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)

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Challenge for an Olympic Year

It seems incredible that another year has gone by and we are another year nearer our Lord's return. It seems 2012 will be an exciting year with the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Dickens, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and the Olympic games in London.

Thinking of 2012, a number of our churches are looking at having an 'Olympic' theme to their children's clubs, youth groups, and outreaches, to coincide with the 'games'.

Thinking of scripture, one gets the feeling that the Apostle Paul was no stranger to the 'games', indeed, a cursory look informs us of three things.

Firstly, he wants to run a good race. **'You were running a good race. Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the truth?'** Galatians 5:7 (NIV). His point is in relation to circumcision, but overall about us not being justified by the law. Rather we live by faith. **'The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love'** Gal 5:6 (NIV). The good race, is faith expressing itself through love. May our actions this year reflect our love rather than our anger or annoyance. Run a good race.

Secondly, he wants to run in such a way as to get the prize. **'Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize'** 1 Corinthians 9:24 (NIV). He is encouraging us to be like the athletes who train and exercise in such a way as to be thoroughly prepared to run and win. In like fashion he tells us he makes his body subservient to his goal. His goal is to win as many as possible (1 Cor 9:19). Rather than our goals being sacrificed on the altar of self, may our bodies serve the goal of making Christlike disciples in the nations.

Thirdly, he wants to finish the race. In the books of Acts and Timothy, as the end of his life draws near, Paul's thoughts are on finishing the race. Not content with just competing, the goal is to finish. **'However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me--the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace'** Acts 20:24 (NIV). May we be consistent and persistent and finish well.

May God fill us, encourage us, and guide us as we run the race in such a way as to win the prize.

District Superintendents:
Rev David Montgomery & Rev Philip McAlister

Rev David Montgomery

Rev Philip McAlister

DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES

Theme "CELEBRATE ONE"

District Assemblies will be held over the weekend **23rd-26th March** with **Rev Dr Jerry D. Porter** (*General Superintendent*) presiding.

North Assembly, Friday-Monday at ***St Matthew's, Gordon Street, Paisley.***
Rev Philip McAlister (District Superintendent).

Fri. 7.30 pm – Speaker: **Rev Dr Deirdre Brower Latz**
Sat. ***SSDM/NYI/NMI*** Conventions; 7.00 pm - Missions Rally
Sun. 6.30 pm - United Service & College Presentation
Mon. 9.00 am – Assembly Business; 7.00 pm – "*One Future & One Hope*"

South Assembly, Friday-Saturday at ***Dewsbury Minster, Rishworth Road***.
Rev David Montgomery (District Superintendent).

Fri. 9.30 am – ***NMI*** Convention; 2.00 pm - Assembly Business; 7.00 pm - Missions Rally
Sat. 9.00 am/2.00 pm – Assembly Business; 4.00 pm – Ordination Service.

Global Wesleyan Alliance

Leaders of 11 denominations met in December 2011 (in ***Indiana, USA***) to form the ***Global Wesleyan Alliance (GWA)***. An organisational meeting of participating groups is planned for later this year. This unique partnership is being created to "amplify the prophetic voice of ***Wesleyan-Arminian*** ministries and increase their effectiveness in spreading scriptural holiness throughout the world."

GWA founder members include the, ***Church of the Nazarene, Wesleyan Church, Free Methodist Church (USA), Church of God (Anderson), Churches of Christian Union, The Evangelical Church, Evangelical Methodist Church, Congregational Methodist Church, Church of Christ Holiness, Missionary Church***, and the ***Pilgrim Holiness Church***. These 11 groups represent some 4 million members. (The ***Church of the Nazarene*** is also a member of the World Methodist Council which represents approximately 75 million members).

Christmas Greetings!

