all been rebuilt or modified. New central heating, lighting and floor covering have been installed, and repainting, re-plastering and rewiring have all taken place. A new sound and vision system has also been installed.

The opening ceremony, held on the Saturday, was conducted by former pastor Rev Bruce Lloyd and the new pastor Rev Tim Burton. Nearly 300 people attended including many from the local community, community leaders, and representatives of funding bodies. Presentations and expressions of thanks were made to the Church Building Committee, the architect and builder...and Betty Stocks - the oldest member, age 90 - cut the ribbon. Activities in the downstairs area included numerous stalls, games, hot and cold refreshments, a local dance group, and a bouncy castle.

The Service of Dedication was held on the Sunday and was conducted by Rev Tim Burton and Rev David Montgomery (District Superintendent). Rev Leslie Evans - who in 1980 had the original vision to start the Heeley church - prayed a Prayer of Thanksgiving at the front door before leading the congregation into the modernised building. It was a weekend of great celebration.



**The Sanctuary
(every seat filled)**



Sophie Peel-Yates thanks architect Jonathan Hayward (centre) and Robert Mitchell (left) (O & P Construction Services)



Church Secretary, Helen Roberts (far right) gives gifts to the Building Committee (l to r) Jo Lomas, Jon Holman, Paul Salmons, Andy Evans, Audrey Woodall, Rev Bruce Lloyd, Sophie Peel-Yates (chair)

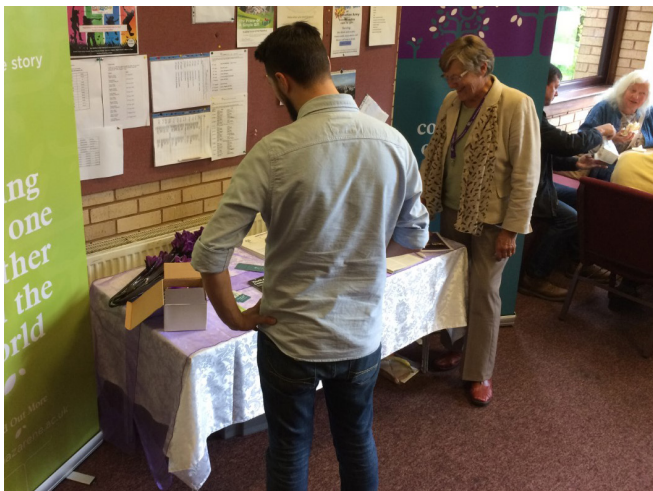


Rev Tim Burton (pastor)



(l to r) Rev Bruce Lloyd, Rev Leslie Evans, Rev Tim Burton

INSPIRE



Nazarene Theological College stand at INSPIRE

Well over 100 people from many of our churches in Scotland and the North of England came to Erskine on Saturday 3rd September for this annual event. The theme was "roots". Rev Nathan Payne (Ardrossan - Chair SSDM) reports, "Our Nazarene story is rooted in people whose lives have been radically transformed by God and whose hearts have been stirred with a Christlike compassion for the poor. Rev Colin Wood took us on a whistle-stop tour of Church History, Graham Meiklejohn (Scottish Baptist College) spoke about 'Holiness and the Church' and other speakers helped us to think practically about church, mission, community and justice. It was especially good to have Dr Marion Carson with us (psychiatric nurse turned NT Professor - Scottish Baptist College), who helped us consider how the church can engage with mental health issues, and Alia Pike (Youth & Community Course Co-ordinator - Nazarene Theological College), who led a series of sessions for young people. Next INSPIRE Saturday, 21st January 2017, in N. Ireland - Join with us!"

APPOINTMENT



Dr Ian G. Wills

Dr Ian G Wills, Lead Pastor of the Sharpe Memorial Church, Parkhead, Glasgow, has been appointed N. Europe Field Strategy Co-ordinator by Rev Arthur Snijders (Regional Director). A graduate of Glasgow University (BD, MTh) Ian holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Asbury Theological Seminary, USA. The appointment took effect from 1st August. Ian will remain Lead Pastor of Parkhead and work for 25% of his time on this regional assignment.

INDUCTION



(l - r) Clare & Rev George McMullan, & Rev David Montgomery

Rev George McMullan was inducted to the Morley church on Saturday, 1st October. Approximately 100 people attended which included representatives from local churches in Morley and also a group from the Ilkeston church where the McMullans pastored for the past 4-plus years. The service and induction was led by Rev David Montgomery (DS), Rev Pete O'Brien preached, and Rev Barry Hall, and the South Leeds music group, led the worship.

