



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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28th General Assembly



An estimated 21,000 of all ages shared in worship and communion on Sunday morning, 23rd June, with many more joining online, as the 28th General Assembly officially began in the Indianapolis Convention Centre. Prior to this, inspirational and business sessions of NMI, NYI and SDMI were held (19th-22nd June), and evening worship celebrations featured members of the Board of General Superintendents as speakers. Over 1000 delegates from most of the 159 world areas where the Church of the Nazarene is working shared in the main business sessions. The vast Exhibition Hall of the Convention Centre presented the work of the church in its many facets...including publishing interests, education, compassionate ministries, the work of the various regions, as well as the work of a number of para-church interests and organisations.

During the first week of the assembly period a team of 1,800 volunteers were involved in 120 locations to share in compassionate ministry projects – painting, cleaning, landscaping, renovating, making meals, collecting and distributing goods, etc. The "One Heart – Many Hands" (OHMH) ministry, founded by medical doctor, Dr Gary Morsch, is now in its 20th year. Many lives were touched through this ministry in the greater Indianapolis area.



Part of the congregation at the Sunday morning Communion Service

General Superintendents Elected

In addition to the re-election of the 4 incumbent General Superintendents, two new Generals were elected. **Dr David Busic** was elected on the 21st ballot, and **Dr Gustavo A. Crocker** was elected on the 53rd ballot. Dr Busic has served the church in a number of pastoral positions including senior pastor at Bethany First, Oklahoma, and, since September 2011, as President of Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City. Dr Crocker, who is a native of Guatemala, has been involved in world relief and compassionate ministries - serving (1994-1999) as director of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, and since 2004 as Eurasia Regional Director.

Members of the Board of General Superintendents gather around Dr Gustavo & Rachel Crocker (kneeling left) and Dr David Busic and his wife Christi (kneeling right), at the service of installation, which was the final service of the General Assembly held on Thursday evening, 27th June.



Dr David Busic



Dr Gustavo A. Crocker

OUR DELEGATES



Representing the two British Isles districts at the General Assembly were, (l.to r) Rev Philip McAlister, Tom Penman, David Barnes, Rev David Montgomery.

NMI GLOBAL PRESIDENT

Dr Philip Weatherill, of the South District, has been elected Global Nazarene Missions International President. He is the first male Global NMI President and succeeds Rev Jennifer Brown of Jamaica. The son of **Rev & Mrs John R. Weatherill**, Dr Weatherill has been a member of the Global NMI Council for the past eight years, 4 of which were as Vice-President...he is a graduate of Dundee University (BSc & PhD degrees) and works in the pharmaceutical industry. The Weatherills are members of the North Watford Church.



Dr Philip & Laura Weatherill

ELECTED TO SERVE

Rev Philip McAlister was elected to the General Board and Dr Paul D. Tarrant was re-elected to serve on that Board, as part of the Eurasia representation. Cathy Tarrant was elected as the Eurasia representative on the Global NMI Council.



Dr Paul and Cathy Tarrant



The 4 delegates, and 3 visitors, from the South District joined with about 60 others (from Bulgaria, Romania, Russia, Denmark, Germany) in Razgrad, Bulgaria, to participate in the Convention.

In Memoriam

MARGARET ROSE WEATHERILL

was called home suddenly on 26th March. She had just celebrated her 82nd birthday. Born in Kidderminster, into a Christian home, Margaret left school when she was 14 and found work with Fox's Biscuits, where she was a well respected and appreciated worker. She met John Weatherill in Batley when he was on leave from National Service. John was to be the love of her life and they were married in Batley on 20th December 1952 by Rev Herbert Baldwin.



Margaret Weatherill

Over 40 years of ministry and service in the full time pastorate were to follow. After a short ministry in Abergavenny, the Weatherills served in Luton, Fenton, Oldham, Bristol, Leeds and Glasgow. In retirement years the Weatherills have been in fellowship with the Dewsbury Church where their testimony and example has been an encouragement and blessing to many.

Margaret's parents, Mr & Mrs Preece, attended the Church of the Nazarene in Batley and were involved in house meetings and campaigns with Rev Glyn Thomas in Finaghy, N. Ireland. They were also part of the Cross Mission in Kilmarnock, Scotland, at the time it joined the Church of the Nazarene.

