

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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A TALE OF TWO CITIES AND TWO LIBRARIES

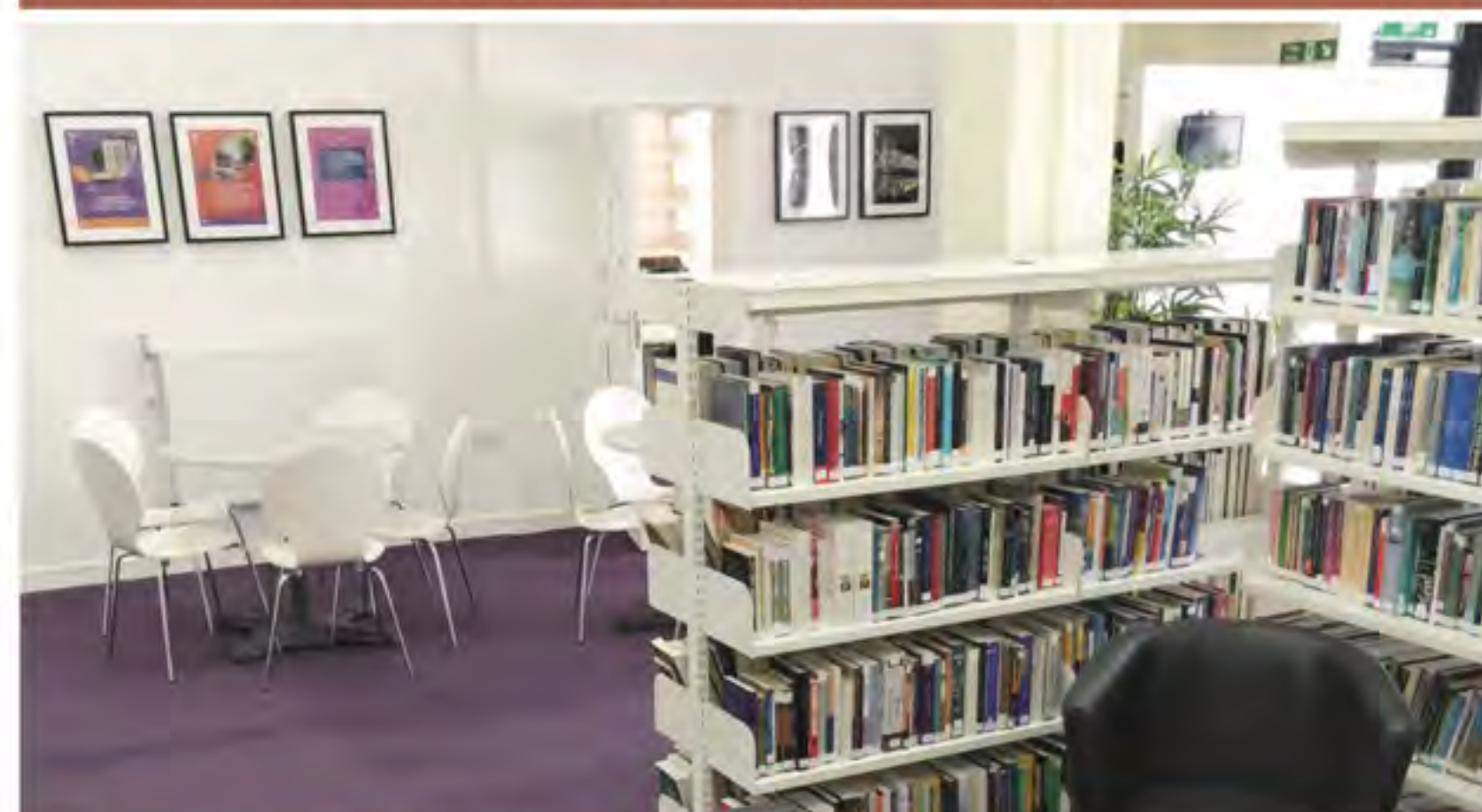
Next year will mark the 60th Anniversary of the College's presence in Manchester. Originally founded in Scotland in 1944 as Hurler Nazarene College, the College moved to Manchester in 1959 following the union of the Calvary Holiness Church with the Church of the Nazarene. Hurler Nazarene College and Beech Lawn College amalgamated to become British Isles Nazarene College, and in 1990 the name of the College changed to Nazarene Theological College. In 1997 Emmanuel Bible College, Birkenhead, became an integral part of NTC. All roads led to Manchester, and over the years the College has grown and developed in terms of facilities and buildings, faculty and staff, and academic standing and curriculum.