NEWS ROUND UP

SUMMER CAMP

The South District Children's Camp was held 25th-28th July at Alton Castle, Staffordshire, with 50 children and 17 adults attending. It was an incredible week of fun and worship. The children enjoyed adventure courses, Bible lessons, hikes, games, bouncy castles...and learnt more about God's love and the freedom He offers to us in Jesus. The weather was great, the venue fantastic but best of all 20 young people said 'yes' to Jesus. What a great week! We are looking forward to Summer Camp 2017 at Alton Castle!



Summer Camp 2016

HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB



Dromore, N. Ireland Church

Dromore...was held 22nd-26th August...it was an amazing and very exciting week! Called "Barnyard Roundup" - with stuffed animals and the hall decorated as a farm - the children were taught that "Jesus gathers us together". The 5 evening topics were "Jesus cares now and forever", "Jesus provides...", "Jesus leads...", "Jesus forgives...", "Jesus is our Saviour now and forever". Memory verses came from Psalm 23 as the children learnt about The Good Shepherd. The programme included games, songs, Bible stories, crafts and a quiz!



Sumo Wrestling?



The "Barnyard"

THETFORD GARDEN



Thetford Church of the Nazarene

A 9-strong team of 18 to 22-year-olds spent two weeks in June renovating the garden of the Thetford (Norfolk) church as part of a Prince's Trust project. The handover was attended by the Mayor of Thetford, Councillor Terry Jermy, and a report was included in the Thetford and Brandon Times. Church Secretary, June Donnelly said, "We are really pleased with what the team has done..." and the Mayor commented, "...the team has done a fantastic job".

BARNSELY NEWS

When the local primary school was closed as a result of flooding in late September, Barnsley pastor, Rev Ian Newton, saw a way of serving the community. On two weekdays, children's activities - crafts, games, singing, stories and videos - were organised at the church for 3 hour slots. Approximately 20 children attended. And following the Harvest Sunday, on Monday 10th October, children from the church delivered 41 boxes of Thornton's chocolates to residents and staff of the Galtee More Care Home - a number of local organisations that meet in the church had contributed to the cost of the chocolates.



"Parachute Game" in the church car park

NCM CONFERENCE

The UK was well represented at the "Living in the Margins" Compassionate Ministries Conference, held, 14th-16th July, on the campus of Olivet Nazarene University, USA.



(l.to r) Craig Crosthwaite, Helen Williamson, Dr Deirdre Brower Latz, Gift Mtukwa, Pastor Diego Lopez, Rev Louise Kenyon, Rev Nathan Payne, Rev Michelle Sowerby, Danny Gomez.

WESTON JAM TOTS

Meeting just before the Summer break, the Weston-s-Mare Jam Tots group had, according to interim pastor, Rev Tony Tamburello, an "Owling Time". Animals and birds (including owls) from the local Secret World animal sanctuary, organised by Tina Sadiq and Ivor and Jean Dancey, were brought and shown to the children. They were in awe when one of the birds flew around, and they loved the animals. Thanks are expressed for the hard work of the Jam Tots leaders - activities have included a sports day, leaving gifts presentation, and a trip to Noah's Ark zoo.



JAM TOTS having an "Owling Time"

IMPORTANT DATES

2016

**CREATIVE RETREAT/
INSPIRE DAY (SD)**
26th November - NTC

NYUK CHRISTMAS PARTY (SD)
26th November - Fresh Ground

CHRISTMAS NYI EVENT (ND)
Erskine
10th December

2017

**CASUAL STUDY OPTIONS
(Intensives)**
16th-20th January - Manchester
23rd-27th January - Manchester
& Glasgow

INSPIRE (ND - N. Ireland)
21st January

LADIES RETREAT (SD)
27th-29th January

**DARE TO DREAM 2 &
DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES**
Paisley, Scotland
Weekend 17th-19th March

**MINISTERS' SUMMER
SCHOOL**
15th-17th May - NTC

**SYDNEY MARTIN
LECTURE**
Dr Sally Nelson
30th May - NTC

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Indianapolis USA
21st-30th June

NORTHBREAK (ND)
Lancaster
29th July-4th August

CHILDREN'S CAMP (SD)
Alton Castle
31st July - 3rd August

NYUK HOLIDAY (SD)
Lancaster
5th-11th August

BREAKTHRU (SD)
Ellesmere College
13th-20th August