A Service of Thanksgiving for Margaret Weatherill's life was held 3rd April in the Dewsbury Church, led by Rev Tony Musgreave and Rev Ken Prescott, and tributes were brought by Jennifer Mann (granddaughter) and Geoff Clarkson (Leeds). Margaret was described as a loving wife, help-meet and faithful supporter in ministry, and one who cared for all her family with love beyond measure. She is survived by her husband, Rev John R. Weatherill, son, Dr Philip Weatherill (and Laura), granddaughter Jennifer (and Doug Mann) and three great-grandchildren, Jonathan, Sarah & James. Many will rise "and call her blessed."

NYI Convention

Nazarene Youth International delegates, numbering approximately 1000, met in 11 centres around the world. Groups in Bulgaria, South Africa, Kenya, Philippines, India, Guatemala, Haiti, Trinidad, Argentina and Ecuador, joined by satellite with the main convention group in Indianapolis, USA.

The group in Bulgaria met in the Razgrad Nazarene church and South District NYI Delegates were Rev Matt Norris, Pastor Sarah St Clair-Whicker, Jenny Robertson, Jack Buxton.



Youth delegates from the North District shared in the main Indianapolis convention. Seated with Rev Michelle Robinson (centre: North European Field NYI Rep) are (l.to r) Matt Ross, Ruth Lloyd, Pastor Michael Kane, William Robinson

DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES



Two inspirational and encouraging District Assemblies were held in March when the Diamond (60th) Anniversary of the forming of the two districts was appropriately celebrated. General Superintendent, Dr Jerry D. Porter chaired the assembly business, and the times of worship and prayer were a blessing to all who attended.



South District Ordination group (l.to r) Dr Jerry D. Porter, Rev Kate Barclay (Sheffield Youth Pastor) & Alistair Barclay, Rev Louise Kenyon (NTC), Rev Jason Nike (London, Fresh Ground) & Laura Nike, Rev David Montgomery.



At the North Assembly ordained ministers gather around Jim & Maggie Ritchie (Perth Trinity) as Dr Jerry D. Porter congratulates Rev Jim Ritchie whose ordination credentials were received by the Church of the Nazarene.

Missionaries Visit



Dr Dave & Rhoda Restrict

Dr Dave & Rhoda Restrict, **missionaries to Mozambique, visited a number of churches during their recent visit to the UK**, including, Troon, Ardrossan, Perth, Govan, Largs, Cramlington, Paisley and Weston-super-Mare. The Restricks were en route to the USA for deputation work and eventual retirement in 2014. Rhoda, who comes originally from Sheffield, was a missionary nurse and midwife in Swaziland for a number of years in the 1970s and met Dave in Swaziland when he was a Peace Corps Volunteer with the US government. Following training and a pastoral assignment in Weston-super-Mare (1982-1985), the Restricks were appointed missionaries to Africa. Dave, who holds the Doctor of Theology degree (ThD) from Boston University, has served, for almost 28 years, as Academic Dean of the **Seminário Nazareno Moçambique**, where enrolment has reached over 70 and last year 20 graduated.

National Board Meets

The two District Advisory Boards which unite to form the **National Board** met on Saturday, 8th June in the Paisley St Matthew's Church to discuss matters that relate to the work of the Church in the UK as a whole. The College Principal is also a member of this board.



National Board (from centre-foreground anti-clockwise) Rev Rosemary Davidson, Rev Philip McAlister, Dr Deirdre Brower Latz, Rev David Evans, Rev David Montgomery, Rev Ruth Turner, Richard Wood, Steve Clarkson, Mark Canning, Fran Brower, Steve Leach.

Time for Reflection

Rev Jim Ritchie, pastor of the Perth Trinity Church of the Nazarene, was invited to bring the "Time for Reflection" talk on Tuesday, 30th April, delivered to Scottish Members of Parliament at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh. Explaining what the word 'Nazarene' meant, Rev Ritchie quoted the line, "I Stand Amazed in the Presence of Jesus the Nazarene" and, in the short address, proceeded to explain how 'amazing' Jesus is.