The story in Glasgow begins towards the end of the 19th century when evangelists Moody and Sankey visited Glasgow (in 1874 and 1891). As a result of these visits the Bible Training Institute (BTI) was established in 1892 and over the decades hundreds of students passed through its doors. In 1990 the College was renamed Glasgow Bible College and then, following the merger of Northumbria Bible College (originally Lebanon Missionary Bible College, Berwick on Tweed, whose principals included D. W. Lambert and David J. Rigby) the College, in 1998, relocated and was renamed International Christian College. In 2015 the College found it necessary to relocate again, downsize, and was renamed the Scottish School of Christian Mission. SSCM found premises in the Parkhead area of Glasgow and worked in partnership with NTC to see BA and MA options offered once again in Glasgow. At the end of June this year the decision was taken to dissolve the SSCM charity and for Nazarene Theological College to take up the torch and to carry on the vision of providing theological education and the mission of transforming communities in Glasgow, Scotland, and further afield. This will not only allow students to pursue full time study from a Glasgow base, but will also allow anyone – lay person or minister – to sign up to take a 'taster class' or undertake a range of study options at the Gallowgate site.

And two libraries... In October 2010 the library at NTC Manchester, which contains over 30,000 volumes, was named the Hugh Rae Library in memory of Dr Hugh Rae who served as principal 1954-1866 and 1973-1986. Dr Rae passed away in 2009 age 87. In 2012 the library of International Christian College, Glasgow, was named The Grogan Library in memory of former principal of Glasgow Bible College, Dr Geoffrey R. Grogan who died in 2011 age 86. The Grogan Library has been donated by the Scottish School of Christian Mission to Nazarene Theological College and is now part of the Glasgow Learning Centre facilities.



Manchester - Nazarene Theological College



Glasgow - The Grogan Library



CHURCH HOLIDAYS

NORTHBREAK was held 4th-10th August in Ampleforth, North Yorkshire. A record 310, of all ages attended, and the theme for the week was, "Hearing what the Voice of the Spirit is Saying to the Church". Speakers included Rev Jim Ritchie (DS), Dr Ian Wills (Parkhead) and Rev Michael Kane (NTC), and Dr Joseph & Rev Kat Wood (NTC & Ashton), Rev Jay & Teanna Sunberg (Central Europe) and Pastor Jack Swan (Perth) also conducted the daily seminars. Evening Celebrations were times of Blessing, Challenge and Encouragement.



Regular 'Northbreak Specials' featured in the programme such as 'Good Morning World', 'You've Been Rumbled', daily coach outings, sports, swimming, banquet and 'Talent Night'. Dates and details of next year's holiday will be announced soon.

BREAKTHRU was held at Ellesmere College, Shropshire 13th-19th August and 205 of all ages attended. Rev Pete Read, Vice-Principal of Regents Theological College, spoke on "Enjoying the Jesus Adventure", and covered such topics as identity, discipleship, growth and spiritual authority. Pete also led sessions for pastors on leadership. Rev Michael Kane (NTC) spoke about 'Bring Rooted' in Prayer, the Bible and the Church. Good Morning Breakthru was a daily feature and the Breakthru Café the main meeting area for fellowship and conversation. The 'Bistro Night' was a new addition to the programme – a candle-lit, four-course meal for over 18s. Sports activities and the swimming pool were available and "The Greatest Showman" – a "40's Night" sing-along with an 8-piece band gave everyone a chance to dress up. Praise Services, which included a healing service, were times when lives were touched, spirits renewed and God's Kingdom extended. The venue for 2019 is to be the same – dates: 18th-25th August. The BREAKTHRU team say, "Why not come and join us?"



