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Foreword

I am delighted to welcome you to, what I hope will be, the first of a quarterly online newsletter covering news and events in UK, Ireland and also the crown dependency of the Isle of Man, which I recently learned to my surprise is not part of the UK. Other than gaining this new knowledge I have had the great privilege of

travelling around the congregations and meeting many of my brothers and sisters in divine services, family visits and fellowships.

Amazingly, three months have passed since our Chief Apostle Service on Easter Sunday and it has been a great joy to witness the faith and activity in the congregations I have so far been able to visit. I am deeply thankful to have such wonderfully loving and inspiring brothers and sisters who so gladly serve God and their fellow brethren through their works and sacrifice.

My hope therefore for this quarterly newsletter is to share the joy of our faith and help us all draw closer to each other by reporting on some of the activities and events around the district. Due to costs of printing, please understand that it is not possible to centrally publish a paper version. We do however, have members in the congregations who don't have internet access or a smartphone. Please do think

of these members locally and if possible, print a copy for them.

This brings me on to another request for help. Please do contact our bishop, Sister Karen Paisley or myself if you would like to be involved in enabling us to make this newsletter a quarterly publication. We are especially interested in contributors of articles and photographers and this newsletter will only be sustainable with additional volunteers.

With love and greetings

David Heynes

Editorial

Jesus has everything under control

Why did this have to happen to us on the very weekend of the chief apostle service and my ordination? These were my first thoughts when the car my family and I were travelling in, unexpectedly broke down on the way Nottingham.

I had been feeling particularly pleased with myself because I had just managed to bypass some heavy traffic and we were happily driving along making excellent progress. Suddenly though, and with no warning, a red light appeared on the dashboard. The engine was dangerously overheating and we had to stop and get help.

Everything changed in an instant. How bad is this? What should we do now? Can we even get to Nottingham? We found a garage where we could safely park and I prayed that our heavenly Father would help. Eventually, and after a long wait, we were finally rescued and towed back to our home. There we could pick up my wife's car and complete the journey. Many of our brethren had been praying for us and were in regular contact to strengthen and support us during our long wait. It was then a huge relief to finally arrive at the venue and meet our chief apostle and brothers and sisters. >





> A few days later the problem with the engine was repaired and I was told then that one of the tyres had a slow puncture. This was an unknown danger at the time and could have put us at risk during the long journey ahead.

During the divine service on Easter Sunday, our chief apostle said we should not fear because Jesus is present and has everything under control. We should trust in Him.

We can also find ourselves happy and content with our life and be pleased with the way everything is going. Sometimes though, we can suddenly be faced with a difficult and unexpected problem. This is when we need to be reminded that Jesus has everything under control. We don't have to fear because He is present and with us. He knows more than we know and sees dangers and risks that maybe are unknown to us. We have the assurance that He protects and preserves us in our faith because it is His will that we will share eternal life with Him.

We also have our ministers and our brothers and sisters in faith and this fellowship can be a great strength and blessing for us. We want to reach out to pray and support each other because we recognise we need one another to reach the goal of our faith. ■

David Heynes

Ministers

Deacon Jordan Makhubu

I was introduced to the faith by my wife who is New Apostolic. After our marriage I was adopted and sealed into the faith in 2004. As a deacon it brings me great joy when I have fellowship and connect with God's people in any sort of way.

I tend to spend most of my free time with my family and we enjoy visiting historical towns and cities. ■



Ministers

Deacon Paul Tunwell

I am thoroughly enjoying my time as a deacon. It has given me a further opportunity to both serve God and our wonderful Cambridge congregation. I was overwhelmed by the warmth of my Cambridge 'family's' congratulations when I was ordained. Thankfully a very dear friend introduced my wife and I to our church some years ago. It has certainly changed my life and I always look forward to our Sunday service where I experience great joy. In the little free time that I have, I try to tame my Norfolk wilderness

of a garden and also spend time with my rather unruly but loveable dog. Of course, I also take great pleasure in trying to keep our church garden up to scratch. ■

Ordination

Deacon Frank Doleschal

Deacon Frank Doleschal was ordained in London Central on 13th June, 2018.

? *How did you become New Apostolic*

I was born into a New Apostolic family - my father is a deacon (retired) and my grandpa was a priest, organist, and choir master.

? *What brings you joy in your ministry*

Simply the joy of others - seeing our brothers and sisters being excited about having me as a deacon in the congregation is not only a source of joy, but also a level of support that is still overwhelming.