Rev Jim Ritchie

CHURCH CLOSURES

The **St Helens** church held its final service on Saturday 4th May when nearly 40 gathered and thanks and testimony were given for the ministry of the church over the past 60 years. District Superintendent, Rev David Montgomery, led the service and preached the sermon

Approximately 80 were present for the closing service of the **Cardiff Frank Webster Memorial Church** in South Wales, held Saturday 6th July. Mair Paton was the soloist and Rev David Montgomery preached. Thanks to God were given for the years of witness in the Roath district of Cardiff and for the vision and sacrifice of those who founded the work in the 1940s and 1950s.

TAUNTON CELEBRATION

On Saturday 23rd February nearly 90 people filled Bathpool Chapel in Taunton (Somerset) to celebrate the Church's 30th Anniversary. Although the history of the Chapel goes back to 1865 – when the chapel was built – it was 30 years ago that the Church of the Nazarene was organised. **Rev David Thirkell**, the founding pastor of our work in Taunton, shared memories of the early days, greetings were brought from a number who had been involved in the ministry over the years and District Superintendent, **Rev David Montgomery**, brought the closing message. Pastor, **Rev Grace Applebee**, says, "... some of the Charter Members were present...it was a time of great encouragement ...we felt it was a "new beginning" for the church as we prayed and committed ourselves to the future of the work in Taunton."



Bathpool Chapel



...hardly a seat to spare



'Cutting the Cake' (l.to r) Rev David Montgomery (DS), Rev Grace Applebee (pastor) & Rev David Thirkell

"POINTLESS" VISIT

"Pointless", the 12-man contemporary a capella singing group from Point Loma Nazarene University, USA, visited the UK in May/June. Venues visited included Glasgow, Uddingston, Ardrossan, Oldham & Leeds.

In Uddingston, 'Pointless' were the headline act in a community Family Concert. Uddingston pastor, Rev Clive Tutty, comments, "...the energy and variety of the group were a great success." At the concert the gospel was clearly communicated in word and in song, and everyone went home with a Tunnock's Tea-Cake and an invite to the church (the Uddingston church is located next door to the famous Tunnock's Tea-Cake./Caramel Wafer factory).

When in Oldham the choir sang at 2 open air venues, and, by special invitation, in the 'Three Crowns', a public house established in 1803. David Brooks, of the Oldham church, says, "...the choir was well received and much appreciated by all... and at all the locations we gave out invitation cards and pens to promote the church..."



"Pointless" with staff at Rhode Island Coffee (Oldham pastor, Pastor Andrew Robinson, is standing far right, and Elizabeth Robinson far left).



Inside the "Three Crowns" Oldham



The Uddingston Family Concert

SPORTS & QUIZZING

District **Quizzing** was held at centres in Scotland and N. Ireland on Saturday 11th May. District Quiz Director, **Peter McCleary** (Perth), was present in the Broomhill church Glasgow, where 5 teams participated. Certificates were presented to all quizzers, and congratulations to the winning team - from Perth Trinity.



Quiz Director – Peter McCleary



The teams in the Broomhill Church



The winning team! – from Perth

The Northern Ireland Zone quiz took place on Friday evening 10th May in Dromore. There were two teams, Dromore Dazzlers and Ulstars Allstars (a mixed team from Greenisland and Dromore). Dromore Dazzlers wone the Zone Cup also coming runners up in the District competition with the Ulster Allstars taking third place. Congratulations to all concerned.



Northern Ireland Quizzing Director Ivan Crowe takes pleasure in awarding the NI Zone Cup to Lucy McCourt, Captain of Dromore Dazzlers Quiz team.



Ulster Allstars quiz team along with Coaches Julie McCourt (Dromore) and Muriel Gilliland (Greenisland).

Sports Day was held Saturday, 18th May, at the Kilmarnock Sports Centre. Thanks to **Jordan Dickson** (Irvine) and his team for organizing the sports. Although the weather was not the best, everyone enjoyed being in the sports hall following the races for the rally and medal ceremony. Congratulations to the winning team - Perth Trinity



Inside the Kilmarnock Sports Centre for the Medal Ceremony



Sports Director, Jordan Dickson (right), with members of the winning team from Perth

Bolton Celebration

On Saturday 18th May the Bolton First church held a special service to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the sanctuary. It was on 11th August 1962 that Rev J.B. Maclagan – District Superintendent - laid the Foundation Stone and 9 months later, on 18th May 1963, the new sanctuary was officially opened and dedicated to the glory of God.