Used by kind permission of the artist, ***Geoffrey Hampson***

This painting, of the original ***Atherton*** church on Tyldesley Road, (c.1958), was reproduced a few years ago by the ***Atherton*** church as a Christmas Card to raise funds for the church. Entitled, ***"Evening Service"***, the artist, **Geoffrey Hampson**, has been connected with the church over the years and was a member of the YP in the late 1950's when **Rev David Thirkell** was the pastor. The present church was built in the early 1970's.

Used by kind permission of the artist, ***Phil Arbon***

First used as a Christmas Card in 2010, this winter scene of the ***St Matthew's Church, Paisley***, was painted by local artist **Phil Arbon**. An artist in his spare time, Phil Arbon is involved in the ***Paisley Christian Growth Centre*** and is the leader of the ***Paisley & District Evangelical Alliance. St Matthew's*** celebrates its 103rd anniversary this month (February); **Rev Wesley R. Hands** is the pastor.

Celebrating the Past

Adwick le Street is located a few miles to the north west of ***Doncaster, S. Yorks.*** A Holiness Mission was established there in the 1930's and in the 1950's a hall was built on Church Lane. It became a part of the *International Holiness Mission,* and one of the early leaders was **Pastor Fred Carlile,** the father of **Rev Maurice Carlile.** A few years following the union of the *IHM* with the *Church of the Nazarene in 1952,* **Rev Maurice Carlile** was to follow in his father's footsteps, and become pastor. As a boy **John Jones** had been taken to the Holiness Mission, and he eventually became Church Secretary, and then for some 40 years he was the pastor. Many will remember the faithfulness and commitment of **Pastor John Jones** – leading the work, starting Sunday School Camps, organising senior adult house parties. **Pastor John Jones** passed away in 1997.

Although a small band of faithful members continued the work, and not least**. Hadyn and Susan Jones -** the son and daughter-of-law of **John Jones -** the church held its final service on Sunday 18th December 2011 – celebrating, and giving thanks to God for, approximately 80 years of ministry and witness in that community.

The ***Adwick le Street*** church

The late **Pastor John Jones** in the pulpit

THE NAME LIVES ON

The Holiness work in ***Blantyre*** (birthplace of missionary **David Livingstone**) began in 1907. Originally called the ***Blantyre Holiness Mission***, and in 1910 the ***Blantyre Pentecostal Church***, the work became a part of the ***Pentecostal Church of Scotland*** uniting with the ***Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene*** in 1915.

After many years of meeting in the original hall, a new church, on Elm Street, was built and officially opened and dedicated on Sunday 24th October 1982. For nearly 100 years the witness was maintained in ***Blantyre***; a ministry that concluded on Sunday 24th September 2006. The church was officially closed in its centenary year 2007.

The fine building on Elm Street was sold to ***St Andrew's Church of Scotland*** whose church is adjacent to it, and named, by the Church of Scotland, ***"Nazarene Hall"***.

The name lives on – and the work of making Christ known in that community continues. The ***Nazarene Hall*** is used every day of the week…for youth and children's work, for Sunday School and community groups. We are glad, and we give thanks to God, that the sacrifice and investment of those involved in our work in ***Blantyre*** over the years, is still bearing fruit.

Rev Peter Johnston (l.) minister, ***St Andrew's*** Church of Scotland, and **Rev Colin H. Wood**, former District Superintendent and the ***"Nazarene Hall"***.

THE WAY WE WERE

David Morrell reflects on children's work 'then' - and the challenge facing us today.

Gloucester, 1780…crowded slums, unemployment, many living in "work houses", children misbehaving, and society broken down. However, there was a man with a vision who believed that something had to be done. His name was **Robert Raikes** and he was a Christian. He believed that the answer to the problem was to try to prevent bad behaviour rather than cure it, and so he turned to education.

