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Foreword

Welcome to our second publication of NACUKIE News. It has been immensely gratifying to hear the overall positive feedback to the launch edition and I am happy that it's already getting difficult for the editorial team to not overfill the newsletter with reports, interviews and introductions to our newly ordained ministers.

I hope you share my thankfulness as you read of the events that have taken place and also my excitement as we plan our future events. Yes, there are challenges which we face in life and also sometimes in faith too, so the aim of this newsletter is to share good news to encourage us to participate in congregational activities and to feel a closeness to our brothers and sisters throughout Ireland, Isle of Man and UK.

In this quarter's newsletter I introduce you to a team of brothers and sisters with whom our bishop and I work very

closely. Alongside our district rectors the team is made up of those who have accepted UKIE-wide responsibilities for a specific group or project. One member of the team is Priest Jeremy Dawson, who serves in London Central. Not only is he responsible together with Sister Joyce Winkler for our children and teachers, he is also a talented musician and has composed a hymn for us all to sing in the congregations at the next Divine Service for the Departed. Also, on the team is our district youth leader, Evangelist Gary Heynes and he writes about the International Youth Convention, which takes place in Germany between 30th May - 2nd June 2019. There is an enormous amount of work going into this event and I sincerely hope that our young people are encouraged and supported by their families as well as all in the congregation to attend. They are after all, the future of our Church and need to be invested in.

I take the opportunity to wish you a blessed Harvest Thanksgiving Divine service and much joy in the preparation for this event. May we all be filled with thankfulness as we reflect on the grace of God in our lives, so we can gladly bring Him our offerings and sacrifices as well as help those in need in our local communities.

With love and greetings

David Heynes

Ministers

Priest Markus Belz

Priest Markus Belz was ordained in Tullamore – for Dublin congregation, 29th July 2018.

A brief biography: I was born in Stuttgart, Germany, and I grew up in the New Apostolic Church. My three brothers and I are blessed to have faithful parents who taught us how to pray and to believe in God. Many times, I could experience the guidance of the Lord and when I look back, it is a divine miracle how God opened the right doors at the right time. I am blessed and very thankful to have my wife Anette and my daughter Enya in my life. Beside the responsibility and the tasks which come with the ministry, the serving gives the opportunity to help and support sisters and brothers in many ways. The expectations the congregation has can only be fulfilled by God, but I experience peace, thankfulness and joy in return when I serve the Lord.

My job as a food scientist in a small-size company requires lots of travel and I spend most of my free time with my family. Beyond that, I have a passion for food and like to bake nice cakes but also like gardening and reading a good book.

In the future, I hope to find more time again to play the oboe and spend more time with my family. ■



Priest Markus Belz on the right



2019

International Youth Convention 2019

Whether you are youth or young and married (up to age 35), being confirmed in 2019 or 2020, a rector or district leader, you are welcome to attend the IYC2019. You are also most welcome to bring friends who are not church members. This amazing event, with over 30,000 young people from around the world, will take place between 30 May and 2 June 2019 in Dusseldorf, Germany at the large exhibition centre and Esprit stadium. Arriving on Ascension Thursday, over the next few days there will be music events, discussion groups, sporting activities, a performance of the Pop Oratorio (the life of Christ put to a very wide variety of rock, pop, rap and classic music) and a whole variety of activities culminating with a service with our chief apostle on Sunday 2nd June.

Accommodation, along with all the food and drink you need (available 18 hours a day), Wi-Fi and charging points will be provided for a cost of just €125.

Of course, from the UK and Ireland, we will need to travel there. Travel costs will depend on how many go and what transport method we use; the preferred method would be a couple of buses from two UK points, provided we have enough to fill two 52-seaters! From Ireland, we will probably fly.

It would be wonderful if every young person is able to experience this unique event and we are working hard to make that possible. At this stage we would just ask you to register your interest in attending, as soon possible, so that we know how many we should potentially plan for. Essentially, unless you know you can't or don't wish to attend, simply enter your details here: <https://bit.ly/2LU6MTY>

You will have a number of chances to reconfirm before any payment will be requested.