Bolton pastor, Rev Sue Aveyard, reports "...the evening celebrations were led by both senior and junior choirs, with well-loved hymns and choruses chosen to reflect each of the past 5 decades. A presentation of music and pictures traced events in the life and programme of the church from across the years. It was a wonderful evening with the chance to look back and give thanks to God for the way He has moved and blessed in Bolton. It was also a special time as we were celebrating Pentecost that weekend."



The current Church Board & Pastor with those who were present 50 years ago.



Bolton First Junior Choir



Bolton First Senior Choir

LLAY

The Llay (N. Wales) church recently experienced two great weekends of blessing. A group of 16 attended the annual Big Church Day Out, held 25th-26th May at Wiston Estate, West Sussex. 20,000 gathered for Christian music and worship featuring some of the biggest names among Christian Artists. The Llay pastor, Rev Jen Blake, writes "...the freezing night in a tent was more than made up for by the beautiful sunshine and worship that took place over the weekend with Christians from all across the UK. This is the second year the church has attended and plans are already under way for 2014."

...and on Sunday 2nd June 6 were baptised on profession of their faith. Four are from one family, and all six are new to the church. Pastor Jen reports, "...the church was full as we heard testimonies of transformed lives and witnessed their boldness in taking a stand for their new found faith. It truly was a celebration and we praise God for what He is doing in Llay!"



Group at the Big Church Day Out



Baptism Group (l.to r) (back) Austin Denton, Mel Denton, Shelley Jones, Pastor Jen Blake, (front) Pastor Jonny Blake, Emma Denton, Ryan Hoyle, Kim Caringelli.

NEW LOGO

A new 'logo' was unveiled at the General Assembly which can be downloaded from the website www.nazarene.org. This new logo is in addition to the official seal of the church and is not meant to replace it. The new logo seeks to depict, in contemporary design, the focus and direction of the theology and mission of the denomination.





NAZARENE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

SYDNEY MARTIN LECTURE

The annual **Sydney Martin Memorial Lecture** was delivered in a packed Maclagan Chapel on Wednesday, 29th May, by **Dr Michael Lodahl** – *Professor of Theology and World Religions at Point Loma Nazarene University* – on the topic, “How Shall We Live with the Religious Stranger?”

Dr Lodahl was in the UK attending *The Telegraph Hay Festival*. His recent book, entitled “Claiming Abraham – Reading the Bible and the Qur’an Side by Side”, was one of six shortlisted by the panel of seven judges for the ‘2013 **Michael Ramsey Prize** for Theological Writing’.

Dr Michael Lodahl is standing far right. (Seated with Dr Rowan Williams - Lord Williams of Oystermouth: former Archbishop of Canterbury - is the eventual winner of the prize).



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Many friends, former students, college supporters, and prospective students visited the NTC stand in the exhibition hall at the Indianapolis Convention Centre during the General Assembly. NTC is one of a number of degree granting Nazarene Colleges and Universities around the world, and particular interest was shown in the PhD programme offered at NTC, and in the strong Wesleyan links the College has in Manchester and in the UK as a whole.

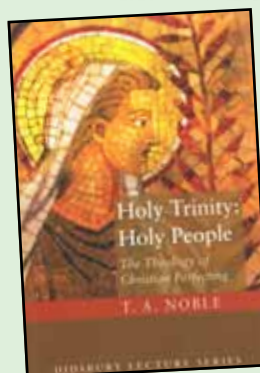


The Principal at the NTC Stand



Ice Cream reception for NTC Friends and Supporters

NEW BOOKS



“**HOLY TRINITY: HOLY PEOPLE** The Theology of Christian Perfecting” by **Dr T. A. Noble**, has been described as “...a landmark in treatments of Wesley’s doctrine of Christian Perfection.” This book was published earlier this year in the Didsbury Lecture Series, which Dr Noble delivered in October 2012 at Nazarene Theological College, Manchester. Dr Noble is Professor of Theology at Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, and Senior Research Fellow in Theology at Nazarene Theological College, Manchester.