I am sure that **Robert Raikes** prayed much, but there was action as well…he recruited helpers and ***'Sunday School'*** was born. And over the years Sunday School has become an important part of the work of the church, to reach and teach children, and to reach and teach adults, so that people of all ages can know God and grow in His grace,

In 1954 I became a Sunday School teacher in the ***Ashton*** church. As I sought for God's guidance and will for my life I was clearly led to the work of the Sunday School. Beside my secular work, it became my life. I became local editor of the then *National Sunday School Union (NSSU)* newsletter, and sought, by all means, to win children for Christ. Programmes included, a train-spotting club, film shows, tent campaigns. In 1957 my pastor, **Rev Jack Ford**, gave me a book called, *"The Boy Catcher"* and this book inspired my wife, **Sylvia**, and me to do even more… and we organised Sunday School holiday adventures in places like ***Llay, Shanklin, Chester, Marple***. We sought to follow the example that had been set by **Robert Raikes**.

David Morell was chair of the *South District Sunday School Board* (1978-1994) and is a member of the ***Dewsbury*** church.

The question is, how similar is our society today to that of **Robert Raikes'** day? Is a new movement and a new passion needed to meet the challenges of today? There are problems in society, but I believe that if we can recapture the ***Joy of Mission*** then the Church, and Society – and the Kingdom – would greatly benefit.

Over the past few years when I have been out speaking I have offered, free, a set of books on the work of Sunday School – especially to younger Christians – on condition that they use the books and pray about being involved in the work among children. I continue to make this offer as I believe that God is calling people to commit themselves to this task.

In Memoriam

Margaret Roseline Trump

Margaret Roseline Trump went to be with the Lord on Christmas Eve, 24th December 2011, after a short time in hospital. She was 80. Originally from ***Cornwall***, and with a background in the *Methodist* church, she met former Salvation Army Officer, **David Trump**, who was engaged in evangelist campaigns in the county, and following their marriage the **Trumps** enter the ministry of the Church of the Nazarene.

For some 35 years **Rev David & Margaret Trump** shared in ministry in a number of churches on both districts, including ***N. Ireland***, and they have been active in retirement years in interim ministry and pulpit supply, eventually moving to ***Larne, N. Ireland***.

In recent years **Margaret Trump** suffered from failing eyesight and a diabetic condition and during these years she was lovingly supported and cared for by her husband. She was always positive and bright and maintained a great interest in the work and life of the church.

A Service of Thanksgiving for her life was held on 29th December 2011 in a packed ***Greenisland*** Church, taken by the pastor, **Rev John Dickson**, and with family members and a Salvation Army officer taking part. We remember **Rev David Trump** at this time, **Michael** and **Sharon** and all the family.

Peter Wallace Gentry

Peter Wallace Gentry was called home, after a short illness, on 5th January 2012. He was 86. Originally from ***London***, **Peter Gentry** had a career in Insurance…and he became a *Fellow of the Institute of Accident Assessors*. And this enabled to him to pastor some churches as a bi-vocational pastor; churches that would have difficulty paying a full pastor's stipend.

Married to **Frances**, the **Gentry's** pastored churches in ***Bath, Hazel Grove, Bristol (Southmead), Port Glasgow, Weston-super-Mare*** and ***Southampton*** over a period of 34 years. **Peter Gentry** served the church faithfully, and was a member of many District Boards, including the District Advisory Board, the Board of College Governors, and he served as District Secretary.

A man with a good mind and a gift for writing, **Peter Gentry** not only embraced the experience of holiness, he developed an interest in the theology and history of the holiness movement, particularly of the 18th Century. He authored a number of monographs and books, and was, for eleven years editor of ***The Flame*** magazine, succeeding Rev Maynard G. James in 1985. And he was an active member of ***The Wesley Fellowship***.

Peter Gentry wrote, "His Touch" (Beacon Hill Press, 1980), "The Songs of Christmas" (Grace Wesleyan Trust, 2000), "The Wonder of Wesley" (n.d) and he co-authored, with **Paul Taylor**, ***"Bold as a Lion"*** – a book about **John Cennick** the Moravian Evangelist (Life Publications, 2007). His most recent publication – published early last year by ***The Wesley Fellowship*** - is entitled ***Methodism and Messiah***, which examines possible links between *Methodism* and the composer **George Frederic Handel**.