Finally, could I urge everyone to support our young people in attending this event. We have seen in past that such events



Be informed about the IYC 2019:

<https://youtu.be/MuvqDPSXsYs>

www.iyc2019.org

will give our young people an experience of their faith that will stay with them for a lifetime.

Parents, especially, some of our young members will really need your encouragement too. If anyone has any questions, please speak to our UK IYC2019 Ambassador, Alicia Dawson, or me. ■

Gary Heynes



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Ministers

Priest Roland Jordaan

Priest Jordaan was ordained for Birmingham, July 22nd 2018.

A brief biography: I was born into the New Apostolic faith in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. My father is a retired shepherd and my mum a faithful pillar of our spiritual upbringing. My sister is also the organist in their local congregation.

Music in the church has always played a huge part in my life as I enjoy playing the trumpet, singing in the choir and also being a choir conductor.

Serving others brought so much joy when I was a deacon. And I will bring even more joy in my new task and responsi-

bility as a priest, hence why I chose the hymn for my ordination... SERVE, I WILL SERVE YOU LORD. I know I have the full support of my fellow brothers and sisters in faith. My wife is also the Sunday school teacher in our congregation and that brings more joy to my heart, a source of blessing and teaching not just to our children but also to other children in our faith.

My free time is spent with my family. We enjoy our holidays but also time at the park and walks. My wife is an avid runner, couple of marathons under her belt and my son also a keen runner, I am there cheering them on. ■



Introduction

The 'Serving and Leading Team' (SLT)

I would like to introduce the 'Serving and Leading Team' (SLT) which is a team of brethren who have agreed to take on additional responsibilities to support the Lord's work in UK and Ireland.

Alongside our bishop, the district rectors and myself, the SLT is made up of the following members:

Martina Naversnik, and Karen Paisley – volunteer trustees of the New Apostolic Church UK. Our two sisters have accepted great personal responsibility and support in the management of church affairs and running of the charity.

Joyce Winkler and Jeremy Dawson – responsible for children and teachers. Both Joyce and Jeremy are school teachers with many years' experience in understanding children's learning.

Gary Heynes – District Youth Leader. Gary works closely with his team of youth leaders across UKIE to care for our youth.

Fred Prince – responsible for minister training and development. Fred and his team run the induction, training and development of our ministers.

Julian Abrahams – UK and Ireland Music Director. Julian is implementing an ambitious plan to support the role of music in the congregations and for our outreach events.

Monray Dodgen – Events Manager. Monray and his team plan and manage our district and UKIE events.

Neil Sinclair – Safeguarding Lead. Neil has PhD in Psychology and as a clinical psychologist is highly qualified to manage all aspects of safeguarding in our church.

Neil Woodman – advisor to the trustees. Neil is a finance director and is an important voice in the SLT team and advisor to the church.

Working closely with this dedicated and highly competent team are dozens of other volunteers who often work in the background with great engagement and enthusiasm within the congregations. I am sure we are all thankful to have such a wonderful family of brothers and sisters around us. ■

David Heynes



*Sister
Martina Naversnik*



*Sister
Karen Paisley*



*Sister
Joyce Winkler*



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Dr. Neil Sinclair*



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*District Elder
Gordon McQueen*



*Priest
Fred Prince*



*Priest
Jeremy Dawson*



*Priest
Julian Abrahams*



*Shepherd
Neil Woodman*



*District Elder
Jan Clement*



*Bishop
David Middleton*



*Apostle
David Heynes*



Irish Road Trip

So, what did you do over the weekend?

This is a question which our Apostle David Heynes and I are regularly asked, well, let me tell you about our road-trip 28th – 30th July.

Saturday.