“**MARK: A Commentary in the Wesleyan Tradition**” by **Dr Kent Brower**, is one of a number of commentaries already published in the “New Beacon Bible Commentary” series. This new set of commentaries is designed to make available to pastors and students in the twenty-first century a biblical commentary that reflects the best scholarship in the Wesleyan theological tradition. Dr Brower is Vice-Principal and Senior Research Fellow in biblical studies at Nazarene Theological College Manchester.

Blessing of the Fleet



Rev Claire Fender on Board the Troon Lifeboat at the Blessing Service

The Troon Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen hosted the Annual Troon Harbour Blessing, and the Blessing of the Fleet, Service at Troon Harbour on Sunday 9th June. This year **Rev Claire Fender**, of the Troon Church of the Nazarene, led the service, with other clergy from the town taking part.

RACE FOR LIFE

A group of 14 from the Parkhead, Glasgow, church joined with over 14,000 other runners in the annual Cancer Research 5K **Race**



Some of the “Parkhead Runners”

For Life event held in Glasgow 26th May. This event expected to raise in total almost £1 million for cancer research, and the Parkhead ladies raised, through sponsorships and donations, over £1,700.

MINISTERS' SUMMER SCHOOL

Another successful 'Summer School' was held 28th-30th May with almost 30 attending. Topics covered included aspects of Wesleyan Theology, Biblical Studies, and engaging with the Media, as well as times of worship and fellowship.



Summer School in session



Summer School participants

Campus Activity

Building work is taking place on the college campus in the Summer months. The tower (fire escape) structure is in the process of being built at the north end of Hurlet Hall (this will allow the unused apartment in the loft space to be brought into use) and a kitchen-dining area extension is being built to the rear of Hurlet Hall. In addition to the building work a 16-strong Work & Witness Team from Pasadena First Church is on campus in July – on their 5th visit to the College (some are on their 6th visit) – painting, replacing windows, and renovating the café...work that is needed and much appreciated.



The "Tower" under construction

AFRICA PARTNERSHIPS

Dr & Mrs Kent Brower were in Swaziland in April. Dr Brower was paying another visit to the **Southern Africa Nazarene University** (SANU) – which comprises the Bible College, Nurses and Teachers Training Colleges – where he serves as Pro Vice Chancellor Academics of the University (Dr Brower gives 75% of his time to Manchester (NTC) and 25% to the work of SANU). Mrs Francine Brower gave support to the Swaziland Ministry of Education in special education and inclusion through lectures, workshops and visits to schools.

In May Dr Dwight Swanson joined Dr Brower in South Africa to teach the first course module of the post-graduate MA (Aspects of Christian Holiness) degree to a group of ten pastors and educators. Classes were held at the Nazarene Theological College in Muldersdrift, near Johannesburg. College Principal, Rev Mashangu Mahluleka commented, "This is no longer a pipe dream, but a reality...this partnership makes me proud...thank you for believing in us." And Dr Greg Crofford, Regional Education Coordinator, wrote, "I'm excited about the potential of this partnership...we are grateful for the collaboration."



One of the special schools visited by Fran Brower in Swaziland.



Dr Kent Brower and Dr Dwight Swanson with MA students in South Africa.

CARLISLE ANNIVERSARY



The Carlisle Church celebrated its 75th Anniversary over the weekend 18th-19th May. A Family Open Day and evening banquet were held on the Saturday, and College Principal, Dr Deidre Brower Latz was the guest speaker at the Sunday celebration.

Our work in Carlisle began in the 1920s when two ladies heard about the message of Holiness and began Bible classes in a rented ground floor flat. They also held sewing classes for young girls and introduced them to the stories of the Bible. The work grew and became recognised as a Holiness Mission. The parents of Dr David Hynd – Mr & Mrs Samuel W. Hynd - were acquainted with the work of the Holiness Mission when they lived in Carlisle, and Dr & Mrs David Hynd visited Carlisle in 1925 on their way to Swaziland as medical missionaries.

It was as a result of a campaign in 1938 with “Holiness Trekkers” led by Rev Robert Purvis (Nazarene District Superintendent) accompanied by Rev James Mcleod, Rev Tom Wilson and Rev George Brown, that the work of the Church of the Nazarene became established. The first pastor, from 1938-1943, was Pastor Robert Hudspeth. Others who have served in the Carlisle church have included, Rev David J. Tarrant, Rev Raymond Spence, Rev Alf Milliken, Rev Wesley R. Hands, Rev Albert Griffith, Rev Ron Bean and Rev Claire Fender. Rev I. Barrie Thomas, a former layman in the church, has given significant leadership to the church in a variety of ways over the years, and is senior pastor at the present time.

