

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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Rev Jim Ritchie

TOGETHER WE CAN

'TOGETHER WE CAN' is the North District theme for this year, outlined by North District Superintendent, Rev Jim Ritchie, at the New Year Gathering in Parkhead Nazarene on Sunday 6th January 2019...

Following the two previous years of hearing from the church, assessing where we are at, listening to the voice of the Spirit and praying about the next steps for the District I believe God is calling us back to our Methodist roots of intentionally working together, prizing mutual accountability and sharing vision and resources in order to go forward into the calling he has set before us to love and reach the communities he has called us to.

SCRIPTURE IS CLEAR THAT GOD PRIZES UNITY AND COMMANDS HIS BLESSING UPON IT...
"HOW GOOD AND PLEASANT IT IS WHEN BROTHERS LIVE TOGETHER IN UNITY! – FOR THERE THE LORD COMMANDS THE BLESSING..." (PSALM 133).
AND THAT UNITY IS A REFLECTION OF THE BODY OF CHRIST...
"MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT...SO THAT THE BODY OF CHRIST MAY BE BUILT UP..." (EPHESIANS 4).
AND THAT IT REALLY WORKS AS IT STRENGTHENS US IN EVERY WAY...
"TWO ARE BETTER THAN ONE...A CORD OF THREE STRANDS IS NOT QUICKLY BROKEN." (ECCLESIASTES 4).

Our response to this must therefore be to work together in all we do in our call as Nazarenes. We are part of a church that is wonderfully Local, District, Regional and Global! And what a blessing this is to us. So whether it is in building up established churches, deepening in devotion, stepping out in mission, planting new churches or facing the challenges of decline, we do it TOGETHER.

Our corporate calling means that one of our sorrows is all our sorrow, one of our joys is all our joy and anyone's success is everyone's success. We pray together, work together, plan together and build together. The Kingdom of God and the call to discipleship is not a solo pursuit but a team effort.

So in 2019 as we, on the North District, establish our new structure of 8 Missional Hubs supporting all our local churches and new Missional opportunities we will endeavour to continue in what we started at the 2017 District Assembly to Invest, Build, Maintain, Prune and Plant...and to intentionality do it together.

Rev Jim Ritchie

DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES

NORTH DISTRICT

Venue: Paisley, St Matthew's

Friday, 22nd March

7:30 pm - Worship & Celebration
Led by Priority 1 and NYI

Saturday, 23rd March

9:00 am - Big Breakfast
10:00 am - Seminars (including Finance)
11:30 am - NYI & SSDM Conventions
2:00 pm - NMI Convention
7:00 pm - Worship Rally

Sunday, 24th March

Morning Worship at Nazarene Churches
6:00 pm - Worship Gathering:
Speaker: Rev Jim Ritchie
7:45 pm - NTC programme

Monday, 25th March

9:00 am - Assembly Business
1:45 pm - Assembly Business
6:30 pm - Ordination Service

SOUTH DISTRICT

Venue: Bushey Baptist Church, Watford

Friday, 22nd March

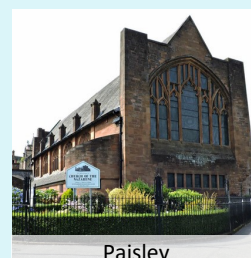
2:00 pm - NMI Convention
7:00 pm - Worship Service

Saturday, 23rd March

9:00 am - Assembly Business
12 noon - NYI Convention
2:00 pm - Assembly Business
4:00 pm - Ordination and Commissioning Service



Dr Eugénio R. Duarte
General Superintendent



Paisley



Watford

IN MEMORIAM

Following the home-call of Rev Bill Lynwode on 29th September 2018 (see TOGETHER No 34), Mary Lynwode was called home following a short illness on 28th October. The funeral service for Bill had been postponed and a Service of Thanksgiving for both Mary and Bill was held at the Wollaston Baptist Church on 22nd November.