That was a short night, up at 04:00 a.m. to get ready to leave and out-maneuvre the traffic heading for the airport. Our apostle flew out of Heathrow, myself out of Birmingham. Already the airport is heaving with those looking to get away on annual holidays, to sunshine and beaches, the queues are already long, waiting to pass through security.

It's 06:00h, the apostle and I are already tacking one another via WhatsApp texts as we both head for our flights to Dublin airport and our onward drives to Cork, Tullamore and Trim. Ahead of us, three divine services, Holy Sealing, ordination and 380 miles & 7 hours of driving before we land back in the UK.

Not one mile or one minute was a hardship, we met each other in Dublin with the usual smiles and a hug and we immediately picked up our hire car. As men, we are always hoping for a decent car, we've had some suspect vehicles in the past and apart from several warning lights telling us we had a flat tyre and that my driving was atrocious, we carried on.

Our apostle is armed with 'shrapnel,' which is what we call all the coins needed to sail through the various tolls on the motorways.

The first journey is to Cork, there we shall meet new arrivals, members who have emigrated from South Africa, and our dear Priest Francis O'Brien. This was the first 3 hours and 166 miles. Thank goodness for McDonalds where we could grab a lunch to sustain us. We were the first to arrive at our destination, severe weather had slowed everyone up and by the time divine service ended, we were a congregation of 25. Thankfully, we had an organist but no choir. We cannot take our choirs for granted.

After an extended fellowship, we jumped back in the car, and with our warning lights still on, off we went, heading to Tullamore. As I continually stalled the car, our apostle had to remind me that I wasn't driving an automatic. I had wondered why there were so many floor pedals!

124 miles and 2 hours later at about 20:00 we reached our hotel; the early alarm call now a distant memory. As we sat having our coffee (actually a Guinness) we struck up a conversation with a local tourist who asked about us, we had only been in the hotel a few minutes and this was already the 2nd person we were informing of our mission. This tourist had relatives who were New Apostolic, and he reminded us that 'you have a lovely church!'

Sunday.

Another early start, we knelt down and prayed together before leaving for the divine service that began at 09:30 a.m.



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Priest Denzil Jacobs was waiting for us and his early morning text already told us, 'We are ready!'

During the divine service Deacon Markus Belz was ordained a priest for Dublin. After another fellowship, and with great strain on our waistline, we waddled to our car, 58 miles and 1 hour later we pulled into Trim. We had a lot to discuss, planning and preparation for events and the numerous calls that we receive, especially on a Sunday. The time flew by and we were soon off to our service location. Nearly all of the congregation, together with their Priest, Colin Tango, were waiting for us an hour before service time. Baby Melissa received the gift of Holy Sealing. Service was followed up a full evening 3-course dinner and a wonderfully long fellowship.

Tired but happy, we finished with a final push to our hotel, too late for an evening flight. Throughout the journey we had lots to talk and laugh about and only 'argued' about the time of breakfast! With our apostle keen to get an extra 5 minutes in bed!

Monday.

An early breakfast, then kneeling together and our morning prayers, a fast walk to the airport and parting company with the usual parting statement....see you next weekend! ■

David Middleton





Interview

With Priest Jeremy Dawson

Jeremy Dawson lives in High Wycombe and is a priest in our London Central congregation. He is a composer and musician, playing around 13 instruments. Jeremy was inspired to write his latest piece of sacred music when he attended a divine service in which holy communion was celebrated for the departed for the first time by Apostle David Heynes.

The hymn is called, 'God will welcome you,' and as part of the new music plan each congregation and choir throughout the UK and Ireland is encouraged to include it, where possible, in their repertoire for November's Service for the Departed.

The speed at which it was put together is something Jeremy himself puts down to inspiration by the holy spirit. He composed it one evening in his garden.

Jeremy said: 'I hope people feel this is their music, to sing it in the way they think it should be sung. It is a prayer that reaches out without prejudice.'

? What got you into composing music

I was 13 years old and a teacher at school recommended I study A level music, so that I could learn about harmony. I had a wonderful teacher and passed my A level aged 15.