IN MEMORIAM

REV JOHN REANEY passed away peacefully, Sunday, 23rd September. He was 84. Born in South Belfast, John's early experiences included attending Boys' Brigade and being converted as a teenager at a gospel meeting at Gt. Victoria Street, Baptist Church. On leaving school, John worked briefly in a shoe shop and then at a printers as a compositor. Maureen (Mo) Tumilson also worked at the printers and a friendship developed and it was through Maureen that John was introduced to the Glenmore Street Church of the Nazarene. John embraced the experience of entire sanctification and felt called to the ministry. He attended Hurler Nazarene College (Scotland) while Maureen worked at the College helping in the kitchen. John & Maureen were married at the Skegoneill Avenue Church of the Nazarene on 23rd June 1956.

The Reaneys pastored Nazarene churches in Hartlepool, Dundee, Donegall Road (Belfast), Edinburgh, London (Battersea) and Bangor (N.I.) over an 18 year period, and also for a few years in Nanaimo (Vancouver Island, Canada). In addition to his ministerial studies, John obtained a degree from the Open University, attended Stranmillis Teacher Training College and for a number of years taught maths at schools in Belfast. John was also gifted as an artist, painting in oils.

Funeral Services were held at the Megain Memorial Church of the Nazarene, Belfast, on Thursday, 27th September, with Rev Ivan Miles officiating, followed by interment at Greyabbey Cemetery on the Ards Peninsula. The Reaneys had 5 children, Dawn, Peter, David, Neil, Andrew and a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren. We remember them in prayer and particularly Mrs Maureen Reaney who is not keeping so well.



REV WILLIAM 'BILL' SAMUEL LYNWODE passed away Saturday, 29th September after a short illness He was 81. Originally from Southport, Bill was converted in 1954 at age 17 at a youth meeting at the local Methodist Church where his family attended and where he met fellow teenager Mary Rimmer. Bill completed his National Service in the RAF, stationed on the Isle of Man, and then, on 28th March 1959 he and Mary were married. Following a brief time as a Police Cadet and then as a rep for Eskimo Frozen Foods, Bill attended Teacher Training College to become a secondary school special needs teacher teaching wood work and metal craft. Throughout these years Bill was faithful to the work of the church and active as a Local Preacher on the Methodist Circuit in Southport and in the local Evangelical Church which the family eventually attended. It was when Bill attended a funeral service for a Methodist Minister in Southport that he felt God's call to be fully surrendered to Him. It was as though God was saying, "If you really mean business with me, I want all of you". Both Bill and Mary surrendered their lives to the will of God, and in 1978 Bill entered the ministry of the Church of the Nazarene and supplemented his Methodist Local Preacher qualifications by studying at home and taking further studies at the Nazarene College in Manchester. He was ordained in 1985. For 12 years the Lynwodes pastored the Watford Balmoral Road Church and then for 11 years at the Croydon Church. Bill not only had a preaching and pastoral ministry he was also a very fine soloist and on many occasions his singing ministry was in demand. Through his life and ministry and love for all people he touched many lives.

Funeral arrangements: Thursday, 18th October, 11.00 am at Wollaston Baptist Church, Northants, NN29 7QX, followed by a family burial at Rushden Cemetery. The Lynwodes had 4 children, Joy, Janet, Christopher (Chris) and Alison, 6 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. We remember Mary Lynwode and the family in these days.