A congregation of nearly 120 attended a service to celebrate the life of **Peter Gentry**, held on Thursday, 19th January, in the ***Weston-super-Mare*** church. Led by the pastor, **Rev Barry Hall**, others taking part included, **Rev David Thirkell, Rev Warren Tranter, Steven Dowle, Rev Tony Tamburello, Dr Philip Weatherill, Major Norman Armistead (*Salvation Army*** and editor of ***The Flame***) and **Rev Colin H. Wood** (former North DS).

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Mrs Frances Gentry** and the two daughters, **Kathy & Mary**, and their families at this time.

Power from on High

The ***Barnsley*** church has become the first Nazarene church in the UK to have solar panels installed. This "green" energy source will help reduce costs. In addition to the church programme, many local community groups use the church facilities, including, art group, youth group, deaf group. Salvation Army, Royal British Legion, crime and safety group.

We hope that the sun will indeed shine in ***Barnsley***, but more so, we trust that the Son of God, who is the ***Light of the World***, will shine in blessing on His church.

Barnsley Church of the Nazarene…**Rev Ian Newton** is the pastor

COLLEGE NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

…to **Dr Geordan Hammond** who has been awarded the ***Jesse Lee Prize*** in American Methodist History (which is awarded every four years by the General Commission on Archives and History of The United Methodist Church), for his doctoral work, completed in 2008 through ***The University of Manchester***. The research is entitled, *"Restoring Primitive Christianity: John Wesley and Georgia, 1735-1737."*

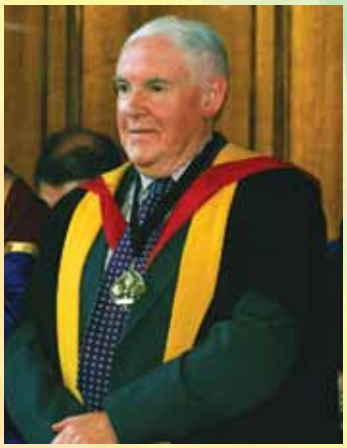
Dr Geordan Hammond is Lecturer in Church History and Wesley Studies and is a PhD supervisor at ***NTC***, and is the Director of the Manchester Wesley Research Centre.

..to **Dr Dick Eugenio** – ***NTC*** post-graduate student – who has successfully completed his PhD through ***The University of Manchester.*** **Dr Eugenio's** thesis is entitled, *"Communion with God: The Trinitarian Soteriology of Thomas F. Torrance."* A graduate of *Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary (APNTS)*, **Dr Eugenio** is to return to his home in ***Manila***, in the ***Philippines***, to begin teaching duties.

Dr Eugenio, who has been supported by the Global Church… *APNTS*, his home Region, and donors in the UK, USA and Korea…comments, "I thank the church and everyone for their support…my degree serves as a testimony of the one worldwide Nazarene family."

Dr Dick Eugenio (r.) with his academic supervisor, **Dr T.A. Noble** Professor of Theology and senior research fellow at ***NTC***.

…to **Dr Herbert McGonigle** (Director Emeritus of the ***Manchester Wesley Research Centre***) who was presented with the ***Eurasia Region Lifetime Service to Higher Education Award*** at College Graduation, held 22nd October 2011. **Dr McGonigle** is the second person to receive this award; the first award was presented to **Dr Hugh Rae** in 2005.



Dr Herbert McGonigle

CAMPUS DEDICATIONS

Following College Graduation, on Saturday, 22nd October 2011, two important dedications took place on the Campus of ***NTC*** - at ***Beech Wing*** and ***Dene House***.