Around that time one of our senior ministers was due to retire. My district elder approached me and asked me to write a piece of music for the retirement –

he had complete trust in me, which was incredible!

I therefore didn't hold back and felt that the music would be my very best effort, with many elements coming together to praise God. It was really special when it was performed.

? What inspires you

Not one single thing, I can honestly say that the holy spirit helps me to see the world with an eternal perspective. I get ideas all the time – even in the swimming pool. One time I was watching swallows flying overhead and could hear the voices of children and parents enjoying themselves in the water. In that moment music popped into my head and I jumped out – borrowed paper from the pool receptionist and wrote down the music and words.

I enjoy all sorts of music; including rock, jazz and pop, and as a school music teacher, I write for the band at school. It's important to use today's language and be aware of what is happening in music too.

? What is your approach to composing

Learn, learn, learn! Take in everything you can about music's technical side and diversity – how music functions. Then forget everything you've learned, breathe, reach out to God with all your heart and be brave!



Priest Jeremy Dawson on Guitar

Jeremy has made his music available for our choirs and congregations throughout the UK and Ireland and hopes that it will enhance the next Service for the Departed.

Dropbox <https://www.dropbox.com/s/6k60yxn6lyty654/God%20Will%20Welcome%20You.mp4?dl=0>

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/kg-bap0sd17hzmdt/God%20Will%20Welcome%20You.pdf?dl=0>

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Knowing the background and the source of inspiration provides an immediate relevance for anyone that performs it. For Jeremy the idea is simple: 'It is most important that God's message gets out there. ■

Interview 27th July 2018

Ministers

Priest Boateng Brefo – commissioned Rector for Leicester

Priest Boateng Brefo was commissioned rector for the Leicester congregation on the 2nd September.

He writes below about how he became New Apostolic.

Three out of my six friends in school were New Apostolic, I had no choice but to accept their invitation because all of them kept inviting me to church! The congregation called Asanteman in Mim District

(Ghana) was then under District Apostle Klaus Saur from Germany. I was ordained a priest in April 1993 and community evangelist in 1996. I moved to the UK from Belgium in 2014 and then joined Leicester congregation.

How God has used me as a vessel in His work makes me really happy.

I spend most of my leisure time reading and watching tennis. ■





Ministers

Deacon Thomson Nhlane

Deacon Nhlane was ordained 25th July 2018 in Plymouth.



Our new deacon is centre in the picture, accompanied by our District Apostle and his rector, Priest Adolphe Matundu

A brief biography: My entry into the faith of the New Apostolic Church largely dates back to the day I married my wife. Occasionally, I began to attend the New Apostolic Church services and became firmly attracted to the sacred values of the New Apostolic Church..

Having migrated to United Kingdom, my attendance of the church services increased, and I willingly took a decisive step to fully join the church. I have been fascinated by the fellowship experiences at the New Apostolic Church in Plymouth.

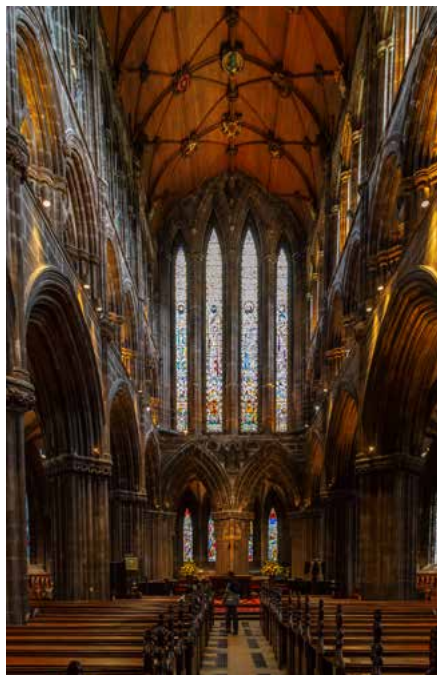
Over time, taking into consideration the size of the congregation in Plymouth, I became interested to engage with the gospel at another level. As such, I have recently taken another step by joining a community of deacons so as to play my part in exchange for the many spiritual gifts I have received through the church. I am excited by the opportunity to work with others in God's name and be able to share my encounter with the gospel.