Like Bill, Mary Rimmer came from Southport. At age 16 she became a cadet nurse and at age 18 began her nurses training qualifying 3 years later and being awarded the gold medal for her studies. Bill and Mary had met at their local Methodist Church and they were married 28th March 1959. After having her family - 3 daughters and one son - Mary returned to nursing, working as a nurse in the Southport maternity unit and when the Lynwodes entered the Nazarene ministry and moved to Watford, Mary trained and qualified as a Registered Midwife at Watford General Hospital. Mary continued her work as a midwife during the Croydon pastorate until her retirement.

Mary was a great support and help to her husband's ministry over the years, helping with the Caravanners, teaching Sunday School, and being a source of advice and reassurance to new Mums. Mary Lynwode had a gift of knowing when people were hurting and in need of a listening ear.

Rev Erica Tuxworth (Watford) participated in the funeral service and a number of Nazarene clergy and spouses were present to represent the Church of the Nazarene and to support the Lynwode family at their time of loss.



Rev Ernest Arthur David Eades, pastor and missionary, was called home 21st November, aged 99. Originally from London, where the family attended the International Holiness Mission in Battersea, Ernest Eades responded to the call to full-time ministry and trained at Emmanuel Bible College, Birkenhead, where he met Jessie Munn from Belfast. Ernest and Jessie were married 16th December 1942, and following pastoral and evangelistic work in the UK, Ernest was ordained in 1946, and they were blessed with a daughter when Margaret-Anne was born. The Eades were appointed missionaries to the Cape Verde Islands and after a year's language study in Portugal began a 22-year ministry of church planting and kingdom building in the Cape Verde. Returning to the UK in 1969, Jessie was diagnosed with cancer and a return to the mission field was not possible. During these years Ernest ministered in several Nazarene churches in Ulster and was instrumental in planting the Desertmartin Church. Jessie was called home in May 1974 aged 55. The Desertmartin Church was named the "Jessie Eades Memorial Church of the Nazarene" in her memory and Jessie was interred in the small cemetery adjacent to the church.

In 1976 Ernest married Catherine (Kay) Lewis who was a member of the Skegoneill Avenue Church, and a new chapter of ministry began. For some 30 years Ernest and Kay ministered in churches in Belfast, Keighley, London, and for 7 years as missionaries in the Azores. Moving to Carrickfergus in 1995, Ernest, at age 75, had no thought of retiring and for a few years gave pastoral oversight to the Greenisland church. In 1998 the Carrickfergus church honoured Ernest by conferring on him the title 'Senior Pastor' and the Eades threw in their lot with the Carrickfergus church, bringing new life to prayer meetings, and supporting the work and programme of the church. Kay was called home in December 2015, aged 75, and in 2017 Ernest, aged 97, took up residence in a local nursing home where on 27th October 2018 he celebrated his 99th birthday.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Rev E.A.D. Eades was held on Sunday afternoon, 25th November in the Desertmartin church followed by interment in the church cemetery. Margaret-Anne, Ernest's daughter, who lives abroad, was able to be present at this service. The service was conducted by Rev Philip McAlister who also led the Memorial Service held Saturday, 8th December in the Carrickfergus Church. Others who took part in the Memorial Service included, Rev John Paton, Rev Colin H. Wood, and Ivan Crowe who brought a personal tribute having, over the past few years, exercised a ministry of care and support for Rev Eades. We thank God for the long life of ministry and faithful service of Rev Eades.

CHURCH NEWS



LARGS - Former District Superintendent, Rev Colin H. Wood, received Stuart and Carol Riach into the membership of the Largs Church on Sunday, 6th January. Stuart and Carol moved to North Ayrshire some time ago and found fellowship in the Largs church.



GRIMSBY - Rev Robert Barker (pictured left) received Mark Fletcher into the membership of the Grimsby Church on Sunday, 20th January. Mark is a gifted musician and regularly leads Bible Studies.

PARKHEAD, GLASGOW - at a combined membership-baptism service, held Sunday, 3rd February at Parkhead 15 were welcomed in to the membership of the church (this included 4 transfers) and 7 gave testimony to their faith in Christ in Believers Baptism.



CHURCH HOLIDAYS



LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL



We're halfway through the year - it's hard to believe! And we have been thinking of ways to celebrate: **the college is 75!** (Depending on your count, it could be much older after its earliest start in the first part of the 20th Century!).