Furnishings for the recently completed post-graduate study area/lounge, located in ***Dene House***, have been generously provided by members of the **Williamson Family**. The **Williamson Family** was originally from the ***Sharpe Memorial Church, Parkhead, Glasgow.*** This new study area was dedicated and officially opened.

Representing the **Williamson Family**, and cutting the ribbon, are family members, (l.to r.) **Ian Gillies, Rev Beth Wills, Hazel McIver**

The refurbished and remodelled ***Beech Wing*** was dedicated and opened by **Don & Bonnie Irons** from ***Dodge City, Kansas, USA.*** The **Irons**, and their home church, have been involved, through Work & Witness projects, in the refurbishment programme. **Jerry & Cynthie Bishop**, also from the ***Dodge City Church***, who helped coordinate the project, were also present.

And sincere thanks are also expressed to **Don & Bonnie Irons** for establishing two scholarships to help support research students from the non-western world. **Dr Kent Brower**, *Vice Principle (Research)* comments, "…many of our EU and N. American students study part-time, taking advantage of flexible residency requirements. But many international students do not have access to the necessary academic resources in their home contexts, and so full-time study in Manchester, where resources are readily available, is the best option for them. These new scholarships will help to make this possible, and help resource the church in parts of the world where it is growing most swiftly."

Don & Bonnie Irons cut the ribbon at the entrance to ***Beech Wing***

Mozambique Dedication

Saturday, 12th November 2011, was a day of praise and rejoicing in ***Mozambique***. Nearly 400 gathered in ***Jantique*** for the opening of ***The Mavangane District Centre***, which was dedicated in memory of UK missionary, **Rev Frank Howie.**

Approximately £10,000 was committed to this project, which was promoted by **Rev Trish Laird**, (pastor of the ***Largs (Scotland***) church and former missionary to ***Africa)***. And it was the ***Largs*** church that bore the burden of this project and where many fund raising activities were held. In addition to the contribution made by ***Largs***, the project has been supported by, ***Alabaster Funds, Souter Charitable Trust, Maputo & Xai Xai Districts (Mozambique), North District NMI***…and by individuals.

It was in ***Jantique*** that the very first Church of the Nazarene was planted in 1922…and in the dedication service the following statement was made:

"Rev Frank Howie began his missionary service here in ***Mozambique*** in 1964 and served in this capacity until his death in 1993. For his dedicated service to the Lord we dedicate this church to his memory and as representative of all the missionaries who left their home countries and have given of their lives to spread the Word of God throughout ***Mozambique."***

Rev Trish Laird preached the dedication sermon, and others taking part in the service included, **Rev João Guidione Bucuane** (*District Superintendent*) and **Rev Dr Paulo Moisés Sueia** (*Field Strategy Coordinator*). Today the work of the Church of the Nazarene in ***Mozambique*** is organised into 5 Areas, and there are 30 districts.

The Dedication Plaque

A Packed Church

Nazarene District Centre

Rev. Frank Howie 1938-1993

Rev Frank Howie was born in ***Belfast***. He was converted and became a Nazarene under the ministry of the late **Rev Bert Kelly** in the ***Donegall Road*** Church of the Nazarene. Following training at ***Hurlet Nazarene College*** and ***British Isles Nazarene College (BINC)***, and pastorates in ***Belfast & Blantyre***, he was ordained, in 1962, by General Superintendent, **Dr Hugh C. Benner**. It was while he was at ***BINC*** that he met **Heather**, a nurse, who was also training for missionary service. They were married in 1961.

The call to the mission field came through the ministry of **Rev Norman & Joan Salmons** – Nazarene missionaries in the ***Tete Province*** of ***Mozambique***. The need was for a missionary couple…a preacher and a nurse, and the **Howies** fitted the bill perfectly. After acceptance by the Missionary Board and language study in ***Portugal***, the **Howies**, and their two children (who had been born in ***Blantyre***) arrived in ***Mozambique***.