I am a family man, brought up to fear and serve God. I mostly spend my free time with my family. I often go on bike ride with my two boys. I also enjoy reading books. ■

Scotland

Apostle David Heynes in Glasgow – Fellowship Saturday 4th August 2018

Everyone gathered at the church for a quick lunch – for the majority of the congregation it was the first time they could greet our new apostle. Then it was off on a guided tour of the cathedral and necropolis, which gave the walkers an insight into the architecture and surroundings as well as some wonderful views over the city.



Interior of Glasgow Cathedral

Meanwhile, others stayed behind and got the barbeque going... The food was greatly appreciated and lovingly prepared and we spent a number of happy hours together in fellowship. ■



Millicent & Joan



Our District Evangelist Leo Aspden enjoying an ice cream at the BBQ



Glasgow Cathedral



Scotland

Apostle David Heynes in Glasgow – Divine Service Sunday 5th August 2018

Text word: Colossians 3:23-24, **'And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.'**

This was such a well anticipated and longed for divine service. Our deacon and his wife organised a wonderful outing and fellowship the day before and it was a joy to finally have our new apostle here with us in Glasgow. Apostle Heynes was accompanied by Bishop Middleton, District Evangelist Aspden and Evangelist Gary Heynes.

The congregation were reminded that God wants to strengthen us in faith, not just for our own benefit, but also to help others. Jesus highlighted the parable of the lost sheep, when the shepherd finally found it, he carried it home to the rest of the flock on his shoulders and shared his joy with his neighbours. We too want to support those who may be entangled and caught in difficult situations and provide help.

This is a humble role, let us do it heartily – and for our heavenly Father.

Jesus also teaches us that we want to think beyond worldly standards; sometimes we have to stand up for our faith. Both in the workplace and at school people can become isolated for one reason or another. Let us not go with the majority view, instead, show that there is a different way to live. Reflecting on our conversation; not making hurtful remarks and caring for our neighbour.

When we do something – let us do it for the Lord, not for the glory that man can provide. Others will see faith and peace in us, even on a Monday morning on the bus into work! We ought to do what we can with every fibre of our being – that energy will bring others along with us.

Evangelist Heynes, Priest Jordan and Bishop Middleton assisted. Our bishop urged us to put that which is spiritual above our natural life. Allowing ourselves a moment to fill up with thankfulness;



Our bagpiper

consistently looking around capturing an appreciative feeling. When we do, we can always bring glory and thanks to God.

Three babies received Holy Sealing and the congregation enjoyed a very special moment when our resident bagpipe player performed 'Amazing Grace', touching many a heart.

Fellowship followed before everyone set off happily for home. An exceptional week-end together. ■