A VISION FOR DUNDEE

It was in 1937 that the Cherryfield Mission in Dundee united with the Church of the Nazarene. The mission had been led by Robert Gibson Deasley (the father of Dr Alex Deasley), who became the Nazarene pastor and led the church for 9 more years before moving to Birmingham. Rev Robert. G. Deasley then moved to Canada to pastor in Alberta. More pastors followed over the years but the church struggled to find permanent premises. John C. Cunningham, a lay pastor, led the church for the last 7 years of its existence, and the church closed in 1973.

In recent months a new vision for Dundee has been laid on the hearts of some and that vision is becoming a reality. On Friday, 28th September, BLEND opened a new cafe in Dundee and a missional team of people led by Rev Derrick and Dayna Thames, who are



in partnership with the District and the church in Perth, plan to use this space as the locus of a new church plant. (There are now 3 BLEND cafes in Scotland – Perth, Paisley and now Dundee). Rev Derrick Thames – Team Leader - (who has recently concluded a 7 year ministry at Erskine) says, "Our basic vision is to bless the city of Dundee by proclaiming and being the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our hope is that BLEND will become a community space where we can be like Jesus with the 'Woman at the Well' - and as people come for food and drink they will discover the grace and love of God. We are a group of 15 people who are listening to Jesus for what kind of church he wants us to be. Please pray for us as we serve the purposes of God in Dundee."



Dundee dedication of the Church of the Nazarene 2nd July 1938. Church leaders on the back row include (l.to r from 3rd along) Pastor Robert & Mrs Deasley, Rev Robert and Mrs Purvis (District Superintendent), Dr George Sharpe, Rev James B. & Mrs MacLagan (Pastor Perth). A young Alex Deasley is seated on the ground - foreground far right

STOCKTON ANNIVERSARY

The Stockton Holiness Mission became affiliated with the International Holiness Mission in 1912 and became part of the Church of the Nazarene in 1952. A combined Church and Pastor's Anniversary was held over the weekend 8th-9th September to celebrate God's faithfulness to the church over 106 years. Former District Superintendent, Rev Colin H Wood was the speaker and representatives from the Cramlington, Sunderland and Hartlepool churches joined with the folk from Stockton for the Saturday Rally. A fellowship lunch was held following the Sunday morning service at the Lighthouse Centre – a compassionate ministry and community outreach centre which is located across the road from the church.



Pastor Mark & Claire Pearce



Rev Ernest & Anne Stafford

Rev Ernest Stafford (former missionary-pastor) and his wife Anne have led the Stockton church over the past 5 years and the ministry team has been supplemented in the past year by Pastor Mark Pearce (a BA (Hons) graduate of NTC who received his District Minister's Licence last year) and his wife Claire. Pray for the Staffords and the Pearces as they work together to extend the Kingdom of God in Stockton-on-Tees.



Church Leaders (l-r) Pastor Mark Pearce, Olwyn Dunning, Heather & Alex Patterson

CANADIAN CONNECTION

Over the years the College has greatly benefitted from volunteer help – and not least from friends from Canada.

RUTH COPELAND-HOLTZ has been a frequent visitor to the College serving in counselling and administrative roles. She and her late husband Dave first came to the College in the 1990s leading a Work and Witness team and had intended to volunteer together at NTC, when Dave was diagnosed with terminal cancer. A graduate in Counselling from the University of Toronto, Ruth has worked for the Royal Bank of Canada in Manager Executive Evaluation, and as Coordinator for Advancement and Recruitment at Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, USA. In addition to her role as a counsellor Ruth has taught English as a Second Language. The College has benefitted greatly from her experience and skills; she returned to Canada in September.

Originally from Canada and a graduate of Canadian Nazarene College (then located in Winnipeg, Manitoba), **Sharon Bull** has taken graduate studies at Vanderbilt University and Simmons College. Sharon has served as librarian at Canadian Nazarene College and at Point Loma Nazarene University, California, and for 22 years served as library director at Northwest Nazarene University, Nampa, Idaho, USA. Now retired, Sharon has been at NTC for 4 months helping in the library to catalogue books in connection with the Manchester Wesley Research Centre.