Although the **Howies** service in ***Mozambique*** was made difficult, and interrupted, by unrest and political change, much was accomplished over the years…with **Frank Howie** serving in various positions including, head of the ***Tavane Mission Station***, advisor to three districts, director of Extension Bibles Schools, and Mission Director. The situation in the country eventually meant that the **Howies** had to reside in S. Africa, where they were active in evangelism among the ***Mozambique*** migrant workers living in the Republic, while maintaining contact with the work in ***Mozambique***. Eventually visits became possible and Theological Education by Extension became a priority, and **Frank Howie** translated books, wrote books, and sought out books already written in Portuguese, for this purpose. He had a great love for pastors and the training of pastors…he had a heart for young people, challenging them to go into full time Christian service.

Frank Howie was a born preacher - from his teen age years - and he continued to preach in English, Portuguese and Shangaan, up to his untimely death in 1993. He was 55.

Heather Howie, who lives in ***Brough, East Yorks***, comments, "…the new ***Mavengane District Centre***…will be a great blessing to the people. **Frank** would have been very humbled to think that it was a building dedicated in his name."

WOMEN IN MINISTRY

Celebrating 100 years of Women's Ordination in the UK

Conference Dates: 11th-13th May 2012

Olive Winchester

This conference has been arranged to commemorate the centenary of the ordination of **Olive Winchester** in ***Parkhead,*** Glasgow, on 11th May 1912. A member of the *'Winchester Rifle'* family, **Olive Winchester** was a graduate of *Harvard University*, gaining a BA degree in 1903 (specialising in Hebrew and Arabic), and she came to ***Glasgow*** in 1909 to enrol in ***Glasgow University*** to study for the second degree of Bachelor of Divinity…the first woman to do so.

The 3-day *inter-denominational* conference is being sponsored by four main partners: the University of Glasgow School of Critical Studies, International Christian College (Glasgow), Nazarene Theological College (Manchester), and Sharpe Memorial Church of the Nazarene (Glasgow). Conference venues are Glasgow University, International Christian College, Sharpe Memorial Church, Parkhead.

The purpose of the conference is three-fold:

1. To reflect on and celebrate the role of women in the Church and ministry;
2. To hear and share practical and inspirational stories of women in the Church and ministry;
3. To encourage one another in the present and future journey of women in the Church and ministry.

Further information and registration forms can be obtained from **www.parkheadnazarene.org.uk/Winchester** or contact ***Sharpe Memorial Church, Parkhead, Glasgow***.

25 Years of Ministry

"25 Years and still serving the Lord" is the title of a 36-page booklet authored by **Pastor Ronnie McCullough** (***Govan***) to mark 25 years of full-time ministry. Based on the verse, "The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad", **Pastor McCullough** recalls his childhood and early years, conversion, Call to Ministry, ministry with the Edinburgh City Mission, the Belfast City Mission and, since 2004, the Church of the Nazarene. Copies are available from **Pastor McCullough**.

Children's Quizzing

The ***Quizzing*** programme continues to be an opportunity for boys and girls to learn the stories and truths of the Bible. This year's quizzing is based on ***Matthew's Gospel***.

North District Quiz Director, **Jim Jeffrey** (***Irvine***) is stepping down after having served for 26 years as Director. We thank him for his faithfulness, and enthusiasm for quizzing, and for the way quizzing has been promoted so effectively over the years. The new quiz directors are **Peter & Karen McCleary** (***Perth***)…and this year's quiz will be held on Saturday, 12th May.

Last year's quiz winners – the ***Greenisland Team (N. Ireland)*** with ***Greenisland*** pastor, Rev. John Dickson.

Jim Jeffrey

Ministry Recognised

Rev Des Robinson making the presentation to **Rev Claire Fender** on Harvest Sunday

The ***Irvine Troon Initiative (ITI)*** was established in 2007. It was a partnership between two churches (***Irvine & Troon***) with both pastors, **Rev W.D. Robinson** and **Rev Claire Fender**, ministering to both churches. This was an arrangement that brought benefit and encouragement to both fellowships. In January 2010 **Rev Claire Fender** was invited to become pastor of the ***Troon*** church and although some ongoing ministry was continued at ***Irvine***, **Pastor Fender** concentrated on her work in ***Troon***.