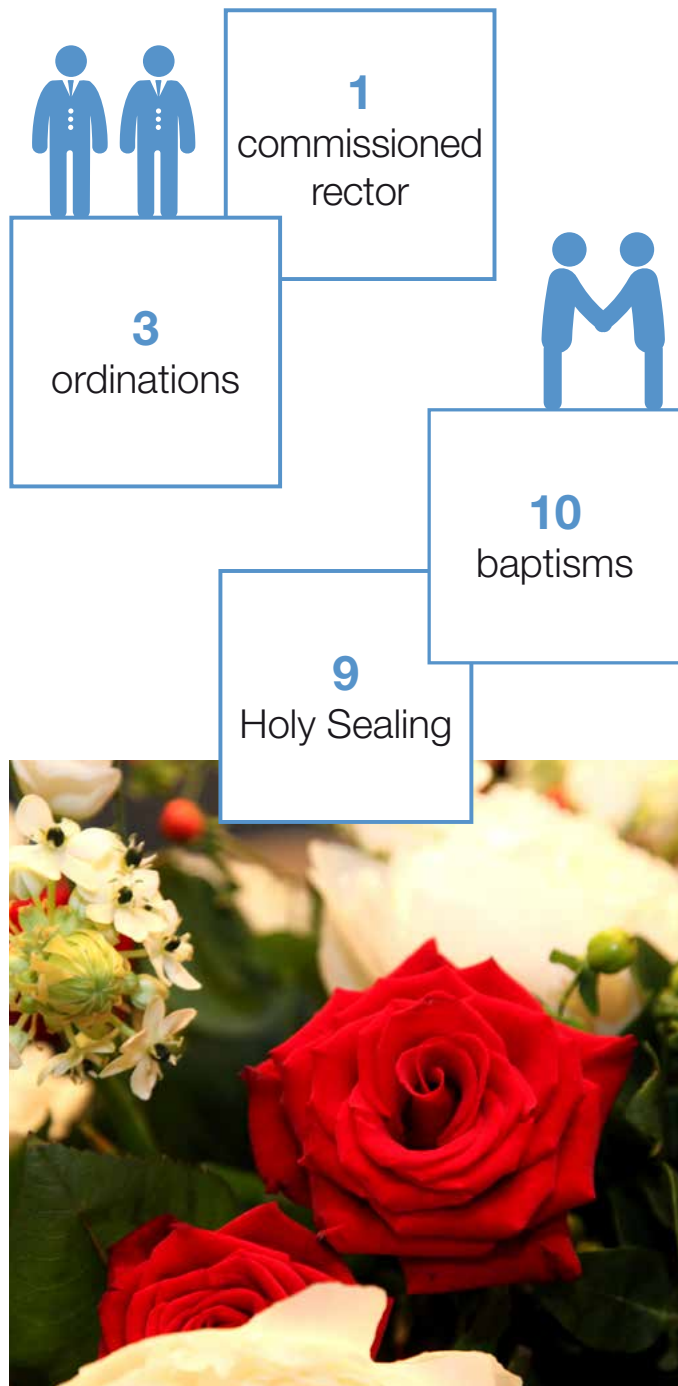


Apostle David Heynes seated with ministers from the district and Glasgow congregation



Since July 2018

Ordinations, Retirements and other events



Divine service

Apostle Heynes' schedule in the UK

3.10.18	Wed	Divine Service	Welling
7.10.18	Sun	Divine Service	Swindon
10.10.18	Wed	Divine Service	Brynamman
14.10.18	Sun	Divine Service	Tiverton
17.10.18	Wed	Holiday	
21.10.18	Sun	Holiday	
24.10.18	Wed	Divine Service	Corby
27.10.18	Sat	Ministers mtg	Estonia
28.10.18	Sun	Divine Service	Estonia
31.10.18	Wed	Divine Service	Thames Ditton
4.11.18	Sun	Divine Service	Lyndhurst
7.11.18	Wed	Divine Service	Maidstone
11.11.18	Sun	Divine Service	Bristol
14.11.18	Wed	Divine Service	Nottingham
17.11.18	Sat	Ministers & Wives	Gloucester
18.11.18	Sun	Divine Service	Leicester
22.11.18	Thurs	Divine Service	Dublin
25.11.18	Sun	Divine Service	Brynamman
28.11.18	Wed	District Apostle	Hamburg
2.12.18	Sun	Divine Service	London
5.12.18	Wed	Divine Service	Corby
9.12.18	Sun	District Apostle	Nottingham
13.12.18	Wed		
16.12.18	Sun	Divine Service	Plymouth
19.12.18	Wed	Divine Service	Thames Ditton
23.12.18	Sun	Chief Apostle	Weimar
25.12.18	Christmas	Divine Service	Camberley
30.12.18	Sun	Divine Service	Chelsfield

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