REV DOUG & LINDA COONEY come from Western Canada (Saskatchewan). Doug is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan and holds Masters Degrees from Nazarene Theological Seminary and NTC (Manchester University). Linda is a graduate of Saskatchewan Polytechnic in the area of Community Recreation Leadership. The Cooneys have pastored Nazarene churches in Canada over 24 years and for 4 years pastored the Manchester Didsbury Church. For 12 years Doug served as a hospital chaplain in Saskatoon. The Cooneys are in their third full year as volunteers at NTC and it is possible they may plan to return in the future. At NTC good use is made of the Cooneys pastoral experience and practical skills - Linda assists in the library, in event planning and in general administration while Doug works in general maintenance of the campus.



(l.to r) Sharon Bull, Ruth Copeland-Holtz, Linda and Rev Doug Cooney

GRADUATION SERVICE



Principal, Dr Deirdre Brower Latz and Graduation Speaker, Canon Dr Joel Edwards

College Graduation was again held at the Whitworth Hall of the University of Manchester, Saturday 6th October, and this year's graduation speaker was Rev Dr Canon Joel Edwards former General Director of the Evangelical Alliance and now Director of Advocacy of Christian Solidarity Worldwide. In addition to prizes and awards 45 degrees were conferred including 3 PhDs

PRINCIPAL'S PROJECT

Following the completion of the "Café Extension", and the recent appeal for funds to refurbish the "Conference Room" in the White House – which included providing wheelchair access by installing a lift – a new project has been announced for 2018-19. The new project aims to install large format interactive screens in the main classrooms in Manchester and Glasgow. The goal for the project is £15,000 and the new screens will allow for better use of video and web-based resources, etc., and also help support improved videoconferencing delivery for students who are unable to get to the campus. Details of how to give to the Principal's Project can be found in the current "The Link" magazine, or visit www.nazarene.ac.uk/donate



WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Dr Svetlana Khobnya (Lecturer in Biblical Studies) represented the College at the first "Women in Missiology Network Consultation" held at the International Mission Centre, Birmingham, 6th-7th June, which was organised by Redcliffe College. In addition to informal conversations with scholars and

practitioners, a number of papers were presented. Dr Khobnya was able to speak about the work of NTC as well as present a research paper – a missional reading of 1 Peter, "They may be won over without a word; How does 1 Peter's missional strategy work?"

(Dr Khobnya is seated far right)



NEWS FROM MILLBROOK

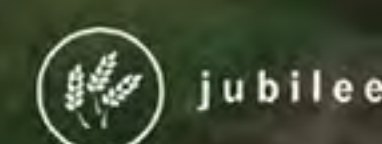


Pastor Nathan and Robin Jenkins are both students at Nazarene Theological Seminary (Kansas City) and are participating in the Seminary's 365m programme which gives students experience in cross-cultural ministries. The

couple met in Oklahoma when Nathan was studying Pastoral Ministry at Southern Nazarene University and Robin was studying music and the University of Oklahoma. Millbrook pastor, Rev Ruth Turner, says that since their arrival at Millbrook (N. Ireland) in February they have immersed themselves in the life and work of the church and community gaining experience in preaching, discipleship and community engagement. They plan to return to the States mid-December to

complete their studies before entering the ministry.

Nathan and Robin have also been working closely with Jubilee Farm which is a Christian – Inter-church – Creation-Care Organisation based in Larne. The vision is to become the first community-owned farm in N. Ireland and a 13.5 acre farm is in the process of being purchased. Supporters and sponsors are being sought, and more information is available on www.jubilee.coop/shareoffer



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Church representatives at the 'Jubilee Farm' BioBlitz Celebration Service – with Rev Ruth Turner (far left)

MINISTRY ASSESSMENT PANEL

A group of ministerial candidates along with mentors and assessors met at NTC 12th-14th July. District Superintendents, Rev David Montgomery and Rev Jim Ritchie were also part of the group. Pray for those who are preparing for ministry and that God would call many more into full-time service. "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field." (Matt. 9:37-38).