? *How do you like to spend your free time*

I like doing sports (gym, running, cycling, swimming, squash ...), am enthusiastic about photography, like to travel and explore new places, and enjoy spending time with friends and family. ■



Deacon Frank Doleschal on the left alongside Shepherd Neil Woodman, Rector of London Central.



Isle of Man

Retirement of Priest Ray Gillis

Divine services have taken place on the island since Ray Gillis' ordination in May 1970. Therefore his retirement was particularly poignant for those that know, love and have served with him over many years.

An extraordinary situation for sure. Most people retire at 65, however, due to special circumstances Priest Gillis continued in his ministry for 48 years and now at the age of 83, was being placed into retirement.

The logistics of getting several members of the chamber choir, and their instruments to a small island with limited flights both in and out, were considerable. However, prayer and determination overcame the obstacles and the musicians entrusted their instruments to be flown over in tiny two-seater plane. Apostle Heynes also hitched a ride; and all credit to Priest Leifert, the pilot, – who had to dodge several thunderstorms lingering over the UK - in getting there and back safely.

It was wonderful to spend time together on the eve of our priest's retirement talking about his experiences of faith. A number of chamber choir and congregation members, along with our Apostle Heynes, district ministers, close friends and family could share these precious moments with our priest.

After a long day travelling, followed by fellowship and dinner, we all said good-night. The choir wanted one last practice and the atrium of the hotel filled with the sound of beautiful music in preparation for the divine service the next day.



Priest Ray Gillis centre, from LHS Bishop Middleton, District Evangelist Aspden, Ap Heynes, District Elder McQueen, Priest Leifert, far right.

Divine Service.

Text word: Colossians 2:6-7, '**As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.**'

A blessed preparation by the choir and instrumentalists enhanced the divine service. Already travelling to the church hall, they sang in the minibus and made the journey such a happy event.

Their music drifted out from the little venue across the harbour in Ramsay and many passers-by smiled and said good morning to those of us gathered in the morning sunshine.

Apostle Heynes was accompanied by Bishop Middleton, District Elder McQueen and District Evangelist Aspden.

Our apostle began by saying how happy he was to be here at this special divine service, highlighting that our heavenly

Father wants to share what He thinks is needful and helpful with His children.

Like our faithful priest due to be retired, the happiness, love and thankfulness that lives in us is something we can share with others: it overflows. We have received so much and can reflect on our experiences and say – 'God is with me.'

Both our district evangelist and bishop were called to serve, with our bishop thanking everyone for making the day so special. These two ministers especially supported and loved our priest and the congregation on the island over the years and both were filled with much emotion.

And so our priest was retired and it was then time for the congregation to receive an additional blessing with the commissioning of a new rector, Priest Glen Smith.

A wonderful, memorable blessed day – with much love being shown by the congregation in fellowship together for both the new rector and our retired minister. ■



Commissioning of new rector Priest Glen Smith.



Priest Glen Smith being congratulated by Ap Heynes. He was commissioned Rector for Isle of Man.



Chamber choir



Ministers

Priest Elvis Beya

My dad became New Apostolic in 1974 and married in 1982, he introduced mum to the church. I was born in the late 1980's and attended church with them.

Everything I do in my ministry I know that I do it for God and in the name of The Lord. I find joy in my ministry by serving The Lord and the congregation out of love, humbleness and patience, I find comfort and strength in serving, I learn so much from our ministers and members. Their support is always available when I require it. Through the Holy Spirit I always feel prepared.



I always feel youth-ful in my ministry and the church activities brings joy in my heart as I think of the future generations with modern life that they need to be cared for. I enjoy the fact that the church focuses in creating time and activities for the youth and Sunday school.

In my free time I read the bible, I enjoy exercising. I like planning my diary and spending time with family and friends. ■

Interview

With Apostle David Heynes

? *What memories do you have of your ordination to Apostle*

During his address, our chief apostle said , you are not a chief but a servant of Jesus Christ. This is a very important statement for me and I think for all ministers and workers. It is a privilege to be able to serve the Lord and to actively participate in this great work.

? *What brings you special joy in your ministry*

I love to be in the fellowship of my brothers and sisters and to witness their faith and love for the Lord. In the UK, Ireland and Isle of Man, we have many nationalities amongst our members which enriches the congregations, the divine service experience and the fellowship.



? *Do you often travel and in which countries*

Outside of the UK and Ireland I am also responsible for Estonia. In all the countries the congregations are relatively small and far from each other. This means I often have a two-day trip in the week and weekend so I can make soul care visits in the local areas.