God has blessed the work in Carlisle which has become well known across the city. Compassionate Ministry programmes through *The Living Well Trust* and the *Reach* charity have brought practical Christianity to many, especially those living on the Raffles Estate. The 75th Anniversary was an opportunity to give thanks and praise to God for His faithfulness.



75th Anniversary Banquet



Sunday Morning Celebration

OFFICIAL OPENING

Plans are being made for the official opening and dedication of the new **Parkhead Sharpe Memorial Church** Glasgow to be held over the weekend of 7th-8th September. A resolution to designate the Parkhead Church as a **Historic Landmark**, recognised by the denomination, was unanimously adopted at the recent General Assembly.

Penycae Community Ministry

A neighbourhood ministry has been in operation at the Penycae Church for the past 18 months. Every Thursday volunteers meet at the church to pack into bags vegetables, fruit and salad for collection by the public. All the food is sourced locally and is available at a small cost. Along with the “food co-op” there is opportunity for people to stop by and have a chat and a cuppa. Proceeds from this programme help to support local charities. Penycae pastor, Rev Tracey Day comments, “...this is a valuable community outreach which continues to expand.”



Volunteers packing food bags



The food arrives!

BROOKLANDS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

TWENTY THREE New Members have been welcome into the **Brooklands, Manchester, Church of the Nazarene**.

It all began earlier this year shortly before the church Annual General Meeting. The Nominating Committee were prayerfully considering who might be approached with a view to standing for election to the church board. The main task they faced seemed to be one of abundance - because there appeared to be so many talented Christians to choose from who were all regular attenders at the church. And then it was noticed that lots of these good people were ineligible for nomination because their names were not listed on the Brooklands' church membership roll. The pastor, Rev Karl Stanfield, responded to this by preaching a series of challenging sermons - that concluded with an invitation for anyone who might be interested to sign up for membership classes. The results were remarkable because by early in May, just before the Pastor went on three months of well-earned sabbatical leave, he had, in a series of three consecutive Sunday morning services, brought twenty-three new people by profession of faith into membership of the church (with ages ranging from teens to nineties!).

The names of the new members appear with the accompanying photos, which were taken by church member, Mrs Joanne Rowley Bolton - who, with her husband Mark, had the joy of seeing, amongst the other fine people, their own two sons coming into church membership.

Perhaps there's a thought here to ponder on - what does membership of a local church mean for *you*? Many of these new members had thought that, simply by their regular attendance at the Brooklands church, they were already fully enrolled members! May they now find that their new membership and public acknowledgement of their faith will open doors to further enriching avenues of witness and service for their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. (Reporter: Bill Graham).



(l.to r) Pastor, Rev. Karl Stanfield, Sigrid Nwater, Jean Frost, Leah Hope Jenkinson, Lucy Frost, Heather Critchley, Elouise Critchley, Jack Bolton, Ivy Makani, Dean Stanfield, Teresa Baker, Eduardo Checa, Tom Bolton, Ian Felstead, & Luis Checa.



(l.to r) Arthur Basnett, Dorothy Basnett, Melissa Schwartz, Simona Ciufu, & David Richmond.

Rev Karl Stanfield welcomes new members (l.to r) Frank Torkington, Peggy Torkington, Nora Williams & Sandra Pitt.



CHILDREN'S PASTOR APPOINTED



Pastor Zoe Robinson was welcomed and installed as Children's and Associate Pastor in the Paisley St Matthew's church at a special service on Sunday morning, 14th July. A graduate of NTC and a District Licenced minister, Zoe comes from the Irvine church and will work in Paisley alongside the pastor, Rev Wesley Hands. The College was represented by Graham Meiklejohn and Zoe's parents, Rev Des & Diane Robinson, attended the service and Rev Robinson led the congregation in prayer, praying for Zoe and for her ministry in Paisley. A fellowship Barbeque followed the service.

Some of the Paisley fellowship gather around Pastor Zoe Robinson (centre) following the service of installation.