ADVISORY BOARD MEETS

The South District Advisory Board met in early September to plan and discuss matters relative to the work of the District. There was a focus on prayer and discussion about the process of electing a new DS which South District churches will be informed of in due course.



(l.to r) Dr Trevor Christians, Dr Ian Wills (Field Strategy Coordinator), Francine Brower, Rev Tracey Day, John McNeil, Rev Erica Tuxworth, Steve Leach, Rev David Montgomery (DS), Rev Helen Lawson. (not pictured Rev Tim Burton).

LOWNS AT LISBURN

It was in the late 1950s that Rev Albert J. Lown pastored and built the present Lisburn Church of the Nazarene. Over 60 years later, at the end of June this year, the Lowns' son, Dr John S. Lown and his wife, Judith, visited the Manse and the Church. It was an emotional visit as many boyhood memories were awakened. Dr Lown has served on the faculty of Nazarene Colleges/Universities in the USA and since 1978 has been a faculty member of the National University in California. Lisburn pastor, Rev Albert and Rhoda Griffith, were delighted to welcome and have fellowship with the Lowns.



(l.to r) Rev Albert Griffith, Florence Orr (charter member), Heather Crothers, Judith and Dr John S. Lown

CONGRATULATIONS

MRS CHRISSIE McNICOL celebrated her 100th birthday on 28th June. Her family gathered together for the celebration from as far away as Canada. Chrissie's father, Thomas McDonald, was a founder member of the Perth Church and Chrissie has been in the church all her life. A faithful member who still attends the church regularly, Chrissie has, in the past, served on the Church Board and as a Sunday School Teacher. She has 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.



MR JOE ALLAN of the Parkhead Church celebrated his 100th birthday on 26th September. Joe has been a member of the Parkhead Church for over 65 years and has served as Board Member, Deputation Leader, Choir Member, and Charity Fund Raiser. His hobbies have included painting and composing poetry – his book of poems, "Seeds of Life" was published in 2008. Joe is a resident in the Erskine Home and has a son and daughter, 5 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CAMP

The North District SS Camp was held 23rd-28th July at the Windmill Christian Centre, Arbroath, Scotland, and approx 60 campers and 20 leaders attended. This year's theme was "Rooted" and teaching and craft sessions explored what it means to go deeper in faith in Christ. Camp activities included, Zorb Football, Nerf Wars, and also trips to the beach and beach park in Arbroath.



NEW BOOK

"Dr Alexander Maclaren – Preacher and Expositor" (114 pages) is the latest book from the pen of Dr Herbert McGonigle. For over 45 years, in the second half of the 19th century, Maclaren preached at Union Chapel, Manchester. In addition to biographical information, Dr McGonigle summarises some of Maclaren's sermons, expositions and pulpit prayers. The foreword is written by Rev Colin H. Wood. Books by Dr McGonigle can be obtained from Dr McGonigle c/o NTC.

Dr. Alexander Maclaren



Herbert Boyd McGonigle
MA, BD, DD, PHD.

NYUK CAMP



The NYUK South District Camp was held at Lea Green Development Centre, Matlock, Derbyshire, 4th-10th August. Approximate 70 attended and enjoyed great weather and the excellent facilities. This year's theme was "The Circus" and sessions picked up on themes from the film, "The Greatest Showman".

Pastor Clint Grimes (Fresh Ground, London) spoke each evening and seminar options on theology and leadership development were available during the day. The week was "full of games, great food, good weather and opportunities to make new friends." Lea Green has been booked for 2019 – dates 10th-17th August.



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