The formal ministry link between the two churches was concluded as from 31st August 2011, with **Pastor Fender** giving herself solely to her part-time ministry in ***Troon***. A special presentation was made by **Rev Des Robinson** at the ***Irvine*** church, on Sunday 25th September 2011, to **Pastor Fender** to mark this 4-year ministry relationship, and to express thanks for the ministry **Pastor Claire** has given. **Rev Des Robinson** comments, "…**Pastor Claire** has served the church well over these past four years and was the right person to be a part of the joint churches initiative".

INDUCTIONS

FENTON, Stoke on Trent. Approximately 100 people gather on Saturday, 21st January, for the Induction of **Pastor Augustine Baah**. Originally from ***Ghana***, **Pastor Augustine** and his wife **Eunice**, knew each other from school days, and come from Christian (Presbyterian) families. They have two daughters, **Perpetual** and **Precious**. **Pastor Augustine** holds the BSc degree in Agriculture from **Ghana** and a BA degree in Theology and Pastoral Studies from ***Nazarene Theological College, Manchester***.

Many churches, including, Manchester (Brooklands & Longsight), Bolton (Brownlow Fold), St Helens, Ashton, Birmingham, Didsbury, and ***NTC***, were represented at the induction, plus five members of the local clergy (including 3 Methodist ministers). The Service was conducted by the *District Superintendent*, **Rev David Montgomery, Rev Trevor Hutton** brought the message and **Mair Paton** was the soloist.

PERTH TRINITY - the **Franklins** were welcomed to the ***Perth Trinity*** church on Sunday 23rd October. Originally from ***Arizona, USA***, **Chris Franklin** has taken up the assignment of **Youth Pastor**. Married to **Merritt**, the **Franklins** have 3 sons.

The Franklin Family (l.to r) **Pastor Chris & Merritt Franklin**, and the boys (l.to r) **Carter, Easton & Landon**

Picture (l.to r) **Chris Marlow** (*Church Secretary*), **Pastor Augustine & Eunice Baah, Rev David Montgomery** (*DS*).

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

ST HELENS - There were six baptisms, at two baptism services, arranged by the ***St Helens*** church…held at the local ***Elim*** Church on 1st December, and at ***Brooklands*** church on 10th September. And on Sunday, 11th December – Membership Sunday – eight were received into the membership of the ***St Helens*** church. **Rev Dr Musa Kunene** is the pastor.

IRVINE – four new members were welcomed into the ***Irvine*** church on Church Anniversary Sunday, 9th October, and in the previous month, **Ben Goodwin** (who is studying at ***Nazarene Theological College, Manchester***) was welcomed into the membership of the church.

Irvine pastor, **Rev Des Robinson**, welcomes the new members; (l.to r) **Rev Jim Strachan, Margaret Morrison, Sadie Strachan** and **Christy Kerr.**

CHAPLAIN'S APPOINTMENT

After having served on the chaplaincy team at ***Ninewells Hospital, Dundee***, for the past few years, **Rev Anne Findlay** has been appointed Chaplain to the ***Perth Royal Infirmary (PRI)*** as from January 2012. In addition to the ***PRI***, which is a 300 bed hospital, there is also the ten-bedded ***Cornhill McMillan Centre*** which is located on the grounds of ***PRI.***

Rev Anne Findlay

Christmas Celebrations

Many churches held successful Christmas programmes last month – carol services, nativities, out-door exhibitions, Concert Hall performances, etc. Pictured, left, is the cast of the ***Ardrossan*** church's ***A Lad in a Manger*** production…a total of 480 people enjoyed two performances. **Rev Geoff Austin** is the pastor of the ***Ardrossan*** church