And we rejoice. Even at our age we're learning and growing! We welcomed Samuel Hildebrandt - a lecturer in Old Testament, a great teacher and godly man. We had our first half year in Glasgow - 30 students - full and part time, some dipping in for ordination classes. It's a year of learning, exploring our vision, demonstrating in real ways that we're one college, in different places. As you can imagine, the incubation of a new birth like this takes time and care! I mentioned to Brodie, our team leader there, that in some ways his role is a lot like the Doc's in the college's early years. Fixing shoochy toilet seats, teaching classes, re-shelving books, helping with finance and trying to grow a college! Please pray for him - and our team based in Glasgow: Pam and Wes. nazarene.ac.uk/glasgow-learning-centre/

We celebrated achievements of our team -health and safety, hygiene and portable appliance testing qualifications gained, and Trevor Hutton completed his PhD -great news!

Sometimes people ask how they can support the mission of the college above and beyond. There are obvious ways - a work and witness team to help paint, garden, spring clean; take a class, spread the word of your (brilliant) experience; send a note to one of our team to encourage us! Give money (I've recently been moved by gifts of 'living wills' but absolutely, add us to your wills, or gift a scholarship to a particular fund). You can ask us about designated scholarships: Rae, Ford, Kelly, Farmer, NMI, some in the name of churches, 'The Worthy Scholarship' and more besides. These help support students to thrive. We are ambitiously hoping to raise 75 thousand pounds, one per year of our life, for scholarships to help support students to flourish.

I don't want to end with money! It's important, but **more** important to us is that we're a faithful evangelical college in our Nazarene Wesleyan Holiness tradition. This is our heartbeat, our core, and shapes our service to the church. Thank you for helping us be your college!



Glasgow



Manchester



Dr Samuel Hildebrandt

PRAYER RETREATS RETIREMENTS IN 2018



listening to and speaking with God...some great moments of insight and revelation...Truly blessed."

Over 50 pastors, associates and some retired ministers, met in Irvine, 4th-5th February for the annual Prayer Conference. Speakers included, Dr Fred Drummond (Evangelical Alliance), Rev Ruth Turner, Rev Philip McAlister, Rev Shelley Kenny, and Rev Jim Ritchie. The times of worship and fellowship, sharing and prayer, were a blessing to all.

Pastors and Ministry Team members from the South District met for prayer and fellowship 1st-2nd February in Malvern, Worcestershire. Speakers at the Prayer Conference were Dr Joseph and Rev Kat Wood. There was a good attendance by pastors and comments following the retreat included, "...I had a wonderful time

Rev Trish Laird retired last year concluding a 12-year ministry in the Largs church in April. Prior to this Trish served the Church of the Nazarene as a missionary in Kenya/East Africa, in administrative roles in the Regional Office in South Africa, and the NMI office in Kansas City and also in pastoral assignments in Hawaii and in the UK (Erskine, Govan and Ardrossan). Trish has taken further studies (MA)



at Nazarene Theological College, Manchester. She has retired to her home town of Erskine.

Rev David W. Evans retired at the end of June 2018. Originally from Wales and a graduate of Emmanuel Bible College, Birkenhead, David, supported by his wife, Pauline, has pastored churches in the UK over a 37 year period as well as serving on district boards. Pastoral assignments have included, Pen-y-cae (church planting), Blackpool, Leeds, Lurgan, Desertmartin (17 years) and Belfast Megain Memorial. The Evans' are living in Magherafelt, N. Ireland.



CALLED CONFERENCE

Nazarene leaders from the UK and Europe were participants in the planning and programme of the "Wesleyan Holiness Conference for Women Clergy and Ministry Leaders" held 2nd-5th November in Zagreb, Croatia. Several Wesleyan denominations were represented. Nearly 160 attended from 28 countries and pictured are part of the Nazarene group including faculty, students and alumni of NTC.