? *What is your wish for the congregations you have responsibility for*

My wish is that we fulfil our mission statement within our congregations so everyone who comes in through the door feels they are 'at home' and are inspired in their faith. Every member of the congregation plays a role in making this possible.

? *Do you have an example in faith or a minister who made a special impression on you?*

There are many brothers and sisters who have been a role model to me. One minister who made a huge impact was the late DAH Fendt (father of the current DAH Fendt). He had such a humble yet powerful faith and cared for us in the UK for many years.

? *How much time remains for your family*

I am often away from the home but my family is used to that from my previous career. Our children are young adults now which makes it possible for my wife to travel with me on occasions. ■

Ministers

Deacon Derek Schluter

I was born into the faith in Brixton, Johannesburg, South Africa. Being able to contribute to the Lord's work brings me joy in my ministry and being a pillar of support for our bearers of blessing and for our

brothers and sisters. I like spending my free time with the family, watching movies and playing with all my gadgets. ■





UK West district

Retirement of Priest Mergler

The 24th June was a beautiful sunny Sunday and a day which the UK West district congregations had looked forward to, as the district was invited to a combined service held by Apostle Heynes. The first to arrive were the orchestra and choir members who soon filled the hall with their music and singing. The continuing stream of brethren coming into the beautifully prepared and decorated hall meant our brothers had to search the hotel for additional chairs. Soon, every last seat was taken and even then some of our younger brothers stood for the duration of the service.

Priest Mergler, who has faithfully served in the congregations of Brynamman and Cardiff, was to be retired on this day. It was clear already on the preceding Wednesday, when he served in Brynamman, that he and the brethren have a special connection and love for each other. Our dear priest was described as the 'priest of love' and that is a wonderful testimony of a priest who gave such dedicated service in to the Lord's work. ■



Priest Mergler at altar



Thanks at the altar. Pr Mergler on left, Ap Heynes on right



Apostle David Heynes, Sister and Priest Mergler

Ministers

Priest Michael Kabongo

I became New Apostolic through my step mum here in Ireland. I was raised as a non-practicing Christian and would occasionally attend services but was not baptised or sealed until baptised early

2003-2004 and confirmed in 2005. My step mum came from a well-rooted New Apostolic family with her late father Apostle Kabegenle, who served as an Apostle for many years and helped establishing the New Apostolic Church in Congo (Zaire).

I have always experienced a pleasant atmosphere around my step mum's home in the Congo and most notably once, when the late Apostle was home and

prayed with the entire family one evening. That night left many questions in my head (most of which were answered later when I knew who he was).

Serving in all forms brings me joy in my ministry, I am always humbled even more so that as a lowly engineer, I never would have once thought that I could possibly be used as a vessel of blessing. It makes me believe even more, that God works in mysterious ways.

There is something words cannot explain about seeing all our youth together in harmony sharing a moment of laughter, these moments always remind me of our heavenly home.

- I enjoy most sports,
- General fitness
- Reading and the occasional outings with friends ■





Since April 2018

Ordinations, Retirements and other events

Cambridge – three deacons ordained 25/04/18

Dublin – one priest ordained 22/04/18

Norwich - one priest ordained 10/06/18

Across the UK and Ireland there have been 22 Confirmation blessings, these took place in Walthamstow, Birmingham, Tullamore, Swindon, Camberley, Romford, Corby, Carrickmacross, Dublin and Glasgow.

Four Holy Sealings and six Baptisms.

Priest Gillis, retired from ministry on the Isle of Man, Sunday 27th May 2018.

Priest Karl Mergler, retired from ministry in Brynamman congregation, Sunday 24th June 2018. ■



Priest Ray Gillis – his daughter on the left



Priest Ray Gillis centre with Ap Heynes on right and retired Evangelist Ted Bartlett on left

Divine service

Apostle Heynes' schedule in the UK

25.7.18	Wed	Plymouth
28.7.18	Sat	Cork
29.7.18	Sun	Tullamore
29.7.18	Sun	Trim
5.8.18	Sun	Glasgow
8.8.18	Wed	Corby
22.8.18	Wed	Romford
29.8.18	Wed	Corby
2.9.18	Sun	Hitchin
9.9.18	Sun	Leicester
15.9.18	Sat	Camberley
16.9.18	Sun	Reading
23.9.18	Sun	Chelsfield
30.9.18	Sun	Manchester

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