REGIONAL & GLOBAL

REGIONAL - over 50 from the UK joined with over 600 delegates from across the ***Eurasia Region*** to attend the ***Regional Conference (EC'11)*** held in ***Turkey***, 12th-16th October 2011. Seminars, informal fellowship times, and inspirational services, characterised the 4-day event. Speakers included, **Dr Jerry D. Porter** *(General Superintendent)*, and **Dr Gustavo Crocker** (*Regional Director*), with some from the UK taking part…including **Dr Deirdre Brower Latz** *(NTC)* and **Rev Philip McAlister** (*DS*). The venue – a resort on the shores of the ***Mediterranean Sea*** – provided opportunity for relaxation and leisure activity. In the final service of ***EC'11*** a number were ordained to the Christian ministry by **Dr Porter**.

Part of the UK delegation at ***EC'11***

GLOBAL – The ***Third Wave*** (*Global NYI*) ***Conference*** was held 3rd -8th January, in ***Bangkok, Thailand***. This year's gathering is the third in the ***Third Wave*** series, the first was held in ***Quito, Ecuador*** (2004) and the second in ***Johannesburg, S. Africa*** (2007).

Twenty-four young people from the ***Eurasia Region*** were part of the total group of 250 - which represented 50 different nationalities - and the UK was represented by five participants.

The Global NYI Quadrennial theme, ***"Called to be like Christ loving others in our world"*** was the theme of the conference, and key-note speakers were, **Mark Holcomb** (*Global NYI President*) and **Dr Eugénio Duarte** (*General Superintendent*). The Church of the Nazarene has 34 churches in ***Thailand*** plus a number of church plants.

Third Wave participants at ***Thailand 2012*** – outside the ***Bangsai Arts & Crafts Centre***

Nazarene Logo – Thailand version

UK delegates (l.to r) **Callum Dunlop** (Irvine), **Rev Michelle Robinson** (Glasgow), **Pastor Martyn Johnstone** (Uddingston), **Jennifer Rae** (Manchester/Global NYI Council Member), **Matthew Mahoney** (Ashton)

STRATHCLYDE HOUSE

Located on the ***Ayrshire Coast*** with stunning views across the ***Firth of Clyde, Strathclyde House*** continues to provide independent living with peace of mind in a secure environment for its residents. Consisting of 62 self-contained retirement apartments, with full kitchen and bathroom facilities, ***Strathclyde House*** provides an attractive communal lounge, restaurant facilities, a hairdressing salon and launderette.

Communal activities, services and fellowship times, and the pastoral care of the appointed chaplain, are enjoyed by the residents. The annual Christmas Dinner is always a highlight.

For further information, or to request an information pack, please call 01475 522525. ***Strathclyde House*** is located at Shore Road, Skelmorlie, PA17 5EH. Web: www.strathclydehouse.org.uk Email: enquiries@strathclydehouse.org.uk

Residents share in a birthday celebration

Chaplains, (l.to.r) **Rev Beth Wills & Pastor Emma White** in the communal lounge

IMPORTANT DATES

2012

MANSE MINISTRIES (North)
10th-12th February

DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES
23rd-24th March (South)
23rd -26th March (North)
Dr Jerry D Porter

FUN DAY (South)
28th April (NTC)

NTC INTENSIVES
30th April – 19th May

CHILDREN'S QUIZZING (North)
12th May (Perth)

PASTOR'S SUMMER SCHOOL
21st-24th May

DISTRICT SPORTS (North)
2nd June (Glasgow)

NORTHBREAK
28th July – 3rd August

BREAKTHRU'
4th August – 11th August

COLLEGE GRADUATION
20th October
General Linda Bond (SA)

UNITED FRATERNAL
29th October-1st November
Swanwick

2013

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
19th-28th June
Indianapolis, Ind. USA

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