THE 'NEW' CHARTER



John & Debs Craig with Rachel & Hannah

Pastor John Craig reports: "In the Summer of 2017, Parkhead Nazarene purchased the old Charter pub - located on Tollcross Road about half a mile from Parkhead - around the time when the church had been considering the idea of church-planting. A team of dedicated people set to work on this new project, both considering the strategy side of things, as well as refurbishing the property to make it fresh and functional. Using the help of various volunteers and trades people, we completed an overhaul of the old pub facilities to create a flexible meeting area, café space and extended kitchen. A core

group of approximately 20 from the Parkhead congregation have committed themselves to be a part of this new work and the property is now called "The 'New' Charter".

"In December 2018, we opened our doors for a month of pilot activities and 'welcome events' in the run up to Christmas. Since the New Year, we have opened officially with a weekly programme of events as well as a Sunday worship gathering. Already, there is a sense that God is ahead of us in this exciting new ministry, with many opportunities to serve the local community and explore faith with those we get to meet!"



ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT

The Gillingham Salem Church of the Nazarene has been running a Winter Night Shelter for homeless people for the past 3 years, with great success. It is run as an ecumenical project with volunteers from other churches in Medway helping out with cooking and serving an evening meal, sleeping overnight and serving breakfasts. This year, in discussion with Medway Winter Night Shelter, which runs the shelter, we decided to run one evening a week at Salem Church for any homeless or vulnerably housed people serving a cooked meal and socialising. This has been running every Monday night since April. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, had been visiting projects in Medway in late October, and he chose to visit us on Monday evening, 29th October, helping to serve the meals and eating with the guests. He was joined by the Bishop of Tonbridge, Simon Burton-Jones.



(L to r) Rev Dennis Braham (Pastor), Belinda Beckhelling (Coordinator: Winter Night Shelter and Monday night drop-in), Archbishop of Canterbury

LADIES' RETREATS



Over 60 women met for this year's South District Ladies Retreat at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire, held 25th-27th January. Rev Grace Applebee McKenzie (former pastor of the Taunton Church) led us through the journey of 'Much Afraid' in the book 'Hinds Feet on High Places'. Prayer times were planned early and late in the day so that both early risers and night owls could enjoy coming together at a time when they were most awake. The Ladies from the Ashton church led worship that was unrestrained and inspiring. Saturday afternoon was a mix of crafts, and pampering. The Saturday night Generation game proved competitive. Many shared on the Sunday morning how God was speaking to them and thankful for how He was working in their lives. Several women have already signed up for next year because they enjoyed the weekend so much.

Sixteen North District 'Manse Ladies' met 8th-10th February and enjoyed fellowship together and the food and facilities of the Arrochar Hotel, Loch Long. Rev Helen Lawson (Bolton/Sheffield) was the speaker and shared from her own experience and brought thought provoking insights from Psalm 23. Thanks to Rev Ann Goodwin (Manse Ministries) for planning and organising the retreat.



INDUCTIONS



WATFORD NEW CHURCH

Nearly 70 attended the launch of the new (Portuguese) Church of the Nazarene in Watford, Balmoral Road, on Saturday, 26th January. A warm welcome, lively worship, a good sermon (translated into English), and a lined altar characterised the service. Pray for joint pastors, Rev José Correia and his wife Rev Marcia Correia as they lead this new group.



ASHTON

Following the decision by Rev Carl McCann to step down from the pastorate of the Ashton Church in March 2019, the Church Board has voted to appoint associate pastor, Rev Kat Wood, to be senior pastor. An Induction Service was held Saturday 5th January. Kat is a graduate of Nazarene Theological College, Manchester.



SHEFFIELD

Tom Salmons has been appointed Associate Pastor of the Sheffield Heeley church. Tom has held a local minister's licence for the past two years and is commencing this new part-time role working with senior pastor, Rev Tim Burton, as from the beginning of February. A graduate (BA) in Criminology and Sociology from Sheffield Hallam University, Tom graduated last year with an MA degree in Theology from Nazarene Theological College Manchester. Tom says, "I am excited to be in this role and already it has been a huge blessing for me...I feel fortunate to be able to serve in this way". (Tom's grandfather, Rev Norman Salmons, was a Nazarene pastor and missionary in Mozambique).