PAISLEY FUN DAY

The Paisley St Matthew's Church held a Fund-Raising "Fun Day" on Irvine beach on Saturday, 25th May. The event was to raise money to help send a team of 7 to Romania to be part of a Children's VBS Mission, to minister to senior citizens, and to help in a woman's shelter. The trip, to run 27th July-10th August, will take the team to Bucharest and Sighisoara, and Paisley Pastor, Rev Wesley Hands, has been practicing some new magic tricks to take with him to help present the gospel in a unique way!

Approximately 80 attended the event which included beach activities, sea canoeing, horse rides on "Prince", and a Barbeque. £384 was raised on the day...and the Nazarene presence was a witness to others, as one bystander commented how good it was to see so many people enjoying themselves with no falling out and no bad language. Some from Irvine, Erskine and Houston were also part of the event.



Sea Canoeing



A happy time on a beautiful day



Pastor Hands at the Barbeque

NCM HOUSE BELFAST

There have been significant developments and personnel appointments at NCM House, Belfast, in recent months. In January of this year Stephen Cairns took up the position of Operational Director of NCM (NI) Ltd. A member of the Dromore church, Stephen Cairns brings a knowledge of the work of the church and considerable business experience to this position.

As a result of the partnership between our College in Manchester (NTC) and European Nazarene College (EuNC) NCM House has been established as a "Learning Centre" for the preparation of pastors and licenced ministers for the work of the ministry.

Stephen Cairns writes, "I am privileged to have been a part of the team which worked to open the Belfast Learning Centre. It is our hope and belief that the Learning Centre will play a key role in the training of licenced ministers, continuing education for ordained ministers, and the development of lay education for the church in Northern Ireland.

"Shortly after taking up this post I was reading in 1 Chronicles. In chapter 17 the word of the Lord to King David through the prophet Nathan was, "You are not the one to build me a house to dwell in." In chapter 28 David charges his son Solomon with the words, 'Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you...'



Rev Dick Porter (front right) teaches Introduction to the Old Testament

"The charge that David gave to Solomon signalled the 'changing of the guard' – a new generation was coming on the scene – and while I trust that our current ministers and lay people will be around for many years to come, I pray that the work at NCM House will speak to the next generation and challenge them and say to them, 'Be strong and courageous and do the work.'"

We pray that God will pour out His blessing on the Belfast Learning Centre and on future projects at NCM House.



Stephen Cairns – Operational Director



New Prayer and Study Room

IMPORTANT DATES

2013

NORTHBREAK

3rd-9th August
Condoover Hall, Shrewsbury

BREAKTHRU

17th-24th August
Condoover Hall, Shrewsbury

INNOVISION CENTRE

2nd-4th September

NYUK AGM (BISD)

14th September – Sheffield

COLLEGE GRADUATION

19th October
Rev Dr Samuel Calvin

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

24th-26th October
Bawtry Hall (BISD)
28th-30th October
Glenada (BIND)

DIDSBURY LECTURES

28th-31st October
Professor Gordon Wenham

NYUK HOUSEPARTY (NTC)

15th-17th November

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DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

21st-22nd March - BISD
21st-24th March – BIND
Dr J.K. Warrick

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BARNSELEY NEWS

The Barnsley Church participated in the Eden sponsored BIG LUNCH – held on Sunday 2nd June. This is one of a number of initiatives the Barnsley fellowship is using to contact and minister to the local community. In addition to the regular church services, and the multilingual service (which is held every 4-6 weeks, and brings together Russian, Latvian, Romani and English speakers – and where numbers vary between 60 and over 100), the church is also involved in a Care Home ministry involving monthly visits to two care homes.

The church has also been experimenting with the use of technology to enable people to follow the service and hymns and to access the programme of the church on their mobile phones – and on iTablets. The pastor, Rev Ian Newton, recently announced that the Barnsley church had broken the 50 download barrier for the church app on Android, which means that more people now have the church app on their phones than there are members, or people attending on a Sunday. 85 people have now done this with the Barnsley church app.

Opportunities continue to present themselves in Barnsley for outreach and evangelism and the church facilities are regularly used by a variety of local groups, including the Royal British Legion, the Crime and Safety Group, and by Ward Councillors. And the pastor has recently been invited to participate in a Sheffield BBC Radio discussion programme.



Children at the Big Lunch



Care Home Service



Children visit